

Chapter 16

PARKS AND RECREATION

Part 1

PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES REGULATIONS

§ 16-101. Definitions. [Ord. 1993-4, 7/21/1993, § 1; as amended by Ord. 1995-3, 8/16/1995, § 4]

1. As used in this Part, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

PARK OR PARKS — Park or parks, unless specifically limited, shall be deemed to include all parks, playgrounds, recreation areas, tennis courts, beaches, recreation structures and facilities and also entrances and approaches thereto, and all other land or property or structures under the jurisdiction of Sandy Township or now or hereafter owned or acquired by Sandy Township for park or recreational purposes.

PERSON — Any natural person, corporation, organization of persons, company, association or partnership.

RULES AND REGULATIONS — Any rules and regulations hereby or hereafter promulgated by the Recreation Board under the authority herein conferred.

§ 16-102. Park Hours. [Ord. 1993-4, 7/21/1993, § 2]

All parks shall be opened daily to the public at such hours as the Recreation Board may from time to time designate, but in no event shall any person be permitted to be in attendance in any park between 9:00 p.m. and sunrise, unless special permission is granted by the Recreation Board.

§ 16-103. Prohibited Conduct. [Ord. 1993-4, 7/21/1993, § 3; as amended by Ord. 1995-3, 8/16/1995, § 3; Ord. No. 2005-7, 12/19/2005; and by Ord. No. 2019-1, 3/4/2019]

1. No person in attendance at a park shall:
 - A. Injure, deface, remove, cut or damage any of the trees, plants, shrubs, turf, buildings, structures, signs or fixtures or any other property of Sandy Township located within the park.
 - B. Litter any area of the park with garbage, paper, bottles, cans or other waste materials; nor dispose of the same in any way except in receptacles designated for such purpose.
 - C. Kindle or maintain any fire in the park except in fireplaces or areas specially designated for that purpose and located by authority of the Board of Supervisors or authorized person or Board.
 - D. Remove any bench, seat, table or other appliance without permission of the Board of Supervisors or authorized person or Board.

- E. Disobey a proper order of a Police Officer or the Board of Supervisors or authorized person or Board or disobey or disregard or fail to comply with any rule or regulation, warning, prohibition, instruction or direction by an authorized person and posted or displayed by sign, notice, bulletin, card, poster or when notified or informed as to its existence by the Board of Supervisors or authorized person or Board.
- F. Hunt for, capture or kill or attempt to capture or kill or aid or assist in the capturing or killing of, in any manner, any wild animal of any description, either game or otherwise, and to that end, it is unlawful for any person to carry onto or possess in any park, a shotgun or rifle or pistol or firearm of any make or kind unless the person is a duly authorized of the law or unless specific permission is granted for a designated area by authority of the Board of Supervisors or authorized person or Board.
- G. Allow pets to run at large out of control.
- H. Utilize the tot lot play area if age 10 or older; nor shall there be any pets allowed in the tot lot play area. [Ord. No. 2005-7, 12/19/2005]
- I. Use unauthorized vehicles or motorized vehicles outside of designated parking lot areas.
- J. Ride bicycles, skateboards or rollerblades in the park.
- K. Have horses within the park area.
- L. Have dogs or other domesticated animals in the park area, other than dogs on a leash not exceeding six feet in length; nor shall pets be allowed in the children's play area. Pet litter must be picked up by owner.
- M. Use firearms, sling-shots, firecrackers, arrows, explosives, etc., except officers of the law.
- N. Use fireworks without special written permission of Township Supervisors or authorized person or Board.
- O. Solicit for any cause, purpose or reason within the park area.
- P. Possess open containers of alcoholic beverages, sell alcoholic beverages, or consume alcoholic beverages on park grounds except after application and receipt of a written permit from the Township.

§ 16-104. Fishing. [Ord. 1993-4, 7/21/1993, § 4]

All laws pertaining to fishing in the Commonwealth shall apply to fishing in parks and recreation areas, and provisions thereof are hereby incorporated by reference.

§ 16-105. Reservation for Specific Uses. [Ord. 1993-4, 7/21/1993, § 5]

- 1. The use of all parks shall be on a first come first served basis unless otherwise reserved:
 - A. By annual permission granted by the Recreation Board or Board of Township

- Supervisors for a specific requested use.
- B. For regularly scheduled municipal recreation programs.
 - C. By permission granted by the Recreation Board or Board of Township Supervisors for a specific requested use.

§ 16-106. Authorization to Promulgate Additional Rules. [Ord. 1993-4, 7/21/1993, § 6]

The Recreation Board is authorized to establish additional rules and regulations as deemed necessary and with approval of the Sandy Township Supervisors.

§ 16-107. Authority to Close Areas. [Ord. 1993-4, 7/21/1993, § 7]

Recreation facilities which become hazardous for public use due to weather, water, fire or unforeseeable conditions may be closed only at the discretion of the Recreation Board or the Board of Sandy Township Supervisors.

§ 16-108. Enforcement. [Ord. 1993-4, 7/21/1993, § 8]

The Police Officers of Sandy Township are charged with enforcement of the provisions of this Part and rules and regulations promulgated by the Recreation Board.

§ 16-109. Penalties. [Ord. 1993-4, 7/21/1993, § 9; as amended by Ord. 1996-6, 8/21/1996, § 1; by Ord. 1997-2, 4/2/1997, § 1; and by Ord. No. 2005-7, 12/19/2005]

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a district justice in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.