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ORDINANCE NO. 03-2025

AN ORDINANCE OF PULASKI TOWNSHIP PROVIDING FOR RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF THE PULASKI TOWNSHIP PUBLIC AREAS

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Pulaski Township seeks to create a safe and enjoyable environment in all Township parks, recreational areas, picnic areas, monuments, and historical sites; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Pulaski Township aims to establish rules and regulations for the proper control, management, and use of the Township's public areas; and

WHEREAS, Pulaski Township desires to ensure that the public areas are used responsibly for recreation and open space purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Township Supervisors of the Township of Pulaski, Pennsylvania, as follows:

Section 1: Title

This document shall be known as "The Pulaski Township Public Areas Rules and Regulations."

Section 2: Purpose

These regulations are established to govern the conduct of individuals in parks, recreational facilities, and public areas maintained by Pulaski Township, and to ensure the protection and responsible use of public property. Enforcement of these rules is delegated to the Pulaski Township Board of Supervisors. Additionally, where the facilities are managed by entities other than Pulaski Township, the applicant must comply with the rules and regulations established by the facility's owner.

Section 3: Definitions

Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms used in this Ordinance shall have the following meanings:

- A. "Township " refers to the Township of Pulaski.
- B. "Public Areas" refers to any lands or facilities owned or leased by the Township of Pulaski, designated for recreation or open space purposes.
- C. The term "Pulaski Township Building" shall mean the building held by the Township Supervisors and Secretary of Pulaski Township, which is responsible for managing and overseeing the public areas, including the issuance of permits and the administration of the regulations set forth in this Ordinance.

Section 4: Hours

- A. Public Areas and recreational facilities are open to the public from sunrise to sunset, unless otherwise specified by the Township.

- B. The Township may close any part of a park or recreational facility at any time, temporarily or at regular intervals, as necessary.

Section 5: Permits

Permits are required for the following:

- A. Exclusive use of shelters or pavilions.
- B. Exclusive use of athletic fields.
- C. Private events or activities expecting 50 or more attendees.
- D. Any other purpose as set forth in this Ordinance.

Section 6: Application for Reservations/Permits

- A. Reservation requests must be submitted in person at the Pulaski Township Office, Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
- B. Permits will not be issued without payment when fees are required. The Township may arrange periodic or monthly payments with groups requiring extended services.
- C. No person under the age of eighteen (18) shall be issued a permit.
- D. Permit holders are responsible for the conduct of all persons using the facility.
- E. The applicant shall complete a Rental/Permit Application and submit the same to the Township.
- F. A security deposit is required and shall be paid to the Township prior to issuance of a Permit. The security deposit shall be refunded if all conditions set forth under the permit and Rental Agreement with the Township are met.

Section 7: Guidelines for Issuance of Permits

The Township will issue a permit when all of the following conditions are met:

- 1. The use will not unreasonably interfere with public enjoyment.
- 2. The proposed use does not pose a safety hazard.
- 3. The facilities are available.
- 4. The proposed use will not cause damage to property.
- 5. The use complies with the Public Areas Rules and Regulations.

Section 8: Operation and Parking of Motorized Vehicles

- A. Vehicles must not be parked within any Township Park or Public Area between dusk and dawn, except with a permit.
- B. Vehicles should not block traffic, access roads, or impede other users at any time.
- C. ATVs, minibikes, dirt bikes, go karts and any other unauthorized motorized vehicles are strictly prohibited on any Public Areas or facilities unless special permission is given by the Township for ball field or property maintenance.

Section 9: Operation of Bicycles

No person shall:

- A. Ride a bicycle in a manner that endangers others or damages property within the Public Areas.
- B. Cause damage to trails or property by riding recklessly.

Section 10: Littering

- A. No person shall bring waste, refuse, or harmful substances into the Public Areas. No person shall bring any waste paper, sweepings, ashes, household waste, glass, metal, yard waste, animal waste or carcass, refuse or rubbish or any dangerous or detrimental substance into the Public Areas and deposit the same, either in a receptacle or any other place.
- B. Nothing in this section prohibits trash or waste generated in the park from a picnic or similar activity to being put into receptacles supplied for that purpose.

Section 11: Vandalism

No person shall:

- A. Climb on or damage any statue, fountain, wall, banister, ledge, fence, balustrade, railing, pavilion, tree, athletic equipment, bridge, or any other structure, nor engage in activities on wet grounds that harm the turf.
- B. Alter, deface, remove, or destroy any official or authorized sign.
- C. Deposit bodily waste or fluids in any restroom or similar facility or any other public structure, except in fixtures designated for such purposes.
- D. Place any bottles, cans, rags, cloth, metal, wood, or stone materials in plumbing fixtures of restrooms, similar facilities, or other structures.
- E. Cut, deface, mark, destroy, break, write on, or scratch any walls, floors, ceilings, partitions, trees, rocks, fixtures, or furniture.
- F. Cause damage to any park facilities, including restrooms, buildings, structures, property, or equipment.
- G. Engage in any form of graffiti activity in public areas.

Section 12: Other Prohibited Activities in Parks

No person shall:

- A. Tamper with drinking fountains, hydrants, or other water system facilities.
- B. Pour, spill, or permit any oil, gas, salt, acid, or other harmful or noxious substance whether liquid, solid, or gas—to escape in any area, unless authorized by an official permit.
- C. Urinate or defecate in any Public Area except in restrooms or other designated facilities.
- D. Fail to comply with any posted park signs.
- E. Camp overnight anywhere within the Public Areas.
- F. Attach, affix, erect, or mount anything to any surface without specific permission granted through a permit application.
- G. Consume alcohol or possess alcoholic beverages on Pulaski Township property.
- H. Use or discharge air rifles, air guns, paintball guns, BB guns, sling-shots, crossbows, bows and arrows, or any other tension/air-propelled devices, unless part of a special event permitted under these Rules and Regulations.

Section 13: Destruction of Plant Life and Natural Surroundings

No person shall Cut, remove, destroy, chip, blaze, box, girdle, trim, deface, or injure any tree, sapling, seedling, bush, or shrub—whether living or dead—or break or remove any branch, foliage, tree, or shrub. Additionally, no person shall pick, gather, uproot, remove, cut, or destroy any flower, fruit, berry, plant, or grass, or chisel, drill, or remove any natural stone deposit, except with written permission from the Township.

Section 14: Metal Detecting

Metal detecting is allowed with the following conditions:

- A. Digging may not exceed 12 inches and must be done with a hand spade.
- B. The area must be restored to its original condition.

Section 15: Illegal Drugs and Controlled Substances

- A. Possession or consumption of illegal drugs or controlled substances within any Public Area is prohibited.
- B. The use of prescribed medication must comply with applicable laws.

Section 16: Personal Conduct

While on any property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Township within Public Areas, no person shall:

- A. Engage in conduct with the intent to cause a breach of peace, disturb or annoy others, create public inconvenience, alarm, or recklessly create a risk thereof, including but not limited to:
 - 1. Engaging in fighting, threatening, violent, lewd, vulgar, obscene, or otherwise disorderly, abusive, or tumultuous behavior.
 - 2. Producing unreasonable loud or disruptive noise.
 - 3. Engaging in any other conduct that constitutes disorderly conduct.
- B. Participate in any form of sexual activity.
- C. Appear in public in a state of nudity or in a manner that exposes their genitals or breasts.
- D. Engage in any indecent or immoral act that may undermine public morals or manners.

Section 17: Use of Audio Equipment

No person shall use audio equipment in a manner that disturbs others.

Section 18: Fires

No person shall:

- A. Ignite or cause to ignite any tree, woodland, brush, grassland, or meadow, nor set fire to any material, item, or property within Public Areas that is not designated for such purposes.
- B. Start a fire, except in open spaces where fires may be permitted with approval from the Township and only in areas specifically designated by the Township for such use.
- C. Drop, discard, throw, or scatter lit matches, ashes, burning cigars, cigarettes, tobacco papers, or any other flammable materials.
- D. Leave fires unattended at any time or fail to fully extinguish fires before leaving them in Public Areas.

Section 19: Fireworks and Explosives

The possession or discharge of fireworks or explosives is prohibited unless authorized by the Township .

Section 20: Dogs, Pets, and Other Animals

- A. Dogs, pets, and other animals must be kept under the control of their owner at all times.
- B. No person shall:

1. Bring, drive, lead, or carry any dog, animal, or domesticated pet on a leash longer than six (6) feet or animals must be under the **immediate** control of a competent person unless otherwise designated for “dog play” area.
 2. Bring a dog, cat, or other domesticated animal into Public Areas unless the animal has a current year’s license and up-to-date rabies/inoculation/vaccination tags.
 3. Torture, abuse, or neglect any animal.
 4. Allow their dog or other pet to pursue, catch, wound, or kill any bird, animal, or reptile, or disturb the nests, dens, homes, or places of refuge of any other animal or bird.
- C. All persons must remove any feces deposited by their dogs, cats, or other domesticated animals.
- D. Nothing in this section or Ordinance shall prohibit or interfere with the use of guide, signal, or service animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Section 21: Hunting and Trapping

Hunting and trapping are prohibited on all property owned or operated by the Township unless prior written approval is obtained from the Township .

Section 22: Fishing and Pond Use

- A. Fishing Allowed: Fishing is permitted in the pond, but all anglers must adhere to Pennsylvania state fishing regulations for licenses and fishing methods.
- B. No Boats, Canoes, or Watercraft: The use of boats, canoes, kayaks, or any other watercraft is strictly prohibited on the pond unless used for maintenance purposes by Township employees.
- C. No Wading, Swimming, or Floating: Wading, swimming, or floating in the pond is not allowed under any circumstances
- D. Aquatic Food Only: Only approved aquatic food can be used for feeding fish. No other substances (such as trash, chemicals, or debris) should be thrown into the pond.
- E. Respect the Environment: Help preserve the pond’s natural habitat by following these rules and keeping the area clean. Dispose of all waste properly and respect wildlife.
- F. Catch and release only unless authorized by Township or special event permit.
- G. No barbed hooks are permitted to be used to catch fish.

Section 23: Trespassing

- A. Unauthorized entry into restricted areas or buildings is prohibited.
- B. Overnight camping within the Public Areas is prohibited.

Section 24: Unlawful Obstruction

No person shall block access to or prevent others from using the Public Areas.

Section 25: Firearms and Weapons

- A. Firearms may be possessed in accordance with Pennsylvania law.
- B. The use or discharge of air rifles, paintball guns, and similar devices is prohibited unless authorized by the Township.

Section 26: Fees, Charges, and Regulations

The Township may establish and amend fees, charges, forms, and regulations related to the use of the Public Areas, subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Section 27: Penalties

Any violation of this Ordinance may result in a fine up to \$300, restitution for damages, or imprisonment for up to 90 days. Serious violations may result in expulsion from Township recreational facilities for up to two years. Enforcement of this Ordinance shall be by action brought before a district justice in the same manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure. The municipal solicitor may assume charge of the prosecution without the consent of the District Attorney as required under Pa.R.Crim.P. No. 83(c) (relating to trial in summary cases). Any person who shall violate a provision of this code, or fail to comply therewith, or with any of the requirements thereof, shall be prosecuted in an action brought before a district justice in the same manner as provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure. A fine in an amount not less than Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) and not more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) shall be imposed upon any person or entity found by a Magisterial District Judge having jurisdiction to have violated any provision of this Code. Upon conviction, the District Justice may prescribe imprisonment to the extent allowed by law for the punishment of summary offenses.

Section 28: Severability

If any section of this Ordinance is found to be unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.

Section 29: Repealer

All inconsistent ordinances or resolutions are hereby repealed.

Section 30: Effective Date

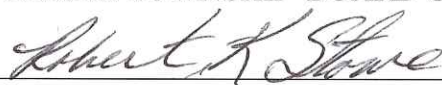
This Ordinance shall become effective on the date of enactment.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Township Supervisors of the Township of Pulaski, Pennsylvania, this 5th day of May, 2025.

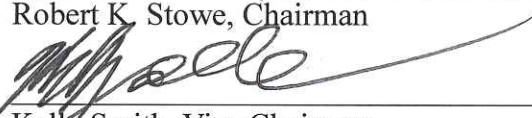
The foregoing Ordinance was ordained and enacted by the Board of Supervisors of Pulaski Township, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania on the 5th day of May, 2025 at a regularly scheduled public meeting advertised according to law with a full quorum being present.

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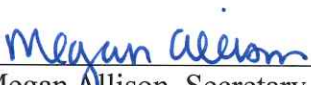
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