

**CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF INDIANA TOWNSHIP**  
**PART TEN - STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE**  
**TITLE SIX - Other Public Services - CHAPTER 10: Parks, Parklets, Ballfields and Courts**  
**(Ordinance #288, as revised)**

**1060.1 RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

All persons, while using any of the facilities in the Township parks, parklets and ballfields, shall comply with the following rules and regulations:

- (a) Paper, rubbish or any refuse shall be deposited in the receptacles provided for that purpose. *(Ordinance 121. Passed 11-9-71.)*
- (b) Alcoholic beverages shall be allowed in parks by permit only. Permits for the use of alcoholic beverages may be obtained at the Township office. Bottled beverages of any kind are hereby prohibited in parks.
- (c) Picnics shall be allowed only on locations provided for that purpose. Persons holding picnics shall clean up and place all waste paper and other refuse in receptacles provided for that purpose. Permits for use of park buildings, pavilions, ballfields, courts or other areas are hereby required to clean up and place all waste paper and other refuse in receptacles provided for that purpose. Permits for the use of park buildings, shelters, ballfields or other areas are hereby required and may be obtained in the Township office by persons twenty-one (21) years of age or older.
- (d) Grass areas shall not be used for roadways, parking or for other purposes which may injure or destroy the turf or landscaping.
- (e) Trees, shrubs, hedges, berries, wild flowers or other flowers shall not be picked, cut, broken or injured in any way.
- (f) Buildings, fences, fountains, statuary, benches, signs or other structures shall not be injured or defaced in any way.
- (g) Swimming is hereby forbidden in any lake or stream, nor may any use be made of any of these waters which may contaminate them.
- (h) Lotteries or other gambling or games of chance, drunkenness, disorderly or indecent conduct and profane or offensive language are hereby prohibited.
- (i) No person shall, in any park, clean, polish, grease, lubricate or make repairs to any vehicle, except those of a minor nature and then only in cases of emergency.
- (j) Pets are permitted, only when held in leash, on nature trails and similar areas. Pets are not permitted on ballfields or any play areas. Owners shall be responsible for cleaning up after their pets.
- (k) No firearms, air guns, pistols, rifles, bows and arrows or weapons of any nature shall be used or carried within the limits of the park.
- (l) Fires may not be built or allowed anywhere in the park other than in stoves or fireplaces provided for that purpose. No person shall throw away or discard any lighted match, cigar or cigarette in any park.
- (m) Peddlers, picnic parties or any other person whatsoever shall not sell or offer for sale any article or service for hire within the limits of any park, or set up therein any stand or booth for such purpose, or distribute or display handbills, cards or advertisements of any nature whatsoever unless duly authorized to do so.
- (n) Games, contests or sports are permitted only in areas designated for such use and in no case shall such uses be permitted in areas where lawns or planting may be injured or where such games or contests may interfere with park regulations. *(Ordinance 121. Passed 11-9-71.)*
- (o) Park hours are from sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset. No person shall enter or remain in the park during closed hours.

- (p) There shall be no fishing in any of the streams or ponds of the park unless such person has the required state license. Fishing shall be permitted by children under the age of sixteen (16).
- (q) Motorized vehicles of any sort are permitted only on roadways and designated parking areas. The Park and Recreation Board is hereby authorized to establish further speed, traffic control, and vehicle regulations on and about any roads, driveways, parking areas, or other areas within any of the Township parks.
- (r) Defacing, littering or making unsanitary any rest rooms, washrooms, portable toilets, picnic pavilions or any other structure in the parks is prohibited.
- (s) Moving of picnic tables or other park equipment is prohibited.
- (t) Horses shall be permitted only on the park roadways and trails only.
- (u) Activities of a nature not permitted by these heretofore regulations may be engaged in only by special permit of the Board of Supervisors or Township Manager, upon written application therefore and under the conditions specified in such special permit.  
*(Ordinance 194. Passed 3-23-82)*
- (v) Camping is not permitted in any of the parks, parklets or ballfields.
- (W) Charging a fee for teaching skills and/or giving instructions in any of the Township parks, parklets or ballfields by individuals and/or groups is prohibited.
- (x) Tents, flees, canopies and other portable coverings are only permitted in the area from the Old School House Pavilion to the beginning of the Emmerling House property, and from the end of the parking lot to the slope leading to the playing fields.
- (y) Petting zoos are NOT PERMITTED in the park, unless authorized by the Township Manager.
- (z) Inflatable activities are permitted in the park, provided the proof of liability insurance is submitted in order to relieve the Township of Indiana from any responsibility.

**1060.02 APPLICATION PROCEDURE.**

- (a) Applications for park and parklet pavilions and ballfields must be obtained from the Township, who shall then issue pavilion and ball field use permits upon payment of the non-returnable fee and returnable deposit.
- (b) All applicants must state on the application whether or not they represent a group or organization. The Township secretary or designee shall have the right to revoke any permit which is obtained in violation of this section, and any applicant found misrepresenting his application in this section shall be subject to penalty as provided in section 1610.00.
- (c) Prior to issuance of a permit, the applicant must deposit with the Township a returnable deposit fee, as specified in section 1060.03(c). This deposit will be promptly refunded in full if the pavilion or ball field is left in a clean and undamaged condition following use. The applicant must submit a self-addressed stamped envelope with the Township for return of the deposit, or personally pick up the deposit within two (2) weeks of the reservation.
- (d) Scheduling of park and parklet pavilions shall be made in order of applications received. Season use of the ballfields by leagues and organized groups shall be scheduled on an equitable basis giving first consideration to resident applications. The Manager shall have the exclusive right to determine whether or not to schedule an organized use of a ballfield for any particular day or time, or leave the field open for non-organized resident use.
- (e) Applications for the parks and parklets will be accepted on February 1st of each year (or the next business day if the 1<sup>st</sup> falls on a weekend). Applications for ballfields for the spring and summer season will be accepted beginning February 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year and beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> for the fall season. Both the spring and fall season permits shall be assigned according section 1060.02 (d).

**1060.03 PAVILION, COURTS AND BALLFIELD PERMIT FEES** (Fees subject to change annually)

(a) Pavilion use fees for a single day shall be:

(Emmerling Community Park: Old Mill Dam School, Dogwood, and Laurel Oak Pavilions; Middle Road Community Park: Pleasant View Pavilion)

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number of People</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Alcohol Fee</u>
1	1 - 50	\$50.00	\$100.00*	\$10.00
1	51-100	\$65.00	\$100.00*	\$10.00
2	1 - 50	\$80.00	\$100.00*	\$25.00
2	51-100	\$110.00	\$100.00*	\$25.00
3	1 - 50	\$120.00	\$100.00*	\$60.00
3	51-100	\$200.00	\$100.00*	\$60.00

**SPECIAL NOTE: THE FEES FOR THE MORRIS PAVILION IN MIDDLE ROAD COMMUNITY PARK, (2) NEW PAVILIONS IN EMMERLING COMMUNITY PARK (one across creek and one behind Emmerling House), AND PAVILIONS AT RURAL RIDGE COMMUNITY PARK SHALL BE ONE HALF (1/2) OF THE FEE LISTED IN 1060.03 (a) IN ALL CATEGORIES. THE DEPOSIT AND ALCOHOL FEES WILL BE THE SAME.**

(aa) Gazebo use fee for a single day shall be:

(Emmerling Community Park)

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number of People</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Alcohol Fee</u>
1	1 - 50	\$70.00	\$100.00*	\$10.00
1	51-100	\$95.00	\$100.00*	\$10.00
2	1 - 50	\$145.00	\$100.00*	\$25.00
2	51-100	\$220.00	\$100.00*	\$25.00
3	1 - 50	\$220.00	\$100.00*	\$60.00
3	51-100	\$295.00	\$100.00*	\$60.00

Category Descriptions

1 = Resident of Indiana Township or Resident of Indiana Township representing a non-profit organization.

2 = Non-resident or Non-resident representing a non-profit organization.

3 = Any for profit corporation or organization

**SPECIAL NOTE: IN THE EVENT THE PICNIC TABLES ARE MOVED OUT OF THE GAZEBO AND NOT PUT BACK IN PLACE, THE DEPOSIT WILL BE FORFEITED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE OUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO MOVE THE TABLES OUT OF THE GAZEBO FOR YOUR EVENT AND PLACE THEM AROUND THE GROUNDS SURROUNDING IT, THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL \$100 FEE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE OUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO MOVE THE TABLES OUT OF THE GAZEBO FOR YOUR EVENT AND TAKE THEM ENTIRELY OUT OF THE AREA, THERE WILL BE A \$100 FEE PLUS YOU WILL BE CHARGED THE BILLABLE RATE FOR THEIR TIME TO DO THIS. THIS ADDITIONAL BILLABLE RATE FEE MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO THE RELEASE OF YOUR DEPOSIT.**

(b) Ballfield use fees, for adult or commercial and industrial league use shall be a follows:

(1) Municipal Field (Route 910) - \$350.00 per day, per field, per season on a specified day of the week. Field deposits will be \$100 for a single field use and a \$200.00 deposit for two or more fields. Said deposit will remain with the Township as long as the field request is yearly.\*\*

(2) Emmerling Community Park Fields (Cove Run Road) - \$300.00 per day, per field, per season on a specified day of the week. Said deposit will remain with the Township as long as the field request is yearly.\*\*

(3) Middle Road Community Park Fields - \$300.00 per day, per field, per season on a specified day of the week. Said deposit will remain with the Township as long as the field request is yearly.\*\*

(4) Rural Ridge Community Parklet Field - \$300.00 per day, per field, per season on a specified day of the week. Said deposit will remain with the Township as long as the field request is yearly.\*\*

(5) Municipal Field (Route 910), Emmerling Community Park Fields, Middle Road Community Park Fields and Rural Ridge Community Parklet Field - \$20.00 per single day use with a \$50.00 deposit.\*\*

(6) Municipal Field (Route 910), Emmerling Community Park Fields, Middle Road Community Park Fields, and Rural Ridge Community Parklet Field for tournaments and/or clinics - \$100.00 per day with a \$100.00 deposit.\*\*

*The Field Allocation Letter that is provided by the Township stating that field use is granted will serve as your Field Usage Permit.*

(c) Volleyball Courts

(1) \$20.00 per court per night, with a \$50.00 deposit\*

(2) \$100.00 per court per season on a specified day of the week, with a \$100.00 deposit.\*\*

(3) \$100.00 per court per day for tournaments and/or clinics, with a \$100.00 deposit.\*

(d) The returnable deposit fees shall be subject to all users.

\* All deposits are returnable, provided the facilities are left in a clean and acceptable condition.

\*\* A \$25.00 deduction will be taken from the deposit fee for each time the fields and courts are in need of cleaning by the Township maintenance staff. Once the deposit fee is depleted, an additional \$100.00 will be assessed to users of the facilities. Users will be denied use of the field until the additional \$100.00 deposit is received by the Township.

***If a Township worker should be called out to reset a breaker in a park, a \$25.00 fee will be deducted from your deposit.***

(e) Additional classifications of parks, pavilions and ball fields permit fees or modification of such fees may be established by the Township by resolution from time to time as deemed necessary.

(f) Exceptions from fees:

(1) Park shelters – Non-profit groups or organizations may be charged the resident fee for use between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Fees may be waived by the Township manager.\*\*\*

(2) Ballfields - No fee charge for youth leagues, 17 years or younger, when at least some players are residents of Indiana Township. However, the deposit fee shall be required.\*\*\*

(3) \*\*\*Deposit requirements shall not be waived.

(g) Refunds of fees will be made if adequate cancellation notice (at least seven days) is given so that facility may be used by others.

**1060.99 PENALTY**

Violation or failure to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter shall be fined not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) or imprisoned not more than thirty (30) days in the County Jail, or both such fine and imprisonment. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation or noncompliance occurs or continues.

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***\*\*If any serious problems arise please call the Township Police, 412-767-5333 x 315\*\****