

RESOLUTION NO: 2021-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION OF THE TOWN OF MUNSTER, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, CONCERNING THE CREATION OF CERTAIN RULES GOVERNING THE USE OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES BY THE PUBLIC

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code 36-10-3, the Board of Parks and Recreation (the “Board”), governing body of the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Town of Munster, Indiana, has been duly created and established under the laws of the State of Indiana (the “State”) and the ordinances of the Town of Munster, Indiana (the “Town”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code 36-10-3-10, the Board shall establish rules governing the use of the Parks and Recreation facilities by the public; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined to proceed with the creation of certain rules which are attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit “A”;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Town of Munster, Lake County, Indiana, as follows:

1. The Board hereby determines that it is necessary for the public health and welfare, and to be of public utility and benefit, to prepare and establish certain rules governing the use of the Parks and Recreation facilities of the Town by the public, which rules are attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit “A”.

2. The Board does hereby determine that a violation of the rules as set forth above shall result in a \$100 fine per occurrence, as detailed in corresponding section of the attached Exhibit “A”.

3. Any officer or member of the Board, and any official, employee or representative of the Town is hereby authorized, empowered and directed, on behalf of the Department of Parks and Recreation, to take any other action as required or appropriate to effectuate this resolution, and any actions heretofore made, or taken be, and hereby are, ratified and approved.

4. This resolution shall take effect, and be in full force and effect, from and after its adoption. All “WHEREAS” paragraphs set forth above are made a part of this resolution.

RESOLVED and ADOPTED this 6th day of April, 2021, by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ opposed.

BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION OF
THE TOWN OF MUNSTER, LAKE COUNTY,
INDIANA

David Cerven, President

ATTEST:

Janice Uram, Secretary

EXHIBIT A

Violations of the following park rules and regulations established by the Board of Parks and Recreation for the Town of Munster are subject to the following fines. Restitution, in addition to the below fines, applies in all cases when damage to property occurs.

A. Violations of rules in this section will result in a fine of:

- i. \$50 for first violation**
- ii. \$100 for second violation**
- iii. \$500 for third violation**

1. All parks open at 6am and close at dusk daily. Exceptions to these times include any previously authorized activities, programs, events, rentals, or other uses authorized by the Board or Director of Parks and Recreation.
2. Glass containers are prohibited in parks except as authorized by staff.
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. Dog park members can remove a dog from leash only in the off-leash dog park at Centennial Park with a current membership.
4. Snow sledding is only allowed in areas designated for such use.
5. Downhill skiing is prohibited in parks.
6. Golfing is prohibited in all parks, except at the Centennial Park golf course and driving range. Wiffleball golfing is allowed if divots are replaced.
7. Skateboarding, rollerblading, and bike riding is prohibited on all athletic courts (tennis, pickleball, basketball, volleyball) and the Centennial Park stage area.
8. Catch and release fishing is only allowed at Maynard Lake at Centennial Park. Fishing, including ice fishing is prohibited at all other bodies of water in the park system.
9. 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 of the park which shall be deposited in receptacles provided for such purposes.
10. Do not feed wildlife.

B. Violations of rules in this section will result in a fine of:

- i. \$100 for first violation**
- ii. \$200 for second violation**
- iii. \$1,000 for third violation**

11. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in all parks. The Centennial Park golf management contractor can 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 can have alcohol based on the facility rental process.
12. Unauthorized use of the dog park at Centennial Park will result in a fine to all parties liable.

13. 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.
14. Operation of any watercraft are prohibited.
15. Cross country skiing is prohibited in the Centennial Park golf course.
16. Camping is prohibited in any Town of Munster park.
17. 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 allowed ensuring all coals are disposed of appropriately.
18. Persons displaying permits have priority usage of park facilities including but not limited to shelters, fields, and courts.
19. Groups of 15 or more must obtain a permit to use a park shelter, any park facility or greenspace.
20. The moving or relocating of soccer goals is not permitted without prior approval.
21. Use of the Centennial Park stage requires a permit for use.
22. 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.
23. Commercial enterprises and concessions, including food trucks, are prohibited in Town parks without a permit from the parks and recreation department.
24. 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.

C. Violations of rules in this section will result in a fine of:

- i. \$250 for first violation
- ii. \$500 for second violation
- iii. \$2,500 for third violation

25. Go-karts, mopeds, snowmobiles, or any other motor driven vehicle shall not 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.
26. No hunting on park property.
27. No person shall injure, deface, destroy, befoul, 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.