

# **Gauche Park District Rules and Regulations**

## **Section 1: Preservation of Property and Natural Resources**

- 1.1 No person shall remove from the park any property, natural feature or part thereof, including but not limited to, any building, equipment, sign, rock, stone, mineral formation, earth, wood, tree, shrub, flower, plant, nut, or other seed.
- 1.2 No person shall injure, destroy, break, cut, chop, write upon, mutilate, set fire to, deface, dig, plant, or damage in any manner any property, natural feature or part thereof, including but not limited to, any building, equipment, sign, rock, stone, mineral formation, earth, wood, tree, shrub, flower or plant of the park.

## **Section 2: Waste Materials and Litter**

- 2.1 No person shall discard or dump on park lands or in park, garbage, leaves, grass clippings, branches, ashes, bottles, cans, refuse, or foreign materials of any description.
- 2.2 Refuse, garbage, bottles, cans, and other residue of a picnic or other permitted activity must be deposited in receptacles provided for such purposes.
- 2.3 No person shall deposit, discard, dump, or leave behind any noxious or waste materials including, but not limited to, paper, garbage, ashes, or refuse, which may blow, wash, or otherwise be transported into park district lands or waters.
- 2.4 No person shall place or permit to be placed in or adjacent to park land any noxious or deleterious substance, either solid or liquid, which may render such waters harmful or inimical to the public health, or to animal and plant life.

## **Section 3: Protection of Animals, Hunting and Fishing**

- 3.1 No person shall hunt, take pursuit with dogs, trap, molest, harm, harass, injure or disturb wild animals or wild birds within the confines of the park, nor shall any person rob or disturb the eggs or any animal or any nest found within the confines of the park.

## **Section 4: Animal Control**

- 4.1 Without specific written permission from the Gauche Park Authority, no person shall bring into, have, or keep in the park any animal destructive of wildlife. A domestic dog or domestic cat may enter and remain in a park only if such is under constant control and supervision and held on a leash no longer than six feet in length.
- 4.2 No pets or other animals shall be permitted to disturb or become a nuisance to other users of the park.

- 4.3 No person shall release, abandon, or deposit any animal, domestic or wild, into the park.
- 4.4 No person shall herd, graze, drive, or permit to run at large within the park any cattle, horse, mule, donkey, goat, swine, sheep or other animals, or any poultry or other fowl.
- 4.5 Persons shall use supplied bags to clean up after their pets.

### **Section 5: Personal Conduct**

- 5.1 No person in the park shall engage in riotous, disorderly, boisterous, or other behavior so as to disturb the peace and good order of the park.
- 5.2 No person shall enter a toilet room designated for the exclusive use by the opposite sex.
- 5.3 No person shall engage in any game or activity in the park which endangers other persons.
- 5.4 No person shall gamble or conduct gambling or games of chance in any form in the park.
- 5.5 No person shall loiter in or near any building, toilet, structure or motor vehicle in the park.
- 5.6 No person shall appear in the park in a state of nudity, or commit, perform or engage in lewd, lascivious, obscene, illicit, carnal, or indecent acts or behavior. No person shall engage in any act of public indecency as described in section 2907.09(A) of the Ohio Revised Code.
- 5.7 No person shall publicly solicit or attempt to solicit another in the park to engage in sexual activity as defined in Section 2907.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- 5.8 No person shall possess an open container of beer or intoxicating liquor within the park.
- 5.9 No person shall ride bicycles or skate boards in the shelter building.
- 5.10 Persons on bicycles, using roller blades, scooters, etc., **MUST** yield to walkers on the walking trails.

### **Section 6: Firearms and Weapons**

- 6.1 No person, except for law enforcement officers, shall carry, possess, discharge, or have under his or her control in the park firearms of any description, air guns, gas guns or pellet guns, sling shots, fireworks, explosives or dangerous ordinance of any kind.

### **Section 7: Fires**

- 7.1 No person shall start, maintain, or assist in maintaining a fire except for small fires in grills for cooking purposes or other fires in places approved for this purpose.
- 7.2 One who starts a fire may not leave the area of that fire until the fire is extinguished.

### **Section 8: Camping**

- 8.1 No person shall camp or sleep overnight within the park, nor erect tents or temporary lodging or sleeping facilities on park lands.

### **Section 9: Commercial Activities**

- 9.1 No person shall sell or offer for sale any article, privilege, or service in the park unless such sale is pursuant to a contract (unless person obtains permission during Village Wide Yard Sale only).
- 9.2 No person in the park shall beg, peddle, or solicit for money, a privilege, or a service.

### **Section 10: Erecting and Attaching Signs**

- 10.1 No person shall erect a sign or attach a sign to property owned or controlled by the park, nor shall any person display any placard, notice, advertisement, circular, banner, or statement of any other kind onto property owned or controlled by the park without a permit.
- 10.2 If a sign is erected only for the paid rental permit of the shelter house, said sign (and any means of attaching the sign) shall be removed from the premises at the termination of the rental period. (This includes but is not limited to staples, nails, etc.)

### **Section 11: Hours of Closing**

- 11.1 Park shall be closed from dark until sunrise (except parties holding permits) for the use of park facilities.

### **Section 12: Vehicles and Traffic**

- 12.1 No person shall operate a vehicle in the park in such a manner as to endanger the operator, any other person, park property, or any animal in the park.
- 12.2 No person shall operate a snowmobile or any unlicensed motor vehicle of any kind in the park.
- 12.3 No person in the park shall drive around, cause to be moved, or damage any traffic barricade or barrier.
- 12.4 No person in the park shall operate a vehicle in excess of the posted speed limit.

12.5 No person shall leave a vehicle in the park during hours when the park is closed.

### **Section 13: Pedestrian Access**

13.1 Persons traveling through or within the park are to travel on pedestrian trails where such have been established and appropriately marked.

### **Section 14: Failure to Obey**

14.1 No person in the park shall fail or refuse to comply with any reasonable order relating to the regulation, direction, or control of traffic, or to any order lawfully given by a law enforcement officer.

### **Section 15: Ejection from Park**

15.1 Law enforcement officers, park employees or their agents may order any person violating any provision of these rules and regulations or the laws of the State of Ohio to leave the park.

### **Section 16: Penalty**

16.1 Any person who violates any provision of the Rules and Regulations shall be fined not more than \$100.00 (One Hundred Dollars and No Cents) for the first offense. For each subsequent offense, such person shall be fined not more than \$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents).

### **Section 17: Separability**

17.1 Each section of these Rules and Regulations and every part of each section are independent sections. The holding of any section or a part thereof to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause does not affect the constitutionality or other section or part thereof.

### **Section 18: Definitions**

- A. "Park Land" refers to Gauche Park.
- B. "Park" shall mean any land owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the Village of Owensville.
- C. "Gauche Park Authority" means Village Council Park Committee.
- D. "Person" shall mean any individual, company, partnership, corporation, or association, or any employee, agent or officer thereof.

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