



To: Park Board
From: Mark Heintz – Director of Parks and Recreation
Date: January 19, 2021
Re: Park rules DRAFT

To update rules of the parks, I have assembled the following for your review and discussion. These have been assembled with input from parks and recreation staff. Upon your direction, I will work with Attorney Wickland to put them into a resolution form for your formal approval.

1. All parks open at 6am and close at dusk daily. Exceptions to these times include any previously authorized activities, programs, events, rentals authorized by the Board or department head.
2. Alcoholic beverages and glass containers are prohibited. Centennial Park golf management contractor is allowed to serve alcohol according to the liquor license that covers that park. No outside liquor is permitted to be brought into any park. Indoor rentals at the Community Park Social Center are allowed to have alcohol based on the facility rental process.
3. Household pets are not allowed in parks except for dogs that are under the control of their owner by a leash. Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up and disposing of dog droppings from their dogs. Dog park members are allowed to remove the dog from leash in the off-leash dog park at Centennial Park with a current membership.
4. Unauthorized use of the dog park at Centennial Park will result in a fine to all parties liable.
5. Swimming is prohibited in all public bodies of water in the park system except for the Munster Community Park Pool during open hours of operation.
6. Operation of any watercraft are prohibited.
7. Snowmobiling and downhill skiing are prohibited in parks.
8. Cross country skiing is prohibited in the Centennial Park golf course.
9. Snow sledding is only allowed in areas designated for such use.
10. No go-karts, mopeds, snowmobiles, or any other motor driven vehicle shall be operated in any of the parks, except for in designated parking lots and driveways. Town and contractor authorized vehicles are permitted for park maintenance and patrol as are golf carts through the Centennial Park golf course.
11. Golfing is prohibited in all parks, except at the Centennial Park golf course. Wiffleball golfing is allowed as long as divots are replaced.
12. Camping is prohibited in any Town of Munster park.

13. Open burning, fireworks, charcoal and gas grills are prohibited in all parks. Exception, gas grills are allowed in a designated area on the patio of the Community Park social center during indoor rentals of same facility. Food vendors for Town run activities and Centennial Park management contractor are also allowed ensuring all coals are disposed of appropriately.
14. Skateboarding, rollerblading, and bike riding is prohibited on all athletic courts (tennis, pickleball, basketball, volleyball) and the entertainment stage at Centennial Park.
15. Persons displaying permits have priority usage of park facilities including but not limited to shelters, fields and courts.
16. The moving or relocating of soccer goals is not permitted without prior approval.
17. Groups of 15 or more must obtain a permit to use a park shelter or any park facility or greenspace.
18. Smoking is prohibited within 15 feet of entryways, spectator areas, and playgrounds. (this is already in sec. 18-56 in Town Code).
19. No hunting on park property.
20. Catch and release fishing is only allowed at Maynard Park at Centennial Park. Ice fishing is prohibited.
21. No person shall place any sign, advertisement, circular or notice in the park, including on vehicles in park parking lots, or wayfinding signs, markings on pathways or sidewalks, without permission from the department head.
22. Commercial enterprises and concessions, including food trucks, are prohibited in Town parks without a permit from the parks and recreation department.
23. No person or business shall sell or offer for sale any article, privilege or service within or adjacent to the park without a permit from the department.
24. No person shall bring into, leave behind, dump or litter with material of any kind in a park except refuse, garbage and other material arising from normal use and enjoyment which shall be deposited in receptacles provided for such purposes.
25. No person shall injure, deface, destroy, defoul, regrade or remove any part of the park or any building, sign, equipment, or other property found therein; nor shall any person maliciously cut down, destroy or injure a standing or growing vine, bush, shrub, sapling, tree, or flower on park property.

Violations of park rules and regulations established by the Board of Parks and Recreation are subject up to a \$2,500 fine.