GIBSON TOWNSHIP PARK ORDINANCE
Bentley, Michigan - Bay County

Whereas, the township of Gibson owns and operates a recreational park for the use, benefit and general welfare od the residents thereof, and

Whereas, the township board deems it advisable and necessary in order to secure the public health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the township, to establish rules and regulations for the use of the said township park:

Now therefore, be ordained as follows:

Section 1. Definitions:
(A) The word person as used herein shall be deemed to include and mean all persons in the singular or plural, associations, firms, partnership and corporations.

(B) Motor driven vehicles as used herein shall be deemed to include passenger automobiles, trucks, tractors, farm tractors, motorbikes, mini bikes, snowmobiles, three & four wheelers and any other vehicle of any kind or nature powered, either by gasoline engine or electric motor.

Section 2. Park Hours:
(A) The park shall be open for use between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. daily; no person shall be allowed in or upon the park premises or to make use of the park facilities for any reason whatsoever except during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Section 3. Littering Prohibited:
(A) No person shall litter the park premises; all refuse of any kind or nature shall be removed from the premises by the persons using the park and its facilities or placed in containers provided for that purpose.

Section 4. Hunting / Fireworks within the Park:
(A) No hunting shall be allowed on the park premises.
(B) No firearms or explosives of any kind or nature shall be discharged in or upon the park premises, provided, however, that the township board may request from the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Fire Services, a special license or permit for the discharge of "fireworks" by licensed personnel in conjunction with the civil celebrations; appropriate safety precautions, however, as outlined by any federal or state regulatory agency and/or police agency shall be complied with by any such permitee or licensee; such licensee or permitee shall also furnish evidence of property damage coverage of at least $100,000 minimum limits and personal injury coverage of $300,000 minimum limits for the protection of the public attending such events or functions. Evidence of insurance coverage shall be provided at least seven days in advance. The permitees and / or licensee shall be responsible for cleaning up all refuse and repairing damage to park facilities by reasons of such use. A cash bond in an amount of not less than $500.00 may be required by the township board at its discretion to secure and guarantee the cleaning up of the partk following use by licensee or permittee.

Section 5. Motor Vehicles
(A) No motor vehicle of any kind shall be driven upon any roadway within the park at a speed in excess of five (5) mph.
(B) No motor driven vehicle of any kind or nature shall be driven in or upon any area of the park except the roadways and parking areas designated as such, and under no circumstances shall a motor driven vehicle be driven in, or parked, in the area designated as "playground", "ball field" or septic field. Only motor vehicle operation for maintenance of the park will be allowed.

Section 6. Alcohol:
(A) No alcoholic beverages shall be sold or distributed on the park premises unless a permit or license for such a sale / distribution has first been issued by the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission, bond posted by the licensee pursuant to the law and the rules and regulations of the Liquor Control Commission, and provided further, that all sales in pursuant of such license or permit shall be in conformity with the rules and regullations of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.
(B) No person shall be allowed in or upon the park premises while in an intoxicated state nor shall any person be allowed to use any of the park facilities while in such condition.

Section 7. Horseback Riding:
(A) Horses shall not be allowed in the park area except upon roadways or bridle paths provided therefore, and in the parking area; horses shall not be brought into the playground area, picnic area or septic tank field.

Section 8. Camping:
(A) Overnight use and overnight camping within the park area is prohibited.
(B) Campfires within the park area are prohibited.

Section 9. Language:
(A) No person shall use any indecent, immoraral or obscene language within the park area.

Section 10: Gambling
(A) no person shall engage in any gambling within any area of the park.

Section 11. Solicitation:
(A) No solicitation of any kind shall be allowed within any area of the park.

Section 12. Illegal Activity / Conduct
(A) No person or persons shall engage in any illegal activity within any area of the park.

Section 13. Recreation Vehicles (RV's)
(A) Motorcycles, motorbikes and mini bikes shall be allowed only in areas designated therefore, except that such vehicles may be parked in the parking area and driven upon the roadways within the park in order to gain access to the area provided therefore.

Section 14. Township Property
(A) No picnic tables or other township property shall be removed from the park. Picnic tables are to remin in the pavillion.

Section 15. Working at the Park:
(A) No work shall be done at the park unless approved by the Gibson Township board.

Section 16. Variances:
(A) Variances are allowed with the Gibson Township board of trustees approval.

Section 17. Violations:
(A) Violations of any of the provisions hereof shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be turned over to the police.

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the provisions of and authority of Public Acts of 1945, No. 26 as ammended, being MCLA 41.181-41.183 as amended and Public Acts of 1905, No. 57 as ammended, being MCLA 41.121-1.125 as ammended. This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after publication hereof pursuant to the provisions of the Public Acts of 1939, No. 191, being MCLA 41.191.

Adopted this updated Gibson Township Park Ordinance from 2015, at a regular meeting of the Gibson township Board of Trustees on: _____ .

Certification

I, Christine Cousineau, Gibson Township Clerk, County of Bay, and the State of Michigan, do hereby certify thatr the foregoing is a true, copy of an ordinance adopted by the Gibson Township Board at a regular meeting held on 2-10-2025 .

Supervisor - Matt Bayne _____

Clerk - Chrisine Cousineau _____

Treasurer - Sherri Droptiny _____

Trustee - Samantha Witzke _____

Trustee - Katie McLincha _____