

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 730**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
THIS TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHING RULES AND  
REGULATIONS FOR CONDUCT IN AND THE USE OF THE  
PAT O'CONNOR NATURE PARK**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Washington, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, is the owner of a certain recreational area known as the Pat O'Connor Nature Park in the Township of Washington, Franklin County, Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, said recreational area was acquired by the Township of Washington, for the benefit and pleasure of the residents of the Township of Washington, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, and all persons who might use the same; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Washington, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, and such other persons who shall use the recreational area to benefit and have pleasure in the use and enjoyment of the recreational area deem it necessary to establish certain rules and regulations applicable to the Pat O'Connor Nature Park.

**WHEREAS**, from time to time adopt rules and regulations; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**, that the following rules and regulations shall be established for the Pat O'Connor Nature Park.

**SECTION 1. ACTS AND CONDUCT PROHIBITED**

The following acts and conduct shall be prohibited:

- (A) Disorderly or immoral acts or practices.
- (B) Possession, consumption, or sale of alcoholic beverages.
- (C) Being in the recreational area in the state of intoxication due to the use of alcohol.
- (D) The possession or use of illegal drugs, or being in the recreational area under the influence of illegal drugs.
- (E) The use of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, or other tobacco products.
- (F) The throwing of stones or similar missiles.
- (G) The use of profane, offensive, or indecent language.
- (H) Gambling or playing games of chance for money, unless specifically authorized in writing by the Board of Supervisors or their representative and provided that the gambling is in compliance with all state laws.

- (I) Begging and soliciting subscriptions.
- (J) Littering, throwing or depositing of papers, refuse and any offensive substances, except in receptacles provided, therefore. The disposal of personal household trash in the recreational area receptacles is prohibited.
- (K) Sleeping within the recreational area after hours, except at such places or times as may be designated in writing by the Board of Supervisors or their representative.
- (L) Pulling, injuring, breaking or digging of any flowers, fruits, plants, trees, grasses or turfs.
- (M) Breaking or defacing any bench, athletic equipment, fencing, water fixture, trees, playground equipment, sanitary equipment, fixtures, monuments, buildings, pavilions, gazebos, or other structures.
- (N) Discharging any firearms, air rifle, air pistol, sling shot, bows, fireworks, or other weapons, except police officers and except such times as may be designated in writing by the Board of Supervisors or their representative.
- (O) Hunting or trapping live animals or reptiles in the recreational area, except at times and places set forth by the Board of Supervisors or their representative.
- (P) Driving any motor vehicle in the recreational area to a speed in excess of five (5) miles per hour, or other than on the roadway provided for such purposes.
- (Q) Operating any unlicensed, uninspected motor vehicle in the recreational area, including snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, dirt bikes, go-carts and other similar vehicles.
- (R) Bringing any animals, except dogs or household pets, into the recreational area. Dogs and household pets must be on a leash at all times. No dogs or other pets are permitted on the athletic fields and are not permitted to run loose or after any wild animals.
- (S) Dog or household pet defecation, unless such dog or household pet owner shall immediately remove and dispose of, in a sanitary manner, all feces deposited by such dog or household pet.
- (T) Defacing and mutilating or otherwise damaging any notices or signs posted by the Township.
- (U) Offering anything for sale, except by written permission of the Board of Supervisors or their representative.
- (V) Post or distribute any banners or posters of a commercial or political nature unless authorized in writing by the Board of Supervisors or their representative.

- (W) Build any fire.
- (X) Capturing, harassment, injuring or killing of wildlife in the recreational area unless authorized in writing by the Board of Supervisors or their representative.
- (Y) Parking of vehicles in other than designated areas, including motor vehicles of any type or description, as well as bicycles and tricycles operated by human power. No vehicles other than private, non-commercial/non-public vehicles may be parked in the recreation area unless authorized by Township Supervisors or their representatives in writing, except vehicles owned by Washington Township.
- (Z) Any dangerous practices and or acts endangering the safety of others or self.
- (AA) The hitting of golf balls and the playing of golf.
- (BB) Any unlawful act.
- (CC) The climbing of any building, the ball field fencing, or onto the roofs of any structure.
- (DD) Any mechanical, electrical, etc. system that amplifies sound in any manner.
- (EE) Metal detecting and relic hunting except by written permission of the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors or his representative.

## **SECTION 2. FACILITY RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

- (A) Pat O'Connor Nature Park shall be closed to all visitors from sunset to sunrise, except by written permission of the Chairman of the Board or his representative.
- (B) Patrons shall remove their trash and recyclables and place in the proper containers.
- (C) Washington Township reserves the right for its employees and/or representatives to inspect vehicles, coolers, backpacks, packages, and other such items for materials in violation of these regulations. Any Township employee or representative performing such inspection or search must identify themselves and state the reason for such search or inspection. During special events, violators of any part of Section 1 of this resolution may be ejected from the park for a specified period. The Township Board of Supervisors or the Township Manager shall have the right to designate the employee and/or representative entitled to inspect and/or enforce this Resolution.
- (D) Wading shall be permitted in the creek.
- (E) No snowmobiles, minibikes or motor driven vehicles of any type or description, unless properly licensed for highway use and bearing a current inspection permit shall be operated anywhere within the park,

- (F) including public roadways and parking areas of said park.  
Fishing shall be permitted in the creek following PA Fish and Game Regulations and seasons.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE**

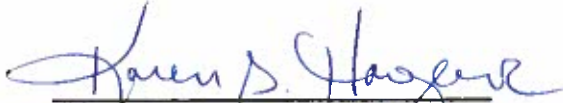
This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that these rules and regulations may and shall be enforced under the authority of the Code of the Township of Washington, Section 232-13 and under such other ordinances and laws as may, from time to time, be ordained by the Supervisors or enacted by the Commonwealth, respectively.

**DULY RESOLVED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020 by the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**ATTEST:**

  
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 Karen S. Hargrave, Secretary

By   
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 Chad Reichard  
 Chairman, Board of Supervisors