

**North Huntingdon Township**  
**Parks & Recreation**  
**Rules & Regulations**

The following information is presented to pavilion renters for the purpose of providing general guidance on park usage. The items described below are **NOT** all inclusive of Township Park Rules and Regulations. Park users remain subject to all provisions of Township park rules and regulations including those not expressly stated within this document.

### **Prohibited Activities**

#### **Motor Vehicles**

- Driving or parking on grass areas or trails.
- Landing any aircraft.
- Operating snowmobiles, dirt bikes, all-terrain vehicles.

#### **Shrubs, Flowers, Trees, Grass, Turf, Soil or Rock Formation**

- Picking, cutting, breaking, digging or injuring in any way.

#### **Buildings, Structures or Park Facilities**

- Damaging, defacing or misusing in any way.

#### **Waste Paper, Garbage and Refuse**

- **Confetti and staples**
- Failing to clean up and place all picnic waste paper, party decorations, garbage, or refuse in designated containers.
- Depositing in park receptacles waste paper, garbage, or refuse brought from outside the park.

#### **Animals and Birds**

- Molesting, trapping, hunting, killing or injuring in any way.
- Abandoning animals or birds within the parks.
- Feeding of wildlife is prohibited.

#### **Public Gatherings**

- Meetings, assemblies, parades or related forms of public gatherings are prohibited without possession and presentation of a written authorization through the Administration Office of the Township of North Huntingdon and signed by the Township Manager.

#### **Advertising**

- Posting or distributing any notices, advertisements or handbills.

#### **Weapons and Explosives**

- Possession or discharge of firearm(s) or weapon (s).
- Possession or setting off fireworks or explosive devices or the launching of rockets.

#### **Merchandising**

- Offering, distributing, supplying, renting or selling any literature, commodity, article, material, equipment, service or supply, is prohibited without possession and presentation of a written authorization through the Administration Office of the Township of North Huntingdon and signed by the Township Manager.

#### **Noise**

- Using electrical amplifying equipment.

#### **Alcoholic Beverages**

- Consumption of alcoholic beverages in any buildings or areas of the park is prohibited.

#### **Bottled Beverages**

- All beverages in glass containers.

#### **Domestic Animals**

- Domestic animals, including dogs, at Indian Lake Park.
- Domestic animals in attendance at Township sponsored events.

#### **Violations & Penalties**

- Any person being an individual, a partnership or corporation or any combination of the aforesaid, violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a summary offense and upon first conviction shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars and 00/100 (\$100.00); and upon the second offense a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars and 00/100 (\$500.00); and upon a third offense a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$1,000.00) upon conviction thereof, which fine shall be paid to the Township of North Huntingdon, and the fines and penalties may be collected by suit instituted in the name of the Township of North Huntingdon before any District Magistrate in like manner as debts of like amount may be sued for by existing laws.

## Regulated Activities

### Recreational Activities

- Picnicking, tennis, golf, skating, bicycling, skiing, sledding, baseball, softball, fishing, horseshoe pitching, model powered plane, and related and similar forms of recreation are permitted only in areas designated for such use and in no case shall be permitted in areas where park facilities, areas, or park visitors can be injured.

### Fires

- Fires are permitted only in grills and facilities and must be thoroughly extinguished before leaving the area.
- Matches, cigars, cigarettes and charcoal must be thoroughly extinguished before being disposed.

### Domestic Animals

- Domestic animals are permitted at all Township parks with the exemption of Indian Lake and must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet in length and under the owner's or possessor's control at all times
- Domestic animals must remain no less than 20' from pavilions, playground equipment, and athletic playing fields. Owners are required to clean up after their domestic animals immediately.

### Sale of Food and Refreshments

- Food and refreshments may be sold by concession under the provisions of their respective concession agreements.
- If food and refreshment concessionaires are willing to provide such service at special events, the holders of the appropriate permit may provide that service for the public, subject to the provisions set forth by the Township.

### Charging for Admission to Permit Areas and Buildings

- The holders of permits for special use areas who are engaged in a non-profit making enterprise may charge the public admission to an event. Such a charge is subject to the approval of the Township of North Huntingdon one week prior to the date of the permit.

### Public Gatherings

- Meetings, assemblies, parades or related forms of public gatherings will be permitted upon possession and presentation of a written authorization through the administration Office of the Township of North Huntingdon and signed by the Township Manager.

### Use of Permit Facilities

- Permits are required to reserve buildings, shelters, pavilions, athletic fields and other facilities.
- Individual (non-league) ballfield rentals become available for the spring season, April 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup> and for the fall season, August 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Fishing

- Fishing, as regulated by the Pennsylvania Fish Commission is permitted during regular park hours.

### Park Hours

- North Huntingdon Township parks are open from 8:00 AM until sundown.
- Indian Lake is open to the public from 5:00 AM until 10:00 PM.

### Handicapped Facilities

- Except for those individuals who are physically handicapped and those individuals required to assist handicapped individuals, no individual shall be permitted to use any designated "Handicapped Use Only" area.

### TOWNSHIP MANAGER OR DESIGNEE

The Township Manager or written designee shall have the authority to grant permission to written requests for use of Township property and parks owned and maintained by the Township of North Huntingdon. Such permission shall be in response to a written request which will be followed by the grant or denial in writing of the request received. However, the Township Manager or designee may at any time determine that the nature of the request for permission to use Township property including parks is of such a nature that it must be sent to the Board of Commissioners for the grant of approval or denial.

### VIOLATION AND PENALTIES

Any person being an individual, a partnership or corporation or any combination of the aforesaid, violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a summary offense and upon conviction thereof, shall pay a fine and penalty of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), which shall be paid to the Township of North Huntingdon, and the fines and penalties may be collected by suit instituted in the name of the Township of North Huntingdon before any District Magistrate in like manner as debts of like amount may be sued for by existing laws.

**I fully understand that any violation of the aforementioned Park Rules and Regulations will result in the forfeiture of my pavilion rental permit and could result in a citation and fine.**

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Signature of Applicant and / or Responsible Person

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Date

### GENERAL INFORMATION – PICNIC PAVILION

- 1.) Be sure to note the location of pavilions before indicating the desired pavilion rental.
- 2.) Fires are permitted in grills only.
- 3.) Glass refreshment containers are not permitted for use in the parks.
- 4.) A Pavilion Reservation Permit should be in the possession of the permittee or his or her representative while using the pavilion.
- 5.) Park only in areas provided when driving in the parks, be doubly careful and watch for playing children.
- 6.) Do not park in any grass areas. PLEASE LEAVE YOUR PICNIC AREA CLEAN!