

Chapter 72

PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Pittsgrove 3-13-1985 by Ord. No. 3-1985. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

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| Alcoholic beverages — See Ch. 27. | Land use and development — See Ch. 60. |
| Clean Communities Program — See Ch. 34. | Noise — See Ch. 69. |
| Uniform construction codes — See Ch. 37. | Public peace and safety — See Ch. 74. |
| Dogs and other animals — See Ch. 40. | Solicitation by charitable organizations — See Ch. 82. |
| Firesafety — See Ch. 45. | Waste management — See Ch. 83, Art. I. |
| Flood damage prevention — See Ch. 47. | Vehicles and traffic — See Ch. 96. |
| Games of chance — See Ch. 48. | Public swimming pools — See Ch. 116. |
| Hazardous materials — See Ch. 49. | |

§ 72-1. Applicability.

The provisions hereof relate to the parks, streams, lakes and recreational areas within the jurisdiction of the Township of Pittsgrove, in the County of Salem and State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as “park areas,” and to all persons who enter upon or use said areas. The Township Committee of the Township of Pittsgrove, in the County of Salem and State of New Jersey is hereinafter referred to as the “Committee.”

§ 72-2. Prohibited acts.

It shall be unlawful for any person in park areas to:

- A. Willfully mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with or displace or remove any tree, plant, building, bridge, table, bench, fireplace, railings, paving, waterlines or other public utilities or parts or appurtenances thereof, signs, notices or placards, whether temporary or permanent, monuments or other structures or equipment, facilities or property or appurtenances whatsoever, either real or personal, without the authorization of the Committee.

dangerous to human safety or any instrument that can be loaded with and fire blank cartridges or any kind of trapping device.

- M. Picnic in a place other than those designated for that purpose or violate the regulation that the use of individual fireplaces, together with tables and benches, follows generally the rule of "first come, first served," unless reservations are approved in advance by the Committee for groups and organizations.
- N. Use any portion of the picnic areas or of any of the, buildings or structures therein for the purpose of holding picnics to the exclusion of other persons, nor shall any person use such area and facilities for an unreasonable time if the facilities are crowded.
- O. Leave a picnic area before the fire is completely extinguished and before all trash in the nature of boxes, paper, cans, bottles, garbage and other refuse is placed in the disposal receptacles where provided. If no such trash receptacles are available, then refuse and trash shall be carried away from the area by the picnicker to be properly disposed of elsewhere.⁵
- P. Set up tents, shacks or any other temporary shelter for the purpose of overnight camping, nor shall any person leave in the park areas after closing hours any movable structure or special vehicle to be used for such purpose, such as a house trailer, camp trailer, camp wagon or the like without prior approval of the Committee.
- Q. Take part in or abet the playing of any games involving thrown or otherwise propelled objects such as balls, stones, arrows, javelins or model airplanes, except in areas set apart for such forms of active recreation by the Committee.
- R. Ride a horse, except on designated bridle trails. Where permitted, horses shall be thoroughly broken and properly restrained, and ridden with care, and shall not be allowed to graze or go unattended nor shall they be hitched to any rock, tree or shrub.
- S. Ride and/or operate dirt bikes and/or all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), unless the vehicle is approved for a specific use by an individual or organization for an approved event. **[Added 2-10-2009 by Ord. No. 1-2009]**
- T. Allow animals or pets of any kind in any Pittsgrove Township facility, unless it is a medically approved service animal accompanying the owner. **[Added 2-10-2009 by Ord. No. 1-2009]**
- U. Park in a location that is not in a designated parking area. Vehicles illegally parked will be subject to towing at the owners' expense. **[Added 2-10-2009 by Ord. No. 1-2009]**
- V. Possess firearms, fireworks, bows, arrows, slings and other projectiles, including golf clubs and golf balls. **[Added 2-10-2009 by Ord. No. 1-2009]**
- W. Possess and/or use alcohol and/or drugs in any Pittsgrove Township facility. **[Added 2-10-2009 by Ord. No. 1-2009]**

5. Editor's Note: See Ch. 83, Art. I, Waste Management.

- H. Expose or offer for sale any article or thing, nor shall any person station or place any stand, cart or vehicle for the transportation, or sale or display of any such articles or things, without written consent of the Committee.
- I. Paste, glue, tack or otherwise post any sign, placard, advertisement or inscription whatever, except as may be authorized by the Committee.

§ 72-5. Days and hours of operation.

- A. Except for unusual and unforeseen emergencies, park areas shall be open to the public every day of the year during daylight hours, except that Green Branch Park, which has artificial lights for its facility, shall be permitted to stay open after daylight hours during authorized use of said lights. [Amended 12-22-1997 by Ord. No. 13-1997]
- B. Park areas or any section thereof may be declared closed to the public by the Committee at any time and for any interval of time, either temporarily or at regular and stated intervals (daily or otherwise) and either entirely or merely to certain uses, as the Committee shall find reasonably necessary.

§ 72-5.1. Park access; field maintenance; Township responsibility. [Added 2-10-2009 by Ord. No. 1-2009]

- A. Pittsgrove Township public parks and recreation facilities are for the use and benefit of the general public and shall remain accessible to all members of the public from dawn to dusk, unless otherwise reserved and approved by the Pittsgrove Township Recreation Committee and the Pittsgrove Township Committee, or otherwise set forth in this chapter. All such use shall be in accordance with all applicable state, county and local laws and ordinances. [Amended 4-14-2009 by Ord. No. 6-2009]
- B. Pittsgrove Township Public Works Department shall exclusively set a schedule to rest and maintain any given field at any Pittsgrove Township facility.
- C. Pittsgrove Township shall not be responsible for lost or stolen property or any damage to personal property while on Township premises.
- D. Pittsgrove Township shall not be responsible for any costs incurred in enforcing rules, laws or ordinances applicable to use of the facilities or expenses arising from improper or unapproved use of the facilities by individuals or organizations.

§ 72-5.2. Requests for use; complaints; equipment use. [Added 2-10-2009 by Ord. No. 1-2009]

The following provisions shall apply to any request to use a park or park facility:

- A. Reservations are required at least 30 calendar days in advance for most activities, however those events which will likely utilize the majority of any given complex for four hours or more on any given day (such as tournaments, community celebrations, etc.)