

## **Chapter 16**

### **Parks and Recreation**

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**Part 1****Park Rules and Regulations****§16-101. Short Title.**

This Part shall be known as the “Thomhurst Township Park Rules and Regulations Ordinance.”

(*Ord. 40, 5/14/2009, §1*)

**§16-102. Regulating Activities.**

This Part shall regulate the activities of persons in any park owned and operated by Thornhurst Township.

(*Ord. 40, 5/14/2009, §2*)

**§16-103. Park Hours.**

The park shall be open from sunrise to sunset except for fishing in season that will be permitted until midnight.

(*Ord. 40, 5/14/2009, §3*)

**§16-104. Protection of Park Wildlife.**

All persons using the park facilities shall protect, wherever possible, wildlife in the park. To accomplish this end, the following is prohibited:

A. No person shall injure, deface, climb, mutilate, pull up, remove, destroy any vegetation in the park, whether tree, brush, shrub, vine, fern, flower or fruit.

B. No person shall hunt, trap, chase, capture or molest in any manner whatsoever wildlife of any kind or disturb the nests or eggs of birds or fish or homes of animals.

(*Ord. 40, 5/14/2009, §4*)

**§16-105. Firearms Prohibited Within Park Limits.**

The possession of or discharge of any type of firearm, bow and arrow, air gun, sling shots, fireworks or any other weapon within the limits of the park is prohibited.

(*Ord. 40, 5/14/2009, §5*)

**§16-106. Alcoholic Beverages Prohibited.**

1. The possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs within the park is prohibited. No person shall drink or possess beer, wine, or intoxicating beverages of any kind or sell, peddle or advertise any tickets, articles or services in any park.

2. No person shall be intoxicated, under the influence of illegal drugs, gamble or use threatening, abusive, insulting or indecent language, fight or commit disorderly or immoral conduct of any kind.

(*Ord. 40, 5/14/2009, §6*)

**§16-107. Littering.**

Dumping of rubbish, trash and littering of any kind is forbidden and violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

(*Ord. 40, 5/14/2009, §7*)

**§16-108. Defacing of Park.**

It shall be unlawful for anyone to deface, mutilate, mistreat, abuse, destroy, mark, write or paint upon anything in the park whether natural or man-made.

(*Ord. 40, 5/14/2009, §8*)

**§16-109. Use or Operation of Motor Operated Vehicles Prohibited.**

Use or operation of motor operated vehicles in the park is prohibited except in designated parking areas during the normal hours the parking lots are open. ATV's, snowmobiles, recreation vehicles are prohibited anywhere in the park, including parking lots.

(*Ord. 40, 5/14/2009, §9*)

**§16-110. Pets Permitted in Park.**

Pets permitted in the park must be under the control of owner at all times and leashed. Pet waste must be cleaned up and disposed of properly by the owner.

(*Ord. 40, 5/14/2009, §10*)

**§16-111. Penalties.**

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof before a magisterial district judge, be guilty of a summary offense and shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$600 and undergo imprisonment for a period of not more than 30 days or both except for an offender who defies an order to leave the premises which is personally communicated to him by the a Township official or other authorized person, which shall constitute defiant trespass, 18 Pa.C.S. §3503, which constitutes a misdemeanor of the third degree and upon conviction shall pay a fine of not more than \$2,500. All prosecutions shall be brought in the name of the Township of Thornhurst and all fines shall be paid to Thornhurst Township.

(*Ord. 40, 5/14/2009, §11; as amended by Ord. 41, 11/10/2011*)