

Long Hill Township Recreation Dept.

Park Rules and Regulations

The Long Hill Recreation Department Rules and Regulations shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any and all other applicable ordinances and State statutes. The rules and regulations established by this section shall be enforceable under Section 11-2 of the Township Code (as amended by Ordinance #297- 12 adopted March 14, 2012). Any person who violates any of these rules or regulations shall be liable to the penalties set forth in Section 1-5 of the Township Code. The Park Rules and Regulations shall apply to all Long Hill public recreational areas including the following:

Matthew G. Kantor Memorial Park
Stirling Lake-Beach and park areas
Turtle Rock Park
Hicks' Tract
Meyersville Ball Field Complex (including: Playground, Tennis Court, and Basketball Court) All other wholly undeveloped conservation and open space areas or other interests.

1. All township parks are open to the public during daylight hours from sunrise to sundown and will close to all traffic at sundown with the following exceptions: Matthew G. Kantor Turf Field and the Meyersville Ball Field will close at 10pm when the field is lit for scheduled athletic games; closing hour for Stirling Lake Park during ice skating season shall be 10:00pm.
2. The Recreation Department policy on "Inclement Weather" shall be followed at all times. For outdoor activities on all Township property, if you hear thunder or see lightning; all play must stop, and fields must be evacuated. A period of not less than 30 minutes must pass with no lightning or thunder before play can resume.
3. The Recreation Director or designee may close fields or facilities and prohibit use. The Recreation Director or designee will notify any party/parties that have been issued permits of the closure(s). The Recreation Director is to be notified immediately if there are any maintenance or safety issues or damage to fields/facilities/equipment that need to be addressed.
4. No person shall enter an area or facility closed off to the public or remove or adjust an area that has been closed. When the "Fields Closed" signs are displayed, the playing fields are closed for all purposes and to all persons except in cases where special permission has been given to a group/organization, or individual by the Recreation Director.
5. Fields, facilities and equipment are only to be used for their intended purpose unless given a specific permit from the Recreation Director for a limited additional use. With regard to fields, only sports/activities consistent with the field's intended purpose will be allowed. For example, a softball game will not be permitted to be played on a soccer field.

6. No person shall carry or possess firearms of any type including air rifles, spring guns, bows and arrows, slings or any other weapon potentially dangerous to wildlife and human safety while in any park or recreation area. Shooting into park areas from beyond park boundaries is forbidden.
7. It is unlawful to drive any vehicle on any area except paved roads or parking areas unless directed to do so by the Township.
8. Parking is only permitted in designated spaces. No vehicles shall be left overnight in established parking areas or otherwise while the park is closed.
9. All bicyclists shall ride with reasonable regard to the safety of others. Bicycles cannot be left lying on the ground/pavement or propped up against trees, curbs, etc., in any place where other persons may trip over it or be injured by it.
10. Minibikes, all terrain vehicles, mopeds, snowmobiles, dirt bikes, and all other motorized vehicles are not permitted on any athletic fields, park areas, or recreation areas except when authorized by the Township.
11. Horses and farm animals are not permitted on any athletic fields, park areas, or recreation areas within the township without a specific permit issued by the Recreation Director or the Township Administrator for such use. When an exception is granted, horses and ponies shall be thoroughly broken and properly restrained, ridden with reasonable care and with regard for the safety of others, and shall not be permitted to graze or go unattended.
12. No person shall post any poster, placard or other type of advertisement of a business or an event on Township property without specific permission from the Township.
13. Dogs are permitted at Matthew G. Kantor Memorial Park, Meyersville Ball Field Complex, and throughout Hicks' Tract. They are to be kept under control as not to create a hazard or cause harm to any others in the park or recreation area. At Matthew G. Kantor Memorial Park and Meyersville Ball Field Complex, all dogs must be securely confined and controlled by an adequate leash not more than six (6) feet long. Dogs are not permitted on the turf field at Matthew G. Kantor Memorial Park or on any other playing fields or any marked recreational area such as the horseshoe pits, tennis courts, basketball courts or the playgrounds at Matthew G. Kantor Memorial Park and Meyersville Ball Field Complex.
14. At all recreation areas where dogs are allowed, it is the responsibility of the dog owner to properly clean up after their dog and dispose of any solid waste appropriately. (Ordinance #162-05; section 5-3.3)
15. Leaving an animal unattended and tying or hitching the animal to any plant, shrub, or structure is prohibited within any park or recreation area.
16. Playing tennis is the only activity permitted on the tennis courts. All other activities including but are not limited to: skating, rollerblading, skateboarding, and bicycling

are prohibited.

17. All users of Township parks and recreational facilities shall maintain the cleanliness and sanitary condition of the restrooms/washrooms.
18. No gambling or games of chance are permitted in any park, recreation area or facility without the proper permits.
19. Benches and/or bleachers are not to be moved without the permission of the Recreation Director.
20. No person shall build or attempt to build a fire except in such areas and under such regulations as may be designated by the Township. No person shall drop, throw or otherwise scatter lighted matches, burning cigarettes, cigars, tobacco paper, or other flammable material within any park or recreation area or facility.
21. Smoking is prohibited in all Township parks, playgrounds and recreation areas. (Ordinance # 100- 2, section 1; Ordinance #172-05, section 1)
22. Skateboarding is prohibited on all Township property.
23. No person shall hunt, kill, trap, pursue, molest, chase, tease, or intentionally frighten any animal, wildlife, reptile, or bird; nor shall he remove or have in his possession the young of any wild animal or the eggs or nest or young of any reptile or bird. Note: an exception is made that snakes known to be poisonous or deadly reptiles may be killed on sight.
24. Turf Field at Matthew G. Kantor Memorial Park
The synthetic turf field is for the intended use of Long Hill Twp. residents and those individuals/groups with a valid permit. NO sports drinks, soda, coffee, or beverage other than water permitted on the field. NO glass or metal beverage containers permitted. NO food permitted on field. NO seeds, nuts, gum or chewing tobacco. NO dogs or animals permitted on field. NO tent stakes. NO sharp objects that could pierce/damage turf. NO metal cleats or muddy footwear. NO golf practice. NO grilling, open flames, pyrotechnics or fireworks permitted anywhere in park. NO bicycles, scooters, skateboards, rollerblades, hoverboards, etc., permitted. NO unauthorized vehicles. ONLY authorized personnel shall move goals/field equipment.
25. While on Township property, feeding of wildlife is prohibited.

Stirling Lake Park

26. Swimming is only permitted by members of the Lake. At Stirling Lake, access to the water and swimming are only permitted when a lifeguard is on duty. In the colder months, skating is permitted at Stirling Lake by Long Hill residents only when a safety signal is displayed.
27. Dogs are not permitted at the Stirling Lake Park.
28. Fishing is only permitted in the pond (with proper license) and not in the swimming

area side of Stirling Lake.

29. The Stirling Lake Pavilion cannot be reserved during regular Stirling Lake swimming hours. Use of the pavilion is intended for all members of Stirling Lake during swimming hours.

Permits

It is the goal of the Long Hill Recreation Department to encourage the usage of its recreational fields and facilities in the support of activities designed to involve Long Hill Residents. The Recreation Department reserves the exclusive right to determine the eligibility of an organization seeking usage of the fields/facilities. The Recreation Department will issue permits in accordance with the following policies and procedures established by the Recreation Dept. in consultation with the Recreation Advisory Committee and adopted by the Township Committee.

1. No commercial use of the fields/facilities/equipment is permitted without an approved permit.
2. Permits for the use and or rental of Township facilities, fields, and/or equipment are handled through the Recreation Department. An authorized permit allows the permit holder to access the facility, field or equipment on the time and date specified on the permit provided all use requirements have been and continue to be met. The holder of a valid permit under this section shall have precedence over all others for the use of the field or other facility.
3. No permits for the use of township parks and recreation areas will be issued without written application. Fields and other facilities cannot be reserved over the phone. All permit fees are established and passed by resolution by the Long Hill Township Committee. The person whose name will appear on the permit must be the one to make the reservation and provide insurance. A deposit of \$100 is required to reserve a field, facility or equipment. Full payment is required prior to the event. The Recreation Department reserves the exclusive right to determine the eligibility of an organization and to assign a prioritization to any application for the use of Township fields, facilities, and equipment.
4. All permit holders agree to follow township rules and regulations when reserving and using a recreation area or park.
5. Permits are required for all groups or organized sports activities seeking to utilize facilities or equipment. For teams requesting usage of Township fields, facilities and equipment and to qualify for "resident" consideration, at least 25% of the applying team's roster must be Long Hill residents. Fees may be waived for organizations where at least 25% of the organization is made up of Long Hill Township residents. (Note: The Township Committee may charge and collect a reasonable service charge from users/renters requiring special maintenance.)
6. When a permit is issued, Long Hill Township assumes no liability for the renter's use of the equipment or facility.

7. The person seeking the permit shall complete in its entirety and file a "Facility Use Request" application with the Recreation Department and provide any other information requested by the Recreation Dept. used in making the fair determination of whether or not a permit will be issued and/or fee charged.
8. The person seeking the permit shall provide the Township with the appropriate insurance required for the event. Long Hill residents utilizing facilities or equipment for private functions must provide a copy of their Homeowner's Declaration page. Nonresidents and residents holding larger organized functions must have general liability insurance that covers the Township and names Long Hill Township as an Additional Insured with limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and an aggregate of \$2,000,000. A certificate of insurance, acceptable to the Township Administrator, must be filed with the Township prior to the use of Township facilities or equipment. Insurance Certificate will be required from an insurer with a Financial Strength Rating of no less than A- as assigned by AM Best. In addition, the applicant shall hold the Township harmless from any claim or liability arising out of any activity or conduct of the renter while using the equipment or facility in question.
9. All renters (permit holders) agree to complete an Incident Report in the event of any accident or damage that occurs after holding an event in or on a Township facility or while using Township equipment. This needs to be completed and returned to the Recreation Director within 24 hours of the incident or the next business day.
10. A permit for the use of Stirling Lake Pavilion does not entitle all guests to use Stirling Lake.
Stirling Lake Pavilion reservations are not permitted during the regular Lake hours of operation as the pavilion is used by all patrons with memberships to Stirling Lake.
11. All renters (permit holders) shall be bound by all park rules and regulations and all applicable ordinances fully.
12. The Township has the authority to revoke a permit upon finding a violation of any rule or ordinance or when false information has been provided by the applicant in the application process.

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