

PARKS AND RECREATION

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Township of Lower Macungie

General Rules for Township Recreation Facilities

Purpose of Rules:

The following rules are established, adopted, and enacted by the Township of Lower Macungie for the health, welfare, benefit, and safety of Lower Macungie Township residents, and other visitors to and users of the Township’s recreational facilities. Any violation of these rules is a violation of Township Ordinances, and may be enforced by imposing civil penalties for the violations.

General Rules:

1. **Scope.** These “general rules” shall apply and be effective within all parks and recreation facilities, including playgrounds, ball fields, and all other recreation areas, which are owned, held, leased, or operated by the Township of Lower Macungie, unless other rules apply, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - A. Cross Timbers.
 - B. Ancient Oak South.
 - C. Ancient Oak West.
 - D. Lower Macungie Township Park.
 - E. Church Lane Park.
 - F. Prater Memorial Park.
 - G. Lower Macungie Towns (annex).
 - H. Brookside Municipal Complex.
 - I. East Texas Playground (County owned, Township leased).
 - J. Rodale Park.
 - K. Wescosville Park.
 - L. Shepherd Hills Rec.

2. **Hours.** All parks and recreational areas are open to the public in accordance with the schedule below:

A. Regular Hours.

Season	General Dates/Months	Normal Park Hours	
		Opening	Closing
Summer	June, July, August. Sept.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 p.m.
Fall	October, November	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.
Winter	Dec., January, February	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Spring	March, April, May	8:00 a.m.	9:30 p.m.

B. Exceptions to Regular Hours.

- (1) **Fishing.** Parks and recreational areas with natural bodies of water shall be open to fisherman, actively engaged in fishing activities, 24

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hours per day, in accordance with Pennsylvania Fish and Game Commission laws and regulations, unless otherwise posted. Digging of bait is prohibited.

- (2) **Ice Skating.** During the winter season, the parks shall remain open to individuals actively engaged in ice skating activities until 10:00 p.m.
 - (3) **Buildings.** See separate “hours” rules applicable to buildings used for recreation facilities.
3. **Parking.** Motor vehicles shall not be parked within the parks or recreational areas except in designated parking areas.
4. **Prohibited Activities.** Camping, hunting, golfing (striking or hitting of golf balls), shooting (except in authorized ceremonies), trapping, the use of firearms, air rifles, spring guns, bows and arrows, or slings are prohibited.
5. **Animal Control.**
 - A. No animals shall enter upon or in any park or recreational area unless controlled by a leash.
 - B. The individual in charge of an animal entering any park or recreational area shall be in possession of proper implements for the gathering and disposing of animal feces. All such animal feces shall be collected immediately, removed from the park or recreational area, disposed in accordance with accepted sanitary standards by the individual in charge of such animal.
6. **Fires.** Fires shall be established only in fireplaces provided by the Township or in grills brought to the park or recreational area for this purpose. All fires shall be extinguished immediately following their use and before the person who established the fire leaves the park or recreational area. The charcoal, wood, or other material used as the fuel for the fire shall be wetted or cooled until the fuel may be held in hand and no glowing embers are visible, and then disposed in the receptacles located in the park or recreational area for that purpose.
7. **Respect of Park Property.** The cutting, mutilating, removing or taking away of trees, shrubs or flowers, or the removal, defacing or damaging of any park recreational area property is prohibited.
8. **Alcoholic Beverages.** The consumption, drinking, or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited, unless a special written permit is previously obtained from Lower Macungie Township.
9. **Prohibited Conduct.** Intoxication, indecent language and disorderly conduct are prohibited.
10. **Prohibition of Working on Vehicles.** No vehicle shall be repaired mechanically, washed, painted or have any other work performed on it, within the confines of any park or recreation area.
11. **Use of Snowmobiles, Motorcycles, Trail Bikes, Mini Bikes, All-Terrain Vehicles, “Three Wheelers” and Similar Vehicles.** The operation of any

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snowmobiles, motorcycles, trail bikes, mini bikes, all-terrain vehicles, “three wheelers” and similar vehicles on or within any park or recreational area property in the Township, except as transportation to or from the park or recreational area, shall be prohibited.

12. **Activities Requiring Permits.** Reservations and permits shall be required for group picnics or other group activities on or within all of the Township’s parks and recreational areas.
13. **Littering.**
 - A. **Definitions.** For the purpose of these rules, the following terms shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this rule, unless from the particular context some other meaning is clearly intended:
 - LITTER — Any waste paper, ashes, glass, grass, clippings, trimmings, advertising circulars, samples, fruit peelings, cans, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage, refuse or any other trash or municipal solid waste.
 - PERSON — An individual, partnership, firm or corporation.
 - TOWNSHIP — The Township of Lower Macungie.
 - B. **Throwing, Dumping, Placing or Leaving of Litter Prohibited.** No person or business shall throw, dump, place or leave, or cause to be thrown, dumped, placed or left, any litter on any streets, roadways, alleys, sidewalks, vacant lots in or on the grounds of any public park, swimming pools, playgrounds, recreation areas, public buildings, streams, body of water, or the banks of such streams or body of water, located within the Township.
 - C. **Accumulation of Litter.** No person shall permit the accumulation of litter on property which that person owns or occupies, to such an extent that the litter is blown, carried or swept onto any adjacent Township park or recreation area.
14. **Permits.** Permits, when required, shall be obtained at the Lower Macungie Township Municipal Building at 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA 18062, Telephone: 966-4343.
15. **Exceptions.** Exceptions to these rules may be granted only by the Board of Commissioners of Lower Macungie Township. Requests for any such exception shall be in writing and directed to the Board of Commissioners.
16. **Penalties.** Violators of these rules are subject to civil penalties of up to \$1,000 per violation, plus costs of prosecution, including reasonable attorney’s fees.