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AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE, PROTECTION, REGULATION AND CONTROL OF THE TOWNSHIP PARK PROPERTY, FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE HEALTH, SEAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC UTILIZING THE FACILITY, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF SUPPLEMENTARY RULES AND REGULATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE USE AND CONDUCT OF TOWNSHIP PARK PROPERTY, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

THE TOWNSHIP OF BLAIR, GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

**SECTION I
SHORT TITLE**

This Ordinance may be known and referred to as the “Blair Township Park Ordinance”.

**SECTION II
PUBLIC USE AND HOURS**

A. GENERAL PUBLIC

Any group or gathering of twenty-five (25) or more persons, may use certain areas within the park in Blair Township to the exclusion of others by making application and being granted a permit by the Blair Township Board or its designated representative.

B. PERMITS

1. Applications for permits for reserved park space shall be made by a responsible person of 18 years of age or older, upon forms furnished by the Blair Township Treasurer’s Office as approved by the Township Board of Trustees.
2. The Township Board or its representative may, upon written application grant special use permits for special uses when, in the opinion of the Township Board or its representative, special consideration is warranted.
3. Application shall be made in advance of the time of the reservation request sufficient to allow at least twelve (12) hours posted notice of reservation of space.
4. Reserved space will be made available on a first come, first serve basis.

C. LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Any person using the Blair Township Park facilities shall assume the risk of an injury, damage or loss suffered or incurred while within the park. The holder of a park permit and/or guests of such permit holder shall be liable to the Township of Blair and to all others using the park facilities for any loss, injury or damage caused by such permit holder and/or his guests or from the negligence or willful or wanton act of such permit holder or guest.

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D. FEES AND CHARGES

1. Fees and charges may be assessed by the Blair Township Board for the use of any facility, land, area, or program on Township Park property.
2. It shall be unlawful for any person or group to use any facility, land or area for which a fee or charge has been established by the Township Board without payment of such fee or charge.

E. HOURS

No person or vehicle shall remain upon property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Township Board between posted closing times and sunrise. However, upon application to the Township Board or its representative, said hours may be extended.

F. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND DRUGS

No person shall have in their possession any intoxicating beverage while in or upon Township property. No person shall sell, use or have in his/her possession any drug or narcotic; the sale, use or possession of which is prohibited by state law.

G. FIREWORKS

No person shall fire, discharge or have in his or her possession any rocket, firecracker, torpedo, squib, or other fireworks or any substance of an explosive nature within or upon the property of the Township unless the Township Board or its representative shall have authorized the same by the issuance of a permit.

H. FIREARMS

No person shall, at any time bring into or upon the park property, nor have in his or her possession, nor discharge or set off anywhere upon said property, a revolver, pistol, shotgun, rifle, air gun, water gun or any gun, firearm or bow *or* other weapon that discharges projectiles either by air, explosive force, or any other force. This section shall not apply to any deputy sheriff, police officer, peace officer, park ranger, or other duly appointed law enforcement officer while carrying out the duties and responsibilities of his or her position.

**SECTION III
PROTECTION OF PROPERTY**

A. FIRES

1. No person shall build any fire upon Township property except within the grills approved and designated by the Township Board for such purpose.
2. No person shall drop, throw or otherwise scatter lighted materials, burning cigars, cigarettes, tobacco paper or other flammable materials within or upon Township Park property.
3. Fire shall not be left unattended. All fires shall be extinguished upon leaving the immediate vicinity.

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B. TRASH AND LITTER

- 1. All litter shall be placed in receptacles provided for such.
- 2. No household refuse shall be placed in the trash cans or brought into the park.

C. DOGS

No dogs or other animals shall be allowed in the Township Park unless the same are on leashes. No dogs or other animals allowed in the playground or splash pad areas.

**SECTION IV
TRAFFIC AND PARKING**

A. MOTOR VEHICLES

Motor vehicles of any kind or nature shall be driven on designated roadways and at speeds of not more than 10 miles per hour. Drivers shall be responsible and liable for any injury to children or other pedestrians struck by the automobiles they are driving. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motor driven vehicle of any kind or nature while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, narcotic or drug. There shall be no operation of vehicles which result in excessive noise, or disturbs the peace, quite or tranquility of the area. Motor vehicle parking shall be permitted in the designated parking area only.

**SECTION V
VALIDITY**

Should any section or clause or provision of the Ordinance be declared by courts to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

**SECTION VI
ENFORCEMENT**

Any person violating any provision of the foregoing rules shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and costs of prosecution, or imprisoned in the county jail for a period not exceeding Ninety (90) days or both, for each offense.

SECTION VII

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after publication.

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD

By: _____
Lynette L. Wolfgang, Clerk

By: _____
Patrick R. Pahl, Supervisor