

RE: INGHAM COUNTY PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

Adopted: May 8, 1979 (79-92)

WHEREAS, the Board of Ingham County Park Trustees operates a number of parks within Ingham County for the use and benefit of the public, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable to have uniform rules and regulations pertaining to the use of such parks,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners approves and hereby does approve the attached Ingham County Park Rules and Regulations, as adopted by the Board of Ingham County Park Trustees, on April 5, 1979, to be effective May 22, 1979.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners' Resolution No. 75-96 adopted on April 15, 1975, be rescinded, effective May 22, 1979.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners and County Clerk are authorized to sign said Ingham County Park Rules and Regulations.

UNDERLINED SECTIONS
REFLECT A CHANGE
FROM THE OLD
RULES.

INGHAM COUNTY PARK
RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations are made and adopted by the Board of Ingham County Park Trustees pursuant to Section 6 of the 1913 PA 90, as amended, respecting the use by the public of Ingham County Park property.

ARTICLE I

PARK HOURS

Section 1.

a. All parks under the jurisdiction of the Board of Ingham County Park Trustees shall be open from 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 10:00 o'clock P.M., unless otherwise posted.

b. Any park or park lands, or portions thereof, may be closed entirely or closed to certain uses (including the use or possession of alcoholic beverages) for such period of time as may be determined by the Board of Ingham County Park Trustees or their designated representatives.

c. No person or vehicle shall be within any park except when such park or portion thereof is open unless camping on a permit issued by the Board of Ingham County Park Trustees or their designated representatives.

ARTICLE II

CONDUCT ON PARK PROPERTY

Section 2.1 PRESERVATION OF PROPERTY

No person shall willfully disturb, destroy, deface, alter, change, or remove any part of any park or any facility, building, sign; structure, equipment, utility or other property found herein.

Section 2.2 PRESERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND PLANT LIFE

No person shall:

a. Remove, or cause to be removed, any sod, earth, humus, peat, boulder, gravel or sand found within any park without the written permission of the Board of Ingham County Park Trustees or their authorized representatives.

b. Cut, remove, dig, injure, pick, damage, deface or destroy any tree, flower, shrub or plant, whether alive or dead, found within the park without written permission of the Board of Ingham County Park Trustees or their authorized representatives.

Section 2.3 PRESERVATION OF WILDLIFE

No person shall hunt, trap, bait, pursue, injure, kill or in any manner disturb any bird or animal on any land or waters under the jurisdiction of the Board of Ingham County Park Trustees.

Section 2.4 FIRES

No person shall build a fire within any park except in grills or fire rings provided for such purpose. Fires in the beach area are expressly forbidden. Firewood may be collected to be used within the parks only if it is dead and not standing.

Section 2.5 DISPOSAL OF REFUSE

No person shall:

- a. Deposit or abandon in any park or in any waters in or adjacent to any park or on the ice thereof any garbage, refuse, trash, waste or other obnoxious material, except, in receptacles provided for such purposes.
- b. Bring into any park refuse or litter originating outside any park for the purpose of depositing such in park receptacles.

Section 2.6 FIREWORKS, FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS

No person shall:

- a. Have in their possession or control any firearm, shotgun, pistol or other firearm, slingshot, pellet gun, air rifle, fireworks or explosives within any park; provided that this rule shall not apply to any law enforcement officer.
- b. Have in their possession or control any bow or arrow within any park except by prior written permission of the Board of Ingham County Park Trustees.

Section 2.7 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

a. No person shall have in their possession within the park boundaries any alcoholic beverages stronger than beer and wine.

b. All allowed alcoholic beverages as defined shall be confined to the picnic and ball field areas within the parks unless written permission has been granted by the Board of Ingham County Park Trustees or the area is otherwise posted.

Section 2.8 DISORDERLY CONDUCT

a. No person shall be intoxicated or shall engage in any violent, abusive, loud, boisterous, vulgar, obscene or otherwise disorderly conduct tending to create a breach of the peace, or to disturb or annoy others.

b. No person shall interfere with any park employee in the discharge of his or her duties, or fail or refuse to obey any lawful command issued by them.

Section 2.9 AUDIO DEVICES

No person shall use or operate any radio receiving set, musical instrument, phonograph, television or other machine or device that produces or reproduces sound in such a manner that produces excessive noise. The use of such a machine or device such that the sound produced therefrom is audible in any direction at a distance in excess of 100 feet, shall be deemed a prima facie violation of this section, unless written permission has been obtained from the Board of Ingham County Park Trustees or their designated representatives.

ARTICLE III

SWIMMING, BATHING AND WADING

Section 3

a. No person shall swim, bathe or wade except within those areas so designated and swimming is prohibited within those designated areas when so posted.

b. Beach and swim areas during the regular summer season shall be open at 9:00 o'clock A.M. to sunset, unless otherwise posted.

c. Air mattresses, inner tubes, life jackets or any other devices inflatable or otherwise, used in the aid of swimming are prohibited unless otherwise posted. U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices may be worn by individuals whose physical disability is such that without such aid use of the swimming area would be impossible.

d. Alcoholic beverages, glass containers and pets are not allowed within the posted limits of the beach area.

ARTICLE IV

DOGS AND PETS

Section 4

a. Dogs or other pets are permitted in all County parks unless otherwise posted, except that dogs or other pets are not permitted within the designated bathing beaches, park buildings, shelters and nature study areas.

b. Dogs or other pets shall be kept on a leash no greater than 6 feet in length, under the immediate control of a responsible person and shall not be allowed to disturb or annoy park visitors.

c. Leader dogs for the blind are permitted in all areas.

d. The person who owns or is in charge of any dog shall immediately remove all droppings deposited by such dog by any sanitary method. The droppings removed from the aforementioned areas shall be disposed of by the person owning or in charge of such dog on the property of the person owning or in charge of said dog.

ARTICLE V

HORSES

Section 5

It shall be unlawful for a person to ride, lead or allow a horse to be upon any property not designated as a horse trail which is administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Board of Ingham County Park Trustees unless prior written permission has been obtained from the Board of Ingham County Park Trustees or their designated representatives.

ARTICLE VI

BICYCLES

Section 6

No person shall operate a bicycle upon any foot trail or nature trail. No person shall ride a bicycle on any sidewalk which is posted against such use.

ARTICLE VII

NATURAL AREAS AND NATURE TRAILS

Section 7

Nature trails shall be for pedestrian traffic only. Picnicking and fires are prohibited within any nature study areas unless written permission has been granted by

the Board of Ingham County Park Trustees or their designated representatives. Bicycles, horses and pets are also prohibited within such areas. Fishing is permitted within the nature areas with the exception of Heron Pond located within the Riverbend Natural Area.

ARTICLE VIII

MOTOR VEHICLES

Section 8.1

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

a. Operate a motor driven vehicle in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour within the park, except where otherwise posted.

b. Operate any motor driven vehicle of any kind or nature except on designated public roads.

c. Operate a motor driven vehicle in violation of posted traffic control signs or devices.

d. Operate an unlicensed motor vehicle upon any park road or parking area.

Section 8.2 STATE LAWS

All motor driven vehicles operated on park roadways or parking lots shall be subject to the laws of the State of Michigan as set forth in the Michigan Vehicle Code.

ARTICLE IX

PARKING

Section 9.1 PARKING IN PROHIBITED AREAS

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

a. Park any motor vehicle within any area not designated as a parking area or space.

b. Stop, stand or park any motor vehicle at any place where official signs prohibit.

Section 9.2 OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC

a. It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to stop, stand, or park such vehicle upon any roadway or in any parking area in such a manner as to form an obstruction to traffic.

b. Whenever any police officer finds a vehicle unattended upon a roadway or in a parking area and where such vehicle constitutes an obstruction to traffic, such officer is hereby authorized to provide for the removal of such vehicle to the nearest garage or other place of safety.

c. The necessary costs for such removal shall become a lien upon such vehicle and the person into whose custody the vehicle is given may retain it until all expenses involved have been paid.

ARTICLE X

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES AND ADVERTISING

Section 10

No person or organization shall advertise, vend, sell, post or distribute any service, food, beverage, merchandise, leaflet, or poster within any park, except by prior written permit from the Board of Ingham County Park Trustees or their designated representatives.

ARTICLE XI

CAMPING

Section 11

No person shall camp within any park except in those areas or buildings designated for that purpose, provided always that written permission of the Board of Ingham County Park Trustees or their representatives shall be acquired before any person may camp.

ARTICLE XII

FEES, CHARGES AND PERMITS

Section 12

a. It shall be unlawful for any person to use any facility, building, land area or equipment for which a fee or charge has been established by the Board of Ingham County Park Trustees without payment of such fee or charge.

b. It shall be unlawful for any person, group or organization to occupy, use or fail to vacate any facility, building land area or equipment for which a permit has been granted to another person, group or organization.

ARTICLE XIII

ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

Section 13

a. Any person violating any provision of the foregoing rules, except provisions of the Motor Vehicle Code incorporated herein, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days or work in a park clean-up program as an alternative to the imprisonment, or a fine not more than five-hundred dollars (\$500.00) or both. Any person violating the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Code shall be subject to the fines and penalties set forth in that Code.

b. Persons violating any of the above provisions may also be evicted from said park or park land upon the day of the offense.

Mason, Michigan
June 21, 1979

The Board of Ingham County Park Trustees met at their office
at 9:00 A.M.

Moved by Trustee Hope
Supported by Trustee Cavanaugh

"WHEREAS Rayner Park is located within the City of Mason
which has adopted a city ordinance banning the consumption
of alcoholic beverages in public places, and

WHEREAS Mason High School is located directly adjacent to
the Park,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the possession and consumption
of alcoholic beverages in Rayner Park be prohibited effective
June 27, 1979."

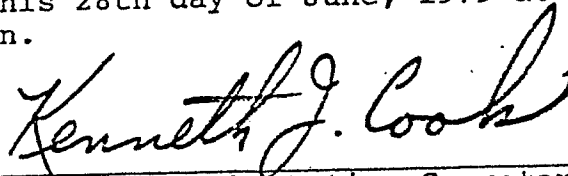
Roll call vote:	Trustee Hope	yea
	Trustee Cavanaugh	yea
	Trustee Kiersey	yea

Motion adopted.

State of Michigan)
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County of Ingham)

I, Kenneth J. Cook, Acting Secretary to the
Board of Ingham County Park Trustees, do
hereby certify that the above is a true and
correct copy of a resolution of the June 21,
1979 meeting of the Board of Ingham County
Park Trustees as appears of record in their
office and that I have compared the same with
the original, and that it is a true transcript
therefrom and of the whole thereof.

Dated this 28th day of June, 1979 at Mason,
Michigan.



Kenneth J. Cook, Acting Secretary



**INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF PARK
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