

Medina County Park District

Rules & Regulations

1.0 VANDALISM, DEFACEMENT, DESTRUCTION, DISTURBANCE, OR REMOVAL

- 1.1 VANDALISM - No person shall cause physical harm to any building, property, or equipment owned, leased, or managed by the park district.
- 1.2 DEFACEMENT, DESTRUCTION, DISTURBANCE, AND/OR REMOVAL - No person shall injure, deface, destroy, disturb, or remove any part of a park, including but not limited to buildings, signs, equipment, trees, flowers, shrubs or other vegetation, fruit or seed thereof, rock, mineral, fossil or archeological artifact, or mammals, birds, or any other wildlife whether alive or not, with the exception of legally obtained fish.
- 1.3 METAL DETECTORS PROHIBITED - The use of metal detectors within the confines of park property is prohibited without prior written permission of the director.
- 1.4 INTRODUCTION OF PLANTS - No person shall plant, propagate, leave or introduce plants, roots, seeds, or, otherwise, cultivate plants of any type in the parks without prior written permission of the director.

2.0 LITTERING, DUMPING, GARBAGE, SEWAGE, NOXIOUS MATERIALS, AND POLLUTION

- 2.1 LITTERING, DUMPING, GARBAGE PROHIBITED - No person shall bring into, leave behind, place, or drop any material of any kind in the park, except refuse, ashes, or garbage from permitted activities; such materials shall be deposited in receptacles for such purpose. No bottles, cans, refuse, or any foreign material of any description shall be deposited or thrown in any stream, waterway, pond, or lake in or adjacent to park lands.
- 2.2 SEWAGE, NOXIOUS, OR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS - No person or corporation shall, either within or outside of the park, place, dump, release, spill, or discard onto lands or into any river, stream, brook, ditch, pond, or lake any sewage, noxious, or hazardous materials that may render park property or waters harmful to public health, animals, vegetation, or aquatic life; or that may prevent, limit, or interfere with the use of park property. All sanitary sewage shall receive adequate primary, secondary, and tertiary process-plant treatment prior to resultant clear effluent entering into park property.
- 2.3 POLLUTION - No person or organization shall cause or allow any burning of garbage, refuse, waste material, trash, or any other material within or adjacent to a park so as to cause smoke, odor, sparks, dust, etc., to pass over, through, or across the park and cause air pollution, nuisance, or damage.

3.0 FIRES, LIMITATIONS

- 3.1 STARTING OF FIRES - No person shall start a fire in the park except small fires for culinary purposes in park grills or fire rings, privately owned grills, or in places

designated by the director or authorized agent. The director or agent may, at his/her discretion, prohibit fires for a limited period at any location or for any purpose when necessary for the protection of park property. All fires shall be continuously attended under the care and direction of a competent person. All fires shall be extinguished by the person or persons responsible for starting said fires prior to leaving the vicinity.

Camp fires shall be permitted provided the materials used were not taken live from the park and provided fires are maintained so that such burning is accomplished without the emission of dense smoke, sparks, odor, dust, ash, etc.

3.2 PORTABLE STOVES OR GRILLS - Portable stoves or grills are prohibited on picnic tables.

3.3 DUMPING OF ASHES, LIMITATIONS - The dumping of hot ashes or fire from portable picnic grills onto the grass or plants is prohibited. Hot ashes shall be deposited only in specified areas or designated receptacles but not in picnic refuse receptacles.

3.4 LIGHTED MATCHES, CIGARS, CIGARETTES, ETC. - No person shall drop, throw away, or discard any lighted match, cigar, or cigarette within or adjacent to any park property.

4.0 MOLESTING WILDLIFE, HUNTING, TRAPPING, FISHING

4.1 MOLESTING WILDLIFE – No person shall pursue, harass, harm, or molest any wild bird or animal either personally or by the use of dogs, horses, vehicles, or devices of any kind. No person shall rob or disturb bird nests, eggs, or animal dens.

4.2 HUNTING, TRAPPING PROHIBITED - No person within the confines of the park shall pursue, hunt by any means, or trap any wildlife, except in areas designated for such purpose by the board. If permitted hunting on designated hunting areas, a state hunting license shall be required, and all state and park laws shall apply for limits, seasons, hours, times, and other restrictions deemed necessary.

4.3 GENERAL FISHING REGULATIONS - Park waters open to fishing are subject to restrictions deemed necessary by the park district to ensure and maintain safe, quality fishing opportunities. No person, while fishing in district waters, shall violate fishing restrictions or limits.

At Chippewa Lake, fishing from watercraft is prohibited within 50 feet of docks, within the slalom course established for water-skiers, and in designated swim areas.

The following rules apply to all district waters except Chippewa lake, which shall be subject to State of Ohio fishing regulations:

A) No person shall take, keep, or possess fish that are smaller and/or larger than posted size limits, and/or take, keep, or possess a quantity of fish in excess of posted limits.

(B) No person shall take, keep, or possess white amurs. All white amurs are protected and, if caught, must be immediately released unharmed.

(C) All fishing lines must be attended at all times, and no person, while fishing within the parks, shall leave his/her lines unattended.

(D) No person shall fish by any means except by line and pole.

(E) Fishing with nets is prohibited in district waters.

(F) The use of trotlines, banklines, floatlines, and/or setlines is strictly prohibited in district waters.

(G) Archery fishing is prohibited in district waters.

4.4 FISHING LICENSE REQUIRED – A fishing license is required by anyone 16 years of age or older while fishing in Chippewa Lake or any waters within the district that are also considered, in-whole or in-part, waters of the state as defined in Chapter 1531 of the O.R.C. Waters within the district, such as ponds or impoundments, of which fish cannot migrate up and/or downstream, will not require a fishing license.

4.5 FROG GIGGING - No person within the confines of the park shall engage in frog gigging.

4.6 TURLING PROHIBITED - Taking of turtles by any means is prohibited.

4.7 FEEDING OF WILDLIFE - Feeding of wildlife is strictly prohibited.

4.8 INTRODUCTION OF AQUATIC ANIMALS PROHIBITED - No person shall add, stock, deposit, or introduce fish, frogs, turtles, or any other species of aquatic animals into district lands.

4.9 ICE FISHING - Ice anglers may use holes no larger than 12 inches in diameter and no more than six tip-ups and two rods per person. Ice fishing shelters must display the full name and address of the owner or user in English lettering.

5.0 FIREARMS, FIREWORKS, EXPLOSIVES, WEAPONS, DISCHARGE, ARCHERY

5.1 CONCEALED FIREARMS, DEADLY WEAPONS, DANGEROUS ORDNANCE - No person, except duly-authorized employees, rangers, or other law-enforcement officers, shall knowingly carry or have concealed on his/her person(s) or concealed ready at hand, any firearm, any deadly weapon, and/or any dangerous ordnance, unless the person(s) has (have) a valid permit for concealing a handgun, or as otherwise provided by law.

5.2 FIREWORKS, EXPLOSIVES - No person shall possess, use, or discharge any type of firework, explosive device, or incendiary device within the parks.

5.3 WEAPON DISCHARGE - No person, except duly-authorized employees, rangers, or other law-enforcement officers, while in the confines of a district property, shall discharge any firearm of any description except while legally hunting or during special district-permitted educational programs or to save a life.

(A) No person located off of park property shall discharge a firearm or other potentially dangerous projectile toward park property where it may be reasonably expected that such discharge would (1) cause the projectile to pass over or land on park property or (2) alarm, endanger, or injure wildlife, property, or persons on park property.

(B) No person, except duly-authorized employees, rangers, or other law-enforcement officers while in the confines of the park, shall possess or discharge air or gas guns, BB or pellet guns, black-powder guns, stun guns, tasers, paintball guns, smoke bombs, martial arts weaponry, sling shots, or any missile-throwing device except while legally hunting or during special district-permitted educational programs involving said weapon(s).

5.4 ARCHERY - No person shall release an arrow, possess or use archery equipment, arrows, bows, cross bows, and/or long bows within park properties except when legally hunting at a park, using a district archery range, or during special district-permitted educational programs.

6.0 INDECENT CONDUCT, EXPOSURE, SOLICITATION, LOITERING, OBSCENE MATERIALS

6.1 INDECENT CONDUCT - No person shall appear in the park in a state of nudity or commit, perform, or engage in lewd, lascivious, obscene, or indecent acts or behaviors.

6.2 SOLICITATION - No person shall solicit or attempt to solicit anyone to engage in a sexual act, act of perversion, or any lewd, lascivious, or indecent acts or behaviors.

6.3 LOITERING - No person shall loiter in or about restroom facilities, buildings, swimming areas, or loiter around vehicles within or adjacent to the parks.

6.4 OBSCENE MATERIALS - No person shall bring into the park, display, or leave behind any photograph, publication, or apparatus of lewd, lascivious, obscene, indecent, or pornographic nature.

6.5 UNLAWFUL ENTRY OF RESTROOMS - No persons, except maintenance employees who are on duty, rangers, or other law-enforcement officers, shall enter into any restroom set aside for the opposite sex.

7.0 DISORDERLY CONDUCT, ASSEMBLAGE, DISTURBING THE PEACE, RESISTING

7.1 DISORDERLY CONDUCT - No person shall recklessly cause inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm to another.

7.2 UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLAGE - No person or group shall gather in or adjacent to the park for any unlawful purpose or in a riotous assemblage that would annoy, harass, or inflict any injury upon any person or park property.

7.3 DISTURBING THE PEACE - No person shall indulge in any noise, boisterous, or disorderly manner or in any way disturb the peace or good order of the park and its

intended peaceful use. No person shall disrupt the park by loud playing of audio equipment, noisemakers, fighting, quarreling, or any riotous clamor or tumult.

All persons shall refrain from the use of obscene, profane, or abusive language within the park.

- 7.4 FAILURE TO COMPLY - Persons who enter district property shall remain upon such property only so long as they abide by the rules and regulations of the district and only so long as they abide by the lawful instructions and directions of agents or signage of the district and shall peaceably leave said property if so directed by such agent. No person shall ignore, disobey, or refuse to comply with any legal request, direction, or lawful order of any ranger, agent of the district, or any law-enforcement officer while in the park.

8.0 GAMBLING, ALCOHOL, DRUGS OF ABUSE, SMOKING

- 8.1 GAMBLING PROHIBITED - No person shall play, engage, or otherwise participate in any games of chance within the parks. A special-use permit is required for fundraising events.

- 8.2 ALCOHOL PROHIBITED - No person shall possess, use, or offer for sale, any intoxicating liquor or alcoholic beverages as defined in O.R.C. Section 4301.01 nor shall any person enter or remain within the parks while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or alcoholic beverages. The commissioners of the park district may designate dates, times, or places where alcoholic beverages are permitted.

(A) Alcohol may only be served at private events (e.g. wedding receptions, graduation parties) held in enclosed facilities as long as alcoholic beverages are kept indoors, and the host obeys all laws. No person under age 21 may be served alcohol. The host/renter shall be solely responsible for compliance with all laws and the conduct of his/her guests.

(B) Any nonprofit organization raising money by selling or serving alcohol, including but not limited to selling drinks by the glass, auctioning off bottles of alcohol, charging admission fees, or offering tastings, must obtain an F permit from the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control.

(C) The sale of alcohol or the sale of tickets to fundraising events where alcohol will be served is prohibited at The Lodge at Allardale due to the prohibition of alcohol sales in Granger Township.

- 8.3 DRUGS OF ABUSE - No person shall use or possess any type of illegal drug or controlled substance nor shall any person enter or remain within the parks while under the influence of illegal drugs or controlled substances.
- 8.4 SMOKING & VAPING - No person shall smoke or use vaping products inside any park district building or within 20 feet of entryways of structures or refuse to immediately extinguish any lighted cigarette, cigar, or similar item when asked to do so by any park district employee, park district volunteer, or park district representative.

9.0 TRAFFIC

- 9.1 **DEFAACEMENT OF SURFACES** - No person shall knowingly accelerate a motor vehicle causing the tires to spin, mark, squeal, and/or deface park roadways, parking lots, turf areas, or graveled lots.
- 9.2 **STORAGE OF VEHICLES PROHIBITED** - No person shall park or store any vehicle of any type within or upon district lands except in areas designated for such purpose and for the act of typical park visitation. Any vehicle left unattended for more than 12 hours within the confines of a park and/or left between the hours of closing and opening without a special-use permit to do so shall be subject to removal at the owner's expense.
- 9.3 **VEHICLES RESTRICTED TO ROADWAYS** - No vehicle shall be driven over or upon any portion of the park except drives and roadways established for designated vehicle use.
- 9.4 **SPEED** - No person shall drive, propel, or cause to be driven any vehicle in excess of the posted speed limit on any road, drive, parking area, trail, or any other area established for vehicle traffic. On any road, drive, parking area, or trail established for vehicle traffic that is not posted, no vehicle shall exceed 25 MPH nor shall any person operate a vehicle at a greater speed than is posted on roads adjacent to a park.
- 9.5 **PARKING RESTRICTIONS** - No person shall park any vehicle within or upon any traveled roadway, right of way, drive, entrance, trail, or other areas restricting vehicle travel or creating a hazard or restriction for emergency or maintenance vehicle access.
- (A) Parking on grass, lawns, or other areas not designated for vehicle parking is strictly prohibited except during pre-scheduled, district-approved park functions requiring temporary additional parking or in an emergency.
- (B) Boat trailers shall be parked in designated spaces only.
- 9.6 **HANDICAPPED PARKING AREA** - No person shall park any non-registered handicap vehicle in a posted/marked handicapped area.
- 9.7 **VEHICLE OPERATION** - No person shall operate, or permit another to operate, any vehicle on a park district roadway, parking area, trail, path, or transportation corridor (1) in an unsafe or reckless manner that poses a threat of injury to persons, animals, park structures, or foliage; or (2) when the condition of such vehicle or the conditions of such roadway, parking area, trail, path, or transportation corridor is unsafe.
- 9.8 **ELECTRIC BIKES, ATVS, GO CARTS, MINI BIKES** - Only Class 1 and Class 2 electric bikes (e-bikes), as defined by the Ohio Revised Code, are permitted on multipurpose trails with crushed limestone or asphalt surfaces. E-bikes are not permitted on natural surface, equestrian, or mountain bike trails, or in other areas managed by the park district. Internal combustion engine-powered/motorized trail bikes, all-terrain and all-purpose vehicles, go carts, and/or mini bike-type vehicles are prohibited on park property. This rule does not include any motorized wheelchair, any electric personal

assistive mobility device, or other power-driven mobility devices required for individual handicapped utilization.

- 9.9 FAILURE TO REGISTER VEHICLE - No person shall operate any motor vehicle, including but not limited to snowmobiles, ATVs, motorcycles, go-carts, automobiles, or all-purpose vehicles, on any area of the park without proper registration of such vehicle as mandated under the Ohio Revised Code.
- 9.10 TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES - No person shall, while operating any vehicle of any type, disobey any traffic control sign or device while in the park.

10.0 WATERCRAFT REGULATIONS

For the purposes of this rule, "waters of the district" means any water areas within the boundaries of any park and any waters under the management authority of the Medina county park district.

The administrator of the Medina county park district, or the administrator's designee, may grant written permission for vessels exceeding the horsepower limits or motor restrictions established in this rule to operate on waters of the district if it is determined that the public safety will be adequately protected. Such a permit may be issued to park district personnel and contracted service providers for law enforcement, training, rescue, salvage, testing, and maintenance activities when necessary for safe and efficient operations. Written permission allowing for the operation of vessels that exceed established horsepower limits or motor restrictions may also be issued to the owners or operators of recreational vessels and commercial passenger carrying vessels when it is determined that greater horsepower is necessary for safe operations due to the size, shape, and weight of such vessels.

(A) Limitations on powercraft.

(1) On any waters of the district except Chippewa lake:

- (a) It is unlawful to operate or permit the operation of any powercraft other than a powercraft propelled by an electric motor.
- (b) The operation of a powercraft propelled by an electric motor or combination of electric motors exceeding a total combined horsepower rating of ten horsepower is forbidden.

(2) Upon the waters of Chippewa lake:

- (a) It is unlawful to operate or permit the operation of a powercraft propelled by a motor or combination of motors with a total combined horsepower rating in excess of three hundred, ninety-nine horsepower.
- (b) It is unlawful for any person to operate or permit the operation of a watercraft in manner that does not comply with an area of controlled operation as designated and marked under the provisions of Revised Code 1547.08.
- (c) No person is permitted to operate or permit the operation of a powercraft at a speed greater than idle speed or at a speed that creates a wake in the south bay, the western shore zone, or the eastern shore zone.
 - (i) "South bay" includes all waters south of a line extending southeast from the boat launch (41° 3' 39.69" N 81° 54' 35.56" W) to the north end of Beau Bay beach (41° 3' 35.49" N 81° 54' 13.54" W) on the eastern shoreline.

- (ii) "Western shore zone" includes all waters of a uniform width of one-hundred feet lying parallel with and contiguous to the shoreline extending northward from the boat launch (41° 3' 39.69" N 81° 54' 35.56" W) to the inlet (41° 4' 24.21" N 81° 54' 40.47" W) along the western side of the lake.
- (iii) "Eastern shore zone" includes all waters of a uniform width of three-hundred feet lying parallel with and contiguous to the shoreline extending northward from the Beau Bay beach (41° 3' 35.49" N 81° 54' 13.54" W) to the inlet (41° 4' 24.21" N 81° 54' 40.47" W) along the eastern side of the lake.

Exemptions to the Chippewa lake powercraft limitations may be granted by the administrator of the Medina county park district, or the administrator's designee, for sanctioned events or activities. Any person or organization wishing to apply for an exemption may submit an application detailing the dates, times, and any other information deemed to be necessary not less than thirty days prior to the commencement of such activities. Notice of an approved exemption will be provided to the applicant. Any person operating a powercraft while participating in exempted activities may be compelled to show proof of such exemption to law enforcement or Medina county park district personnel upon request. Failure to abide by provisions stated in the notice of exemption may result in the suspension or revocation of the exemption.

(B) It is unlawful for any person to operate, or permit to be operated, a powercraft at a speed in excess of idle speed on any waters of the district between sunset and sunrise local time.

(C) It is unlawful for any person to voluntarily leave any vessel to swim in district waters except in a designated boater swim area.

(D) The operation of submersibles, seaplanes, hovercraft, mechanically propelled airboats, wing-in-ground craft, and ski-free mechanisms is prohibited on all waters of the district.

(E) It is unlawful for any person to operate or allow the operation of any mechanically powered apparatus, device, contrivance, or combination of a mechanically powered recreational vessel and any towable apparatus, device, or contrivance to become airborne over the waters of the district.

(1) It is unlawful for any person, while operating a powercraft, to tow or allow the towing of any person using an apparatus, device, or other contrivance for the purpose of becoming airborne over the waters of the district.

(2) It is unlawful for any person to utilize any device, or allow the utilization of any apparatus, device, or contrivance designed or used for the purpose of becoming airborne over the waters of the district while being towed by a powercraft.

(3) It is unlawful for any person to use any hydro jet device while operating upon waters of the district.

For the purposes of this rule, "hydro jet device" means a modular apparatus that is tethered to a mechanically powered recreational vessel or other type of power unit by a hose or conduit that delivers pressurized water allowing the device to utilize water jets for the purpose of allowing an operator or passenger to maneuver along the surface of the water, ascend above the surface of the water, or dive below the

surface of the water by means of controlling the thrust and direction of the water jets.

Use of any sailboard or kite board, as defined in section 1547.532 of the Revised Code, is permitted on waters of the district, provided that any such vessel is operated in a safe manner and does not interfere with the navigation of other vessels.

(F) It is unlawful for any person to possess or overtly and publicly consume or display the presence of any beer or intoxicating liquor, as defined in section 4301.01 of the Revised Code, while occupying any vessel on the waters of the district.

(G) It is unlawful for any person to use, access, moor, tie-up or otherwise secure a vessel to a privately held dock or park district dock designated for seasonal contractual use without permission of the owner or contracted lessee except in emergency situations or in storm conditions which constitute a hazard to the safety of any persons or property involved.

(H) It is unlawful for any person to operate or permit the operation of a powercraft at a speed greater than idle speed on waters of the district or at a speed that creates at wake at any time when warning flags are posted.

(J) No person shall operate a paddlecraft outside of the South Bay, Western Shore, and Eastern Shore no-wake zones at Chippewa Lake on Saturdays, Sundays, and federal holidays.

11.0 DOCKING AT CHIPPEWA LAKE

Definitions. The following definitions shall apply to all subsections of these rules:

(A) “**Anchor**” shall mean to anchor, dock, store, beach, tie-up or otherwise leave a watercraft unattended.

(B) “**Chippewa Lake**” shall mean the waters of Chippewa Lake up to the high-water mark, as distinguished from the Village of Chippewa Lake, or other land or water areas which may be owned or controlled by Park District.

(C) “**Chippewa Lake Communities**” shall mean the Village of Chippewa Lake, the Village of Gloria Glens, and residents of Euclid Avenue, Lakeside Drive, Lakeview Court, and Shady Slope Drive in Lafayette Township, Medina County, Ohio who reside within 600 feet of Chippewa Lake.

(D) “**Chippewa Lake Community Residents**” shall mean owners of real property in any of the Chippewa Lake Communities, and current residential tenants of such properties named in a current lease agreement.

(E) “**Dock**” shall mean a wharf, platform, or any other similar permanent or semi-permanent structure which is used to secure or access watercraft to or from a shoreline area.

(F) “**Lakeshore Property**” shall mean real property which abuts and includes a portion of the high-water mark of Chippewa Lake.

(G) “**Lakeshore Property Owner**” shall mean the owner of title to Lakeshore Property.

(H) To “**Place or Maintain**” a dock, and “**Placement or Maintenance**,” shall mean to install, construct, maintain, install, use, repair and replace a dock.

(I) “**Private Dock**” shall mean a dock which is affixed to Lakeshore Property and is not owned by the Park District.

(J) “**Private Dock Owner**” shall mean the owner of a Private Dock.

(K) “**Private Dock Tag**” shall mean a tag provided by an issuing agency approved by the Park District that provides proof that a Private Dock is properly registered for the current year.

(L) “**Private Dock Watercraft Sticker**” shall mean a tag provided by an issuing agency approved by the Park District that provides proof that a watercraft is properly registered for the current year to be anchored at a Private Dock.

(M) “**Rules**” shall mean the rules of the Medina County Park District.

(N) “**Shoreline**” means any portion of a parcel of real property which includes the high-water mark of Chippewa Lake.

11.2 Applicability. Unless otherwise explicitly stated herein, the subsections of Section 11 of these Rules shall apply exclusively to Chippewa Lake and the lands and waters directly abutting Chippewa Lake.

11.3 Anchoring watercraft. No person shall anchor a watercraft except as may be in compliance with Park District rules. Unattended watercraft shall be anchored to a secure dock which is placed or maintained in compliance with these Rules. Unattended watercraft shall not be anchored to each other (“rafted up.”)

11.4 Private Docks. Any Lakeshore Property Owner, or any person who can provide proof of a deeded property right to place or maintain a Private Dock, shall have the right to place or maintain a Private Dock, for the purpose of providing access from the Lakeshore Property to the navigable waters of Chippewa Lake, subject to these Rules. No other person may place or maintain a Private Dock on any portion of Chippewa Lake without prior, written consent of the Park District.

11.5 Placement and maintenance of Private Docks.

a. Placement. All Private Docks must be placed or maintained, between 80 degrees and 100 degrees perpendicular from the shoreline, and with a minimum of 30 feet between any other dock at every point of the dock structure(s) regardless of configuration. No person may change or alter the location, length, size or configuration of a Private Dock unless that person first provides an update to the registration of such

Private Dock specifying the proposed location, length, size or configuration of such Private Dock to the Park District or its designee as set forth in Section 20.6.

b. Construction/materials. All Private Docks shall be of materials which are durable, designed for its intended use, and shall be placed and maintained in a good, workmanlike, safe manner. Private Docks may be floating or stationary. Private Docks shall extend no more than 200 linear feet from the shoreline.

c. Overnight docking. No person may anchor a watercraft at a Private Dock within the Chippewa Lake Communities between one hour after sundown to one hour before sunrise unless that person is a Chippewa Lake Community Resident. All watercraft anchored at a Private Dock must prominently display a Private Dock Watercraft Sticker for the current boating season.

11.6 Registration of Private Docks. Private Dock Owners shall register every Private Dock within 30 days of placement, and before June 1 of every year thereafter. For each new registration, a Private Dock Owner shall provide proof in a manner that is satisfactory to the Park District that the Private Dock Owner is either the owner of the real property where the Private Dock is to be located, or has written permission from the owner of the real property where the Private Dock is to be located for placement of the Private Dock. For each registration or renewal of registration, Private Dock Owners shall (i) provide proof of ownership of the real property that contains the Private Dock, (ii) provide information regarding the location, length, size and configuration of the Private Dock; (iii) provide current proof of liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 coverage for property damage and personal injury including wrongful death; and (iv) pay a registration fee as may be determined by the Park District. The registration fee from January 1, 2025 through 2044 shall be \$25. Private Docks shall be registered annually through the designee of the Park District, which will provide a Private Dock Tag for each registration. For the purpose of allowing the Park District to complete a survey of all dock locations, lengths, sizes, and configurations for safety and consistency, no new dock registrations will be accepted for calendar year 2025 that were not previously issued a Private Dock Tag during the most recent issuance of Private Dock Tags.

11.7 Display of Private Dock registration. Every Private Dock owner shall affix and maintain a current Private Dock Tag to the Private Dock in a manner which is prominent and legible. No person shall remove, deface, cover or otherwise obscure a Private Dock Tag from a Private Dock.

11.8 Registration for watercraft anchored at Private Docks. Every owner or user of a watercraft shall register said watercraft through the designee of the Park District, in addition to any registration which may be required with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, prior to anchoring at a Private Dock. Every owner or user of such watercraft shall re-register said watercraft prior to June 1 each year thereafter as long as said watercraft is intended to be anchored at a Private Dock. For each registration or renewal of registration, watercraft owners shall (i) provide proof of ownership of the watercraft; (ii) identify the Private Dock where the watercraft is intended to be anchored; and (iii) the

signature of the owner of the residential dwelling within the Chippewa Lake Communities which shall be associated with said watercraft. The watercraft owner shall pay a registration fee of \$75 per year per watercraft through December 31, 2034, and \$125 per year per watercraft for the year starting January 1, 2035 through 2044. Owners of a watercraft will be provided with a Private Dock Watercraft Sticker for each registration. There shall be a limit of two Private Dock Watercraft Stickers issued per property with an inhabited residence within the Chippewa Lake Communities. Private Dock Watercraft Stickers may only be issued to residents of Chippewa Lake Communities or owners of inhabited residences within Chippewa Lake Communities.

11.9 Display of Private Dock Watercraft Sticker. Every owner of a watercraft which is intended for docking at a Private Dock shall affix and maintain a current Private Dock Watercraft Sticker on the exterior stern of the watercraft in a manner that is clearly visible above the waterline under normal operating conditions including when the watercraft is docked. Private Dock Watercraft Stickers may not be obscured at any time by any object, permanent or temporary, including but not limited to covers and tarps. Expired Private Dock Watercraft Stickers shall be removed from the watercraft upon expiration. Users may not display expired Private Dock Watercraft Stickers on any watercraft. The Private Dock Watercraft Sticker does not replace any registration sticker(s) required by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. No person shall remove, deface, cover or otherwise obscure a watercraft sticker from a watercraft that is intended for anchor at a Private Dock.

11.10 Compliance. In addition to the penalties set forth in Section 21.1:

(i) Failure to properly register a watercraft or to properly display a Private Watercraft Sticker may result in the removal of watercraft at the owner's expense. The Park District or its designee will post notice on the watercraft at least 5 days before such removal.

(ii) Failure to properly register a Private Dock or properly display a Private Dock Tag may result in the removal of the Private Dock at the owner's expense. The Park District or its designee will post notice on the watercraft at least 10 days before such removal.

11.11 Emergency docking. The restrictions on docking in Section 20 of these Rules shall not apply when compliance would reasonably constitute a hazard to the safety of the person or property involved due to an unforeseen emergency or storm conditions.

11.12 Other structures prohibited. No person may construct, maintain, install, use, repair or replace any structure or object that is affixed to Park District property, including structures or objects which are secured or attached to or weighted upon the bed of Chippewa Lake, other than those specifically permitted under these Rules without prior, written consent from the Park District.

12.0 EQUESTRIANS AND MOUNTS

12.1 HORSEBACK RIDING/WALKING - No person shall ride or walk any horse upon any part of the park except in areas established for such use. Horses are strictly prohibited on hiking trails, on multipurpose trails, in picnic areas, and other park areas.

- 12.2 FAILURE TO YIELD OR CONTROL - No person shall ride any horse or other animal on or along any bridle trails or other areas without due regard for the safety of other riders, vehicles, and/or pedestrians. Where bridle trails cross roads, trails, or parkways, mounts shall yield the right of way to any vehicles or pedestrians.
- 12.3 EQUESTRIAN EVENTS, SPECIAL EVENTS, PERMITS - No person, group, and/or organization shall schedule, have, or otherwise hold any equestrian riding events, shows, programs, and/or riding lessons on park property without first obtaining a special-use permit from the director.

13.0 PETS AND DOMESTIC/WILD ANIMALS, LEASHES

- 13.1 DOGS, CATS, ANIMALS RESTRICTIONS - Dogs and cats are permitted if controlled at all times on leashes not more than eight feet long. One person may not have more than three dogs or cats under his/her control at any time. All pets are strictly prohibited in wildlife sanctuaries. A leash is not required within the confines of designated dog park enclosures or in park district hunting zones while legally hunting.

12.1(A) Dogs larger/heavier than 30 pounds are restricted from entering "small dog" enclosures of a district dog park.

12.1(B) Dogs must be accompanied and supervised by their owners or guardians at all times while at or within the confines of any district dog park.

12.1(C) All dogs, while upon district property, must wear their state-issued licenses.

12.1(D) No person shall have or keep in a park any dog, cat, pet, livestock, or other animal destructive to birds, wildlife, or property.

- 13.2 UNRULY DOGS - No dog shall be allowed to disrupt, disturb, be obnoxious, and/or be a nuisance to other users or the good order of the park. Unruly dogs will be required to leave the park. Any dog incurring three violations of the "unruly" dog code will be banned from park properties.
- 13.3 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS - No person shall mistreat, cruelly beat, mutilate, or torture any animal on park property.
- 13.4 ABANDONING ANIMALS - No person shall release, leave behind, or otherwise abandon any domestic, wild, or exotic animal within or adjacent to district properties.

14.0 CAMPS AND CAMPING

- 14.1 CAMPING PERMIT REQUIRED - No person or group shall establish or maintain any camp, lodging, dwelling, or temporary lodging, or sleeping place within district properties or parks without first obtaining a specific written camping permit from the director. Camping is permitted in established areas only.
- 14.2 FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CAMPING REGULATIONS - All persons engaged in lawful camping shall abide by all established camping rules and restrictions in addition to

all park regulations. Failure to comply with any and all camping rules may result in expulsion from the park.

15.0 SWIMMING, SWIMMING AREAS, BEACHES, POSTED RULES

- 15.1 PROHIBITED SWIMMING AREAS - No person shall swim or attempt to swim in any park waters, except in designated swimming areas during hours of operation.
- 15.2 SWIMMING AREAS AND BEACHES - No glass bottles, metal, plastic, fiberglass, cardboard, or any food or beverage containers, wood, wire, or other undesired substances are permitted on the beaches adjacent to or in swimming areas.
- 15.3 FAILURE TO OBEY SWIMMING AREA RULES - No person shall fail to abide by all swimming area rules and regulations established for safe operation and maintenance of said area.
- 15.4 DIVING PROHIBITED - Diving with self-contained underwater breathing apparatuses (SCUBA diving) is prohibited without written permission from the director.

16.0 PARK HOURS, CLOSED OR RESTRICTED AREAS

- 16.1 PARK HOURS - No person shall be permitted to enter, remain, stop, or park within the confines of the park between the hours of dark (defined as one hour past sunset) and 6 a.m., unless otherwise posted or with prior written permission, or in an immediate emergency, or if participating in an authorized district program/event. This rule does not apply to the Chippewa Lake boat ramp area and waters of the lake that are open twenty-four (24) hours per day. Rangers or park agents may close any park area deemed necessary for public safety concerns or immediate threat of hazard or harm.
- 16.2 CLOSED OR RESTRICTED AREAS - No person shall enter, drive, or trespass on any district properties posted closed or restricted. If posted closed or restricted, entering, driving, or trespassing on park areas, roads, drives, buildings, waters, and/or structures is strictly prohibited without a permit. No person shall trespass in or upon any park preserve without first obtaining written permission from the director.
- 16.3 PERSONS RESTRICTED TO TRAILS - No person, while walking, hiking, jogging, etc., shall enter, wander, or meander through areas of the park except in areas designated for said use, and all visitors shall, otherwise, remain on designated trails.
- 16.4 BICYCLES PROHIBITED ON NATURE TRAILS - Bicycles are restricted to designated trails and shall not be ridden on nature trails in parks or in the district's nature preserves and wildlife sanctuaries.

17.0 SNOWMOBILES, SLEDDING, SKIING, SKATING

- 17.1 SNOWMOBILES RESTRICTED - No person shall use or operate a snowmobile on any surfaces within the district without written permission from the director or for emergency/rescue operations by emergency personnel.

- 17.2 SLEDDING, SKIING, SKATING - No person shall sled, ski, or skate within areas designated or posted unsafe or restricted to said use.
- 17.3 UNSAFE SLEDDING, SKIING - No person shall sled or ski in such a manner as to affect the safety of him/herself or others or cause damage to park property. This includes the construction or building of jumps or ramps or placement of hazards or devices within any sledding or ski areas.
- 18.0 GOLFING, GAME SAFETY, SKATEBOARDING**
- 18.1 GOLFING RESTRICTED - No person shall practice or play golf or disc golf in any district properties.
- 18.2 GAME SAFETY - No person shall play horseshoes, baseball, soccer, or any other games or sports in an unsafe manner and shall play safely with the welfare of other park visitors in mind.
- 18.3 SKATEBOARDS, ROLLERBLADES, NON-MOTORIZED SCOOTERS - Skateboards, rollerblades, and non-motorized scooters may be used on asphalted multipurpose trails and sidewalks only and are not permitted to be ridden upon, within, or along roadways, parking lots, curbing, in and around parked vehicles, or on steps, railings, fences, tables, shelters, or benches.
- 18.4 RAPPELLING/CLIMBING - No person, except park employees and/or contracted personnel, shall use equipment or devices including climbing spikes, ropes, harnesses, ladders, tree stands, scaffolding, or any other implement for climbing and rappelling trees, cliffs, walls, and/or rocks without first obtaining a special-use permit from the director.
- 19.0 POWERED MODELS, MODEL ROCKETS, AVIATION, AND DRONES**
- 19.1 POWER MODELS RESTRICTED - All fuel engine-powered model cars, boats, and planes are restricted from use in the parks without a special-use permit from the director. No person shall operate any battery, electric, or other type of model cars, boats, and planes without first obtaining a special-use permit from the director.
- 19.2 MODEL ROCKETS PROHIBITED - The operation of model rockets is prohibited without first obtaining a special-use permit from the director.
- 19.3 AVIATION - No person shall bring into, land, or cause to descend or alight any airplane, ultra-light plane, flying machine, balloon, parachute, or other apparatus for aviation within the parks, except for emergency landings only.
- 19.4 DRONES AND UNMANNED AIRCRAFT - No person shall be permitted to operate drones or unmanned aircraft within the parks, or the airspace over the parks, if the activity interferes with the safety and security of the park and its facilities, detracts from the promotion of public health, or causes unnecessary disturbances to visitors and wildlife. Commercial use of drones on and over park property is not permitted without written permission from the director.

20.0 CONCESSIONS, ADVERTISING, SALES, PERMITS, FEES

- 20.1 CONCESSIONS PROHIBITED - No person, group, or organization shall sell or offer for sale any article, item, thing, privilege, or service within the park without obtaining a special-use permit from the director.
- 20.2 ADVERTISING, POSTING SIGNS - No person, group, or organization shall expose, distribute, or place any sign, advertisement, circular, notice, statement, banner, emblem, or design within or upon any park without obtaining prior written permission from the director.
- 20.3 COMMERCIAL USE OF PARKS - No person shall take or cause to be taken still or video pictures, sketches, or paintings of park property for commercial advertising use without written permission from the director.
- 20.4 ERECTION OF TEMPORARY SHELTER - No person shall erect, install, or place a tent, canopy, or temporary shelter or structure on park property for the purpose of selling or promoting unless part of a park event or program without first obtaining a special-use permit from the director.
- 20.5 UNLAWFUL SALES, PEDDLING - No person shall sell, beg, peddle, or solicit within the parks, except by permit from the director.
- 20.6 PERMITS REQUIRED - All groups shall obtain a written permit from the director prior to entrance to and use of any park or facility and payment of any fee, if required. No person or group shall sponsor, promote, conduct, or participate in any special activity, meeting, parade, concert, show, exhibit, bazaar, sporting event, musical performance, wedding ceremony or reception, assembly, rally, picketing, children's day camp, public meeting, demonstration, speech or address, march, political meeting, or other organized activity unless first applying for and obtaining a special-use permit from the director. Failure to obtain a written permit from the director may result in expulsion from the park.
- 20.7 RESERVATIONS AND FEES - Facilities of the park district such as shelters, camping areas, reservable portions of park areas, and/or field areas, and the like may be reserved, and, upon payment of fees, if any, the park district may reserve areas for persons and organized groups. Failure to pay required permit fees will result in denial of use and/or expulsion from the park in addition to future loss or denial of use of facilities.

21.0 ENCROACHMENT

- 21.1 ENCROACHMENT OF PARK LANDS - No person or persons or adjacent property owner shall encroach upon lands owned, leased, or administered by Medina County Park District.
- 21.2 ENCROACHMENT OF ADJACENT LANDS - No person or persons utilizing park lands, trails, waters, or other park property shall trespass from park property onto adjacent private property.

21.3 ADJACENT PROPERTY PRIVACY - No person, while within the parks, shall adversely affect or interfere with adjacent property owners' rights to privacy.

22.0 PENALTY - 1545.99 O.R.C.

22.1 Whoever violates any section or subsequent section of this code shall be fined not more than \$150 for the first offense and not more than \$1,000 for each subsequent offense.

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**Medina County Park District
Board of Commissioners**