

# DES PLAINES PARK DISTRICT CODE

## *Park Board Policies, Ordinances & Rules #22-04*

### Patron Reference Version

## REVISED CODE OF THE DES PLAINES PARK DISTRICT COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Whereas, the Des Plaines Park District is a municipal corporation duly organized on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1919, under an act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois entitled “An Act to Provide for the Organizations of Park Districts and the transfer of Submerged Lands to those Bordering on Navigable Bodies of Water”, approved June 24, 1895, an act amendatory thereof: and

WHEREAS, it is deemed desirable to collect the various ordinances and regulations of the Des Plaines Park District in one ordinance to provide a single instrument of the government of the business operations of the Park District, the use of the parks and the policing of them and other facilities of the District and rules affecting personal conduct of patrons and employees of the District:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the Des Plaines Park District, in Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

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**CHAPTER I  
SCOPE**

**Section 1.01  
Designation**

This ordinance shall be known as “Revised Code of the Des Plaines Park District, Cook County, Illinois,” and the same may be so cited and referred to for purposes of identification.

**Section 1.02  
Jurisdiction**

This ordinance shall apply to and be enforced in all of the territory originally embraced heretofore added to and which may hereafter be embraced in the boundaries of said Des Plaines Park District, and in all parks, boulevards, public places, and other facilities now under or hereafter coming under the control of the District, whether within or outside the boundaries of said District.

Des Plaines residents who fall outside of the Des Plaines Park District boundaries may utilize Des Plaines Park District facilities at resident rates. They will also receive resident rates on all programs if they choose to wait till non-resident registration. This does not apply to any facility or picnic shelter rentals.

**Section 1.03  
Declaration of Control**

All premises heretofore laid out as parks and playgrounds, and such other areas, lakes, playgrounds, playfields, historical sites, and public places as may hereafter be acquired, leased laid out, or appropriated by the appropriate corporate action of the District, are hereby declared to be in the possession and control of the Des Plaines Park District, for park district purposes.

Whenever, in this ordinance, the parks, boulevards or public places of the District are referred to, such words shall be held to refer to and include all such areas, including buildings and other structures in the possession and control of the Des Plaines Park District.

**Section 1.04 “Waiver”**

The failure of the Des Plaines Park District at any time or times to enforce any provision of this Board Policy and Park Regulations Manual shall in no manner affect the right at a later time to enforce such provision.

**CHAPTER II  
DEFINITIONS**

**Section 2.01  
The District**

Whenever in this ordinance the word “District” is used, without qualifying languages, such word shall apply to and be deemed to mean the Des Plaines Park District, Cook County, Illinois.

**Section 2.02  
Commissioners and Park Board**

Whenever in this ordinance or any other ordinance hereafter adopted the words Board of Commissioners”, “Commissioners”, “Park Board” or “Board” shall appear without qualifying language, such words shall mean and will be held to mean the Commissioners of the Des Plaines Park District.

**CHAPTER III  
BOARD ORGANIZATION**

**Section 3.01  
Government**

The government of the District shall be vested in the 5 member Board of Park Commissioners, duly elected or appointed as provided by law. Commissioners will be elected for 6 year staggered terms without financial compensation.

**Section 3.04  
Regular Meetings**

Regular meetings of the Board shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month during the fiscal year, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the David L. Markworth Board Room of the Administrative and Leisure Center, 2222 Birch Street, Des Plaines, Illinois.

**Section 3.12b  
Comments from the community**

If members of the community wish to speak to the Park Board of Commissioners they will state their name, address and will be allocated three minutes to speak.

**Section 3.13  
Illinois Open Meetings Act**

The Des Plaines Park District encourages citizen and press attendance at and participation in all formal and informal meetings of the Des Plaines Park District Board of Commissioners. To that end, all meetings will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, including proper postings, notifications, semi-annual recording of minutes, and disposal of audio recordings.

**3.13 A  
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)**

The Des Plaines Park District will adhere to the requirements set forth in the Freedom of Information Act. The Superintendent of Business and Human Resource & Risk Manager are the designated Freedom of Information Officer's. The Executive Director is designated as the alternate Freedom of Information Officer. Both officers are required to complete the electronic training curriculum administered by the Attorney General's Public Access Counselor.

**Section 3.14  
ADA Compliance**

The Des Plaines Park District complies with all the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines. Should any participant have a disability and is interested in participating in or attending a Park District program, the Park District will make reasonable accommodations to facilitate that opportunity. The District has appointed an ADA coordinator, who when appropriate, will work with the Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation's Integration Specialists to provide for individual needs. The Superintendent of Recreation is the designated ADA coordinator.

**Section 3.15  
Participant Guidelines**

The District has established a policy ensuring that all persons have recreational programs and services available to them. This policy and the Participant's Code of "appropriate" Behavior are

outlined in the program brochure.

### **Section 3.19**

#### **Community Input**

The Des Plaines Park District will actively encourage and incorporate community input into the planning of programs, special events and facilities. A community needs assessment will be conducted at a minimum at least once every ten years to gather input and opinions on facilities, programs, beautification, personnel, special events and governance. Program evaluations will be distributed for all programs and special events on an annual basis. Public forums will be held for all facility or park development.

## **CHAPTER IV OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

### **CHAPTER V CORPORATE SEAL**

### **CHAPTER VII PARK SECURITY**

#### **Section 7.01**

##### **Police Officers**

Pursuant to the provisions of 70 ILCS 1205/ 4-7, the Police Officers of the City of Des Plaines, Village of Mt. Prospect, or Sheriff of Cook County are hereby authorized to act as conservators of the peace within those Parks and properties of the District within their respective jurisdictions and may arrest or cause to be arrested subject to the provisions of the Park District Police Act (70 ILCS 1325/1) and/or fined in accordance with the foregoing provisions hereof any person who violates this Ordinance or any criminal law of the State of Illinois.

The Board of Commissioners, may at their discretion, appoint additional security officers as needed. Each Police Officer and Park District Security Officer shall enforce the provisions of this Ordinance, and shall have authority to eject from any park any person acting in violation of this Ordinance.

## **CHAPTER VIII USE OF THE PARKS**

#### **Section 8.01**

##### **Advertisements**

No person shall display any placard or advertisement of any kind in any park, nor shall any person distribute, cast, throw or place any handbill, pamphlet circular, advertisement or notice of any kind, nor post, stencil or otherwise affix any notice, or bills, advertisement or any other papers upon any structure or thing in or about any park without the written approval of the Executive Director or his/her designee.

If a park site or facility is an official State of Illinois polling place, election, referendum, political signs may be placed at or near any entrance, within State of Illinois election requirements, on Election Day only. Those parties placing the signs on District property will be responsible to remove them immediately after the polls close for the day.

## **Section 8.02**

### **Aircraft Control**

No person shall fly, cause to be flown, or permit any aircraft including gas powered radio controlled aircraft of any kind to be flown over the Park System at any time at an elevation less than the minimum safety requirements established by the Federal Aviation Administration or other governmental authority or less than is reasonable and proper, or so as to endanger the safety of any person or property. No person shall land, or cause to be landed, or permit any aircraft to land in the Park System, except when required by unavoidable emergency.

No person shall fly, cause to be flown or permit any model gas powered aircraft or rocketry of any kind to be flown in the Park System without a permit and then only at such places and times as the District may, from time to time designate for the purpose.

## **Section 8.03**

### **Alcoholic Liquors**

No person under the influence of alcohol shall enter, be, or remain in, the Park System. No one shall sell any alcohol in the Park System except as approved by the Park District, and no person shall bring within, sell, possess, drink, take, use or transfer any alcohol in the Park System except as specifically authorized by Board ordinance. Lake Park Golf Course Club House is allowed to sell beer and wine to customers and for group outings. All alcohol must be kept within club house, adjacent patio, or golf course only.

The Lakeview Center will be allowed to sell alcoholic beverages at weddings, funeral events, organized party events, and/or park district events. There will be Basset Trained personnel selling said alcoholic beverages. There will be no open bar venue permitted.

Live at the Lake events – Alcoholic beverages will be allowed to be sold consisting of beer and wine. There will be Basset Trained personnel selling any said alcoholic beverages.

Mt. View Adventure Center - Alcoholic beverages will be allowed to be sold consisting of beer and wine. There will be Basset Trained personnel selling any said alcoholic beverages.

## **Section 8.03A**

### **Wrist Bands**

At the Des Plaines Park District Fall Festival where alcohol is sold and/or served, all patrons purchasing and/or consuming alcohol are required to prove with proper identification that they are 21 years of age or older and will be required to wear a wrist band provided by the District.

## **Section 8.04**

### **Animals**

- (a) Birds and Animals: No person shall trap, catch, wound or kill, or treat cruelly, or attempt to trap, catch, wound or kill, any bird, or animal, or molest or rob any nests of any bird or animal in any park. The Executive Director shall have the authority to work within the guidelines established by the Illinois Department of Agriculture to control the Canadian Geese population and reducing Black Birds within the corporate authority of the Des Plaines Park District. In addition, the Des Plaines Park District may utilize trained animals as needed to periodically chase geese as a means of keeping them off of athletic surfaces, landscaped areas and golf courses.

- (b) Dogs on Leash\* and under control are permitted in Des Plaines Park District owned parks, including general open space non-athletic areas, pathways and parking lots.

Dogs are restricted from all playgrounds and athletic/sports fields and facilities including but not limited to:

Ball field Infields and Outfields Soccer Fields Skate/Bike Parks Tennis  
Courts Volleyball Courts Basketball Courts Golf Facilities Picnic Shelters  
Ponds and Lakes

Dog owners/handlers are required to abide by the City of Des Plaines Ordinance Section 6 Chapter 1A. (Including but not limited to: inoculations, licensing, collars, tags, disturbing the peace, cleaning up after the dog)

No owner/handler will permit their dog to drink from a Park District water fountain unless the fountain is designed as “dog friendly” and includes a surface mount bowl.

No owner/handler will tie or tether their dog to any post, tree, bench, fence, Park District structure or other stationary object.

At any time the Park District may impose restrictions due to special events, Construction, or special circumstances in the interest of public safety.

\*Leash not to exceed 6 feet in length

- (c) Wildlife Feeding: No person may feed any wildlife including ducks, geese, squirrels or any other wildlife where the feeding is prohibited by Park District policy.  
(d) No person may deliver, deposit or abandon any pets or wildlife on Park District property.

## **Section 8.05**

### **Assault and Battery**

No person shall commit an assault or an assault and battery upon another person in the Park System.

## **Section 8.06**

### **Athletic Fields**

Athletic fields under the jurisdiction of the Park District are for the use of park District programs, affiliates and the general public. The Park District has a permit system in place to determine the priority use, and suitability of the site, for Ball Diamonds, Soccer Fields and other athletic areas. Any group that has a Park District issued permit will be allowed priority use. If the site is not reserved under the permitting process, the site is available on a “first come – first served basis”, as long as the proposed use is compatible \* with the intended use. All organized groups need a permit. If the specific general public use of the site is determined to NOT be compatible with the site, (as determined by the Executive Director), the participants will be denied use of the site. Any and all public address systems utilized must be authorized by the Des Plaines Park District. Any organized group will be required to obtain a permit for use of such field. Organized group is one that meets regularly or causes the Executive Director to review the definition of Criteria listed in 8.06.

\*Criteria to be used to determine whether the site is “compatible” with the intended use include, but are not limited to:

Parking Availability  
Restrooms  
Size of the site

**Section 8.07**

**Damage to Private Property/Personal Injuries**

Any person(s) engaging in any activity in or on a park property or facility is responsible for any damage to private property caused by the activity (excluding normal wear and tear). The Des Plaines Park District is not responsible for personal injury to an individual using a park or facility. In the event a park user causes personal injury to another individual while in one of the Des Plaines Park District park sites or facilities, the park user is responsible for the personal injury. The Des Plaines Park District DOES NOT provide medical insurance for park/facility users. In addition, any park patron transported by medical personnel assumes the responsibility for the related transportation costs.

All golfers are responsible for injuries or death to persons or damage to property, in any way arising out of, or occasioned by, or alleged to have been caused by such golfer or such golfer's acts or omissions

**Section 8.08**

**Begging**

No person shall beg or solicit alms (something of value) or any contribution in any park without the written approval of the Executive Director

**Section 8.09**

**Camping**

No person shall place, erect, or use any hammock, swing, tent or shelter or otherwise camp or sleep in the Park System except such organizations who may have received permission from the Executive Director to do the same.

**Section 8.10**

**Closing Hours**

- A. All parks shall be closed to the public from sunset to dawn, except as otherwise posted or in those cases where a permit is received from the Executive Director. Parks that have lighted athletic facilities including: Chippewa Park, Arndt Park and West Park shall remain open from Memorial Day until October 15 until 10:00 p.m., after which time the facility is closed.
- B. Special facilities such as Prairie Lakes Community Center, Mountain View Adventure Center, Golf Center Des Plaines, Rand Park, Mystic Waters Aquatic Center, West-Arndt and Cumberland Terrace field houses have set, year-round and seasonal hours which are posted and may vary as determined by Park District staff.
- C. The Administrative & Leisure Center and Prairie Lakes Community Center may be opened before or after normal hours if a Building Supervisor or a Full Time Employee is present to supervise the building. The individual on duty will be responsible in securing and locking up the building before leaving.

**Section 8.11**

**Concerts**

No person shall conduct any musical concert, play upon any amplified instrument nor set up or use any communication system without first obtaining a permit from the Executive Director. No such permit shall be issued if the sound produced by an amplified instrument or communication system is judged by the Executive Director or his/her designee to be a public annoyance. No person shall make or cause to be made any excessively loud or unreasonable noise which disturbs the

peace. For purposes of this section, excessively loud noise is defined as noise inconsistent with or not reasonably attendant to appropriate and customary park and recreation activities, considering the nature and purposes of the person's conduct, location, time of day or night, and other factors that would govern the conduct of a reasonably prudent person under the circumstances. This section shall include, without limitation, the loud or amplified playing of any type of audio equipment, radio or stereo, noisemaker, musical instrument, or sound equipment. This section shall not apply to the playing of any musical instrument, public speaking, or the amplification thereof, in conjunction with activities conducted, sponsored, licensed or otherwise permitted by the Des Plaines Park District.

### **Section 8.12**

#### **Construction**

No person shall construct or erect any building, tent or structure of whatever kind in any park, whether permanent or temporary in character, or run or string any public service utility into, upon or across any Park without first having obtained a permit.

### **Section 8.13**

#### **Cooperation with Authorities**

(a) No person shall hinder, interfere with, disobey or otherwise not cooperate with employees of the District in the performance of their duties, including lawful enforcement of any and all Des Plaines Park District policy, procedure, rules/regulation and official ordinances.

(b) No provision of this Code shall make unlawful any act necessarily performed by any member of the District in the carrying out of his duties and responsibilities.

### **Section 8.14**

#### **Disorderly Conduct**

No person shall make countenance or assist in making any improper noise, riot, disturbance, breach of the peace, or diversion tending toward breach of the peace, nor be guilty of any indecent or obscene act or behavior in any park. No person shall enter or remain in any park unless properly and decently clothed.

### **Section 8.15**

#### **Drugs and Other Illegal Substances**

No person shall bring within, sell, possess, consume, take, use or transfer any illegal drug or other illegal substance in the Park System. No person under the influence of an illegal drug or other illegal substance shall enter, be, or remain in the Park System.

### **Section 8.16**

#### **Excavation**

No person shall excavate or take soil or other property of any kind from the Park System under the jurisdiction of the Park District without having first obtained a written permit from the Executive Director defining the scope of such activity. Geocaching is permitted without disturbing any and all natural areas or habitats. (Geocaching is a real-world outdoor treasure hunting game that uses a GPS to locate hidden containers with the experience shared online) Metal Detectors are permitted in the parks, however, no digging or probing of the soil is permitted.

### **Section 8.17**

#### **Exceptions**

Restrictions outlined in this chapter may be waived by action of the Board; and a statement to



this effect shall be issued in writing on such occasions.

### **Section 8.18**

#### **Fires**

No person shall light or make use of any fire in any park except at Lake Park, West Park and Arndt Park in the area or areas designated by the Park Board without written authorization of the Executive Director.

### **Section 8.19**

#### **Gambling**

No person shall gamble for money or any other valuable thing in any park.

### **Section 8.20**

#### **Games and Sports**

No person shall engage in any athletic sport, game, exercise or amusement in close proximity to any playground, building, or facility which could potentially cause physical harm or damage to an individual, physical object or building. Activities include but are not limited to: baseball/softball, football, hockey, basketball, skateboarding, and soccer.

No person(s) shall interfere or engage in any conduct upon such portion of the Park District designated for any particular activity in such a way as to interfere with the use of such portion by persons who are using the facility for the particular sport, game, exercise, or amusement for which it has been designated.

### **Section 8.21**

#### **Golf**

No person shall play golf or practice in the Park System except when said golf is in an established golf class or under the supervision and direction of the Park District or when said golf is played or practiced at Lake Park Golf Course or the Golf Center Des Plaines, in accordance with the current rules and regulations established for play at said Lake Park Golf Course and Golf Center Des Plaines.

### **Section 8.22**

#### **Improper Behavior**

No person shall use any abusive, threatening, or profane, indecent or obscene language, or language calculated to occasion a breach of the peace, nor induce, commit or perform any indecent or obscene act or behavior, nor exhibit, possess or transfer indecent or obscene pictures, writings or articles of any kind within the Park System.

There will be a ZERO Tolerance to any persons that use our facilities, athletic fields, or programs. All parents, coaches, volunteers at our sporting events are required to uphold the highest standard and should never raise their voices, use foul language, or display any aggressive behavior. Any altercations physically or verbally brought to the Des Plaines Park District's attention will result in the individual or party being immediately suspended from using our facilities and/or be on Park District grounds for a minimum of 3 months to a maximum of 1 year, based on the situation. The Executive Director will decide the length of such suspension. This ZERO Tolerance Policy will need to be incorporated in any group's bylaws in order for them to receive a permit to use our facility or athletic fields.

### **Section 8.23**

#### **Improper Use of the Park**

No person shall climb any tree nor climb, walk, stand or sit upon any wall, building, fountain,

fence, railing in any place within the Park System nor upon any other Park District property not designated or customarily used for such purposes. The use of skate boards and inline skates are prohibited from being used anywhere except in designated areas including the Mt View Adventure Center Skate Park. “Grinding” \* is prohibited on any park structure, equipment or building except at the Mt View Adventure Center Skate Park.

\* Grinding is the term used by skaters to describe the act of gliding their skateboard or inline skates along an edge in a mostly perpendicular fashion.

## **Section 8.24**

### **Indecent Exposure**

No person shall expose any part of the body to the public in an indecent or lewd manner, nor speak or make advances in a profane or obscene way, or make any indecent or obscene gestures in any part of the Park System. Nor shall any person take, or attempt to take any immoral, improper or indecent liberties with any child or adult of either sex in any part of the Park System.

## **Section 8.25**

### **Lake Park Rules**

Lake Park will be open for certain recreational activities during the period between April 1 through October 31, from 8:00 a.m. to sunset, or when conditions permit and the park is posted that it is open.

#### **A. GENERAL PARK RULES**

All persons planning to boat must check in and out with the Lake Park receptionist, who will be stationed at the pro shop desk. They must be boat owners or have passed a skipper’s test.

- (1) No persons under six years of age shall be allowed to enter the park unless accompanied by an adult eighteen years of age or older.
- (2) Under No circumstances shall any person be permitted to walk, run, drive, ice skate, sled, slide, ice fish, and ice sail or otherwise enter onto the ice surface on Lake Opeka.  
([www.desplainesparks.org](http://www.desplainesparks.org)).

#### **B. HEALTH REGULATIONS**

- (1) Swimming and wading shall not be allowed in the lake.
- (2) No sewage from areas outside of the park or within the park shall be allowed to drain into the lake or park.
- (3) Water drainage into the lake will be permitted only by permission of the Park Board and then only when same is free from sewage, oil or any other material that is harmful to fish, animal or plant life.

#### **C. FISHING REGULATIONS**

- (1) Lake Opeka is a Des Plaines Park District owned lake.
- (2) Fishing shall be permitted from 6:00 a.m. (Saturdays and Sundays) and from 7:00 a.m. (weekdays) until 15 minutes prior to sunset.
- (3) Minnows will not be permitted as bait in the lake. Worms and artificial bait shall be the only bait permitted.
- (4) Waders and hip boots will not be permitted.
- (5) There shall be no limit on the size and number of fish caught in the lake, except by state law as defined by the Illinois Department of Natural resources, and local limit of five (5) trout and 12” size limit on Northern Pike.

- (6) No one shall stock or attempt to feed fish at the lake.
- (7) Fishing from boats shall be permitted, and not from canoes, sail boats, kayaks, or paddle boats.
- (8) Fisherman in boats will not moor to buoys or anchor within approximately fifty feet of buoys.

#### D. BOATING REGULATIONS

General boating shall be permitted on the lake as outlined:

April: EVERY DAY 8am - Dusk

May: EVERY DAY 8am – Dusk

June thru August: EVERYDAY 7:00 a.m. until Dusk

Sept/Oct: EVERY DAY 8am - Dusk

Boating shall be subject to the following rules:

- (1) The following types of boats shall be permitted on the lake:
  - (a) rowboats (private or Park District owned)
  - (b) sailboats (private or Park District owned)
  - (c) canoes (private or Park District owned)
  - (d) kayaks (private or Park District owned)
  - (e) paddle boats (Park District owned)
- (2) No motorboats, except electric trolling motors, shall be permitted on the Lake, except for the Park District emergency craft and the Yacht Club's race boat.
- (3) Each private boat that is to be used at the Lake Park must be registered with the Des Plaines Park District.
- (4) No person under fourteen (14) years of age shall be permitted to take paddle boats or (18) years of age for fishing boats out on the lake without a duly qualified adult.
- (5) All persons using sailboats, rowboats, canoes, kayaks, Des Plaines Park District fishing boat and paddle boats must properly wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life vest.
- (6) Utmost safety precautions shall be adhered to at all times.
  - a) A craft adrift, or at anchor shall have the right of way over a craft that is underway.
  - b) When two craft are underway and approaching each other from opposite directions, each should change course to starboard (to the right) so that when passing abeam, at least 25' of water shall be between them.
  - c) When two craft are underway and on a collision course, the craft on the right shall have the right of way and the craft on the left shall pass astern of the craft on the right with a 25' clearance.
  - d) Boats may proceed anywhere on the lake provided that all safety rules are adhered to. Sailboats shall not come within 25' of shore except at the Marina, or launching ramps. Care shall be taken to set said boat course or canoe course away from fishing craft.
  - e) No parking shall be allowed anytime on the launching ramp. Trailers and cars must be parked in the lot provided for boaters.
  - f) Launching of all boats shall be done at boat launching piers only.
  - g) Boat passenger capacities shall not exceed their designated limits. Five inches (5") of freeboard must prevail at all times.
  - h) Rules of racing will apply to sailboats during officially sanctioned regattas only.
  - i) Moorings will be permitted by appropriate application on a first come, first serve signed basis, subject to available harbor space.

#### E. MEMORIAL PAVILLION

(1) Use will require a rental agreement and will be authorized and approved by the Executive Director. The rentals will be first come first serve in this order:

- a) Des Plaines Park District programs
- b) City of Des Plaines Veterans Organizations
- c) Veterans Organizations Outside of the City of Des Plaines
- d) Des Plaines Park District Affiliate Groups

**Section 8.26**

**Littering and Dumping**

No person shall deposit, dump, throw or place any ashes, dust, manure, rubbish, grass clippings, leaves or tree branches in or upon any part of any park. Paper, garbage or refuse matter shall be deposited only in receptacles provided for that purpose. Refuse containers and dumpsters shall not be used for personal or commercial disposal of material of any kind without authorization from the Executive Director or his/her designee.

**Section 8.27**

**Loitering**

No person or group of persons shall loiter in or near any Park District owned building, toilet, swimming pool, golf course or other Park District structure, or loiter in or near a vehicle or vehicles within the Park District.

**Section 8.28**

**Motorized Vehicles**

Only licensed motor vehicles may be driven on Park District roads, driveways and parking areas, and only by licensed operators, unless otherwise authorized by the Executive Director. Only Park District owned vehicles operating on official Park District Business, are permitted to drive on turf areas, athletic surfaces, walkways and special facilities unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Superintendent of Parks and Planning, Superintendent of Recreation, Deputy Director or the Executive Director.

**Section 8.29**

**Obscene Language**

No person shall use abusive, insulting or obscene language calculated to occasion a breach of peace in any part of the Park System.

**Section 8.30**

**Penalties**

- (a) Eviction: Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter may be forthwith evicted from the parks and other places under the control of the Board.
- (b) Penalties: Any person violating any of the provisions of this Chapter shall, upon conviction, pay a fine of not less than \$15.00 or more than \$500.00 to be recovered in any manner and form as provided by law.

**Section 8.31**

**Permit Holders**

- (a) No person issued a permit by the Board shall fail to produce the permit and exhibit it upon request of the Executive Director, Park District employee, member of the Board or Park Security Officer.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any permit holder to not abide by all Park District rules and regulations and all applicable ordinances fully as though the same were inserted in said permits.
- (c) It shall be unlawful to use recreation areas for commercial purposes, public meetings or assemblies, without first obtaining a written permit from the Executive Director. Such permit will be issued if the location can safely be occupied and not disrupt the area residents or the park/facility users.

### **Section 8.32**

#### **Picnics**

- (a) No person without a permit shall hold a picnic at the picnic pavilion when said pavilion has been reserved on a specific date at a specific time by a group with a permit.
- (b) Picnics requiring fires may only be held in those areas where fireplaces, stoves or pits have been provided by the Park District and upon issuance of a permit.
- (c) The Park District will issue permits for these areas upon request. Permit holder would be entitled to use of the designated area for the time as listed on the permit. All other use is on a first come basis.

### **Section 8.33**

#### **Planting and Removal**

No person shall remove any soil, rock, stones, trees, shrubs or plants, down timber or other wood or materials from any part of the Park System except under the direction of the Executive Director. No person, unless authorized by the Executive Director, shall plant, bring into or upon any part of the Park System any tree, shrub or plant or any newly plucked branch or portion thereof.

### **Section 8.34**

#### **Polluting**

No person shall throw, discharge or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters of any swimming pool, fountain, pond, lake, stream or other body of water in or adjacent to any park or any tributary, stream, storm sewer or drain flowing into such waters, any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid, which will or may result in the pollution or the hindrance of the use of said waters.

### **Section 8.35**

#### **Private Classes/Camps**

No person shall bring or cause to be brought into the Park System any play class, day camp instruction group or other organized group of any kind without a permit from the Park District and then only upon such terms specified therein. No commercial private lessons or coaching of any kind, for which compensation is paid, shall be given in the Park System without a permit from the Park District, and then only upon such terms and condition as may be specified therein at the direction of the Director.

### **Section 8.36**

#### **Protection of Property**

No person shall mark, deface, injure, damage, destroy, cut, pluck, or take in any way, District plants or property of any kind or any property of others in any Park.

### **Section 8.37**

#### **Public Meetings**

No public meetings, open meeting, rally, demonstration, celebration, parade, or religious meeting shall be allowed on Park District properties without a permit from the Executive Director or his/her designee. In the event an applicant is denied a permit by the Executive Director, the applicant may appeal to the Board of Park Commissioners who may hold a special meeting and render a decision for or against the issuance of said permit based on the merits, within seven days of the denial by the Executive Director. Payment of expenses and indemnification of the Park District may be required.

Local elected officials holding an office within the boundaries of the Des Plaines Park District as well as state officials whose representation includes the Des Plaines Park District may reserve meeting spaces (free of charge) on a "space available" basis in Des Plaines Park District facilities

and parks for the purpose of meeting with residents to inform them of city wide or state wide issues. This is provided as a public service from the Des Plaines Park District and at no time is any form of electioneering permitted to advance a candidate, cause, referendum, proposition or political party. No advertisements, flyers, posters or signage soliciting support for a candidate, cause, referendum, proposition or political party is permitted in any space used free of charge by any elected official, or his/her designee/representative. Information to the citizenry on the election process as prepared by the election authority may be distributed and posted if authorized by the facility manager.

Political parties, candidates, current local elected officials or advocacy groups may rent a room in District facilities or a field house/picnic shelter within a District park in support or opposition to a particular political party, candidate, cause, referendum or proposition that is subject to the electoral process. Distribution (within the rental space only) of political literature is permitted as well as the posting of political literature (within the rental space only) if authorized by the Executive Director. Political Press Conferences (held indoors in District Facilities) will only be permitted in paid rental spaces. Rental space will depend on Park Districts abilities to meet the demand of space based on staffing and size requirements.

Candidates (including incumbents) running for public office requesting petition signatures may utilize common areas in District facilities without causing disruption to programs, facilities and special events. Candidates are not permitted to hand out any advertising or campaign literature except in a paid rental space paid for by the candidate or his/her supporters.

Candidates (including incumbents) running for public office may utilize indoor/outdoor District facilities on a “space available” basis to take campaign photographs. No photograph used in any political campaign or election will include a Des Plaines Park District logo, Des Plaines Park District park sign or Des Plaines Park District Facility Name.

On Election Day, candidates or their supporters need to be 100 feet from the entrance of polling areas when endorsing a political party, candidate, or current local elected official.

### **Section 8.38**

#### **Resisting or Interfering With Park District Security Patrol**

No person shall resist any Commissioner or park security officer of the District in the discharge of his duty, or fail or refuse to obey any lawful command of such Commissioner or Park Security Officer or escape or attempt to escape from custody, or rescue or attempt to rescue any person while in such custody.

### **Section 8.39**

#### **Restricted Areas**

No person shall enter upon or engage in any activity in any portion of any park where persons are prohibited by the Board as indicated by sign or notice. No person shall enter or attempt to enter any building or area on any park when it is closed to the public or when it is scheduled for a specific group unless invited by the group.

### **Section 8.40**

#### **Rest Rooms**

No person, except for children under four (4) years of age, shall enter into, loiter or remain in any toilet, restroom, bathhouse, pavilion or structure or section thereof, of any part of the Park System, which has been reserved and designated by the Executive Director for the use of the opposite sex. The Park District will follow the Administrative Policies in regards to Transgender under General Policies A48 & A49. Cell phones are not permitted to be utilized in public restrooms

or locker room areas.

#### **Section 8.41**

##### **Selling**

No person shall offer or exchange for sale any article or thing, or do any hawking, peddling or soliciting, or buy or offer to buy an article or thing or take up any collections of money or anything of value in any park except when such activity is part of an authorized Park District sponsored fund-raising effort and or an organized Park District program authorized to do so by permit form or contract with the Park District executed by the Executive Director or his/her designee.

#### **Section 8.42**

##### **Skateboarding and Inline Skating**

No skateboarding, inline skating or bicycle riding is allowed on tennis courts or other areas not specifically designed and designated for such activity. Skateboarding, Inline Skating and bicycle riding are not permitted on any Park District structure, railing, curb, bench, table, wall, shelter, steps or other Park District properties unless specifically designed and designated for such activity and located within a skate park or bike park. Bicycles/Bicycle Riders and (non- motorized) scooters are permitted users of the Mountain View Adventure Center Skate Park

The skate park and bike park are NOT supervised by District staff. All participants use the facility at their own risk. PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

#### **Section 8.43**

##### **Sledding and Ice Skating**

No person shall skate, sled, toboggan, operate a snowmobile, ski, slide, or carry on other similar activity in the Park System except at such places and times as the Park District may designate for the purpose. No person, while engaged in such activity, shall conduct himself/herself in such a manner as to annoy others or to endanger, injure or damage persons or property in any way. The Arndt Park Sled Hill shall not be a supervised activity. All sledders shall sled at their own risk. No sledding shall be allowed at any time the sled hill has been closed. Signage will be posted at all designated skating facilities and the sled hill indicating that the park is closed at 10:00 PM.

Ice Skating is prohibited on Lake Opeka. Refer to Section 8.25 A3.

#### **Section 8.44**

##### **Sleeping in Parks**

No person shall place, erect, or use a hammock, swing, tent or shelter or otherwise camp or sleep upon Park System premises between 10:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. except under complete supervision as determined by and upon authorization of the Executive Director.

#### **Section 8.45**

##### **Smoking**

All buildings within the jurisdiction of the Des Plaines Park District are “Smoke Free” at all times. **(Including E-Cigarettes and E-Cigars)** Exception: Smoking is permitted on the golf course at both Lake Park and the Golf Center.

Smoking **(including E-Cigarettes and E-Cigars)** is prohibited within 15ft of Des Plaines Park District owned playgrounds, athletic facilities, Mt View Adventure Center, aquatic facilities and the primary entrances to indoor Park District facilities.

No person shall be allowed to smoke in a park if under eighteen (18) years of age.

#### **Section 8.46**

##### **State Statutes**

No person shall commit in any part of the Park District any act prohibited by the Criminal Code of the State of Illinois as set forth in the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

### **Section 8.47**

#### **Swimming Pools**

- (a) Eviction: If any person shall refuse to obey any orders of any lifeguard on duty, the Pool Manager, any Police Officer, or any officer or member of the Board, such patron shall immediately leave the pool and dressing room, and upon the refusal to do so, may be forthwith expelled and the future use of the facilities and privileges of the swimming pool shall be denied to the patron until restored by official action.
- (b) Decent Clothes: No person shall enter the pool or the grounds surrounding the same unless appropriately and decently clothed.
- (c) Illegal Entry: No person shall climb any fence surrounding a swimming pool or in any manner enter a swimming pool without payment of the admissions charges and the fees established by the Board, or without displaying proper season pass. All passes issued shall be non-transferable and must be individually registered. In addition to the penalties set forth in this Chapter, the Board shall the right to revoke season passes used in violation of this section.
- (d) Health Requirements: Any person, who is upon examination, found to have open sores upon his or her body, a communicable disease or other unhealthy condition, shall be denied the use of the pool.
- (e) No child under the age of ten (10) years shall be admitted to a swimming pool unless accompanied by an adult eighteen (18) years of age or older.

### **Section 8.48**

#### **Use of Playground Equipment by Adults**

No adult person shall, in any manner, use any of the playground apparatus or devices meant exclusively for the use of children.

### **Section 8.49**

#### **Weapons, Missiles and Explosives**

No person shall bring, carry or use in any way, knives, firearms, air guns, pellet guns, or other weapons of any kind in any park except by prior authorization of the Executive Director. No person shall throw, cast or shoot stones, arrows or other missiles of any kind in any park except at such places and times as the Executive Director Board may designate for such purposes. No person may carry into or use in any way, fireworks or any type of explosives in any park except by prior written authorization of the Executive Director.

### **Section 8.50**

#### **Fundraising**

Any and all fundraising within the Park District must be authorized by the Executive Director and permit filed with the Park District.

### **Section 8.51**

#### **Buy a Brick Fundraiser:**

Periodically, the Des Plaines Park District will engage (or permit others to engage in) a “Buy a Brick” fundraising program. The purpose of the program is to raise funds for a particular purpose. The engraved brick text is designed to recognize the donor. The permitted text is for donor recognition and will be “content neutral” and is not intended to express personal or public opinion. Administrative staff has developed a procedure (contained in the Administrative procedure Manual G-612) for receiving and processing applications for the Buy a Brick Program.



## **Memorial Tree Program**

Similar to the “Buy a Brick” program, the program is designed for a particular purpose, to plant new trees in the Parks at no cost to the taxpayers. The program provides an option of a plaque to be placed at the base of the donated tree. The wording on the plaque is designed to recognize the donor and will also be “content neutral” and is not intended to express personal or public opinion.

## **CHAPTER IX TRAFFIC AND PARKING**

### **Section 9.01**

#### **Speed**

No person shall drive any vehicle within the Park System at a speed greater than fifteen (15) miles per hour or any lesser posted speed, or greater than is reasonable and proper with regard to traffic conditions and use of the roadway, or at a speed that endangers the safety of any person or property. No person shall at any time race any vehicle with the driver of any other vehicle or with any person whomsoever upon any such driveway.

### **Section 9.02**

#### **Keep to Drives**

No person shall drive any automobile, truck, motorized vehicle within any part of the Park System except upon the parking lots and roadways provided for driving and parking the same, except for Park District employees in the performance of their duties.

### **Section 9.03**

#### **One Way Roadways**

Every person driving a vehicle in the Park System shall travel only in the direction designated for one-way traffic.

### **Section 9.04**

#### **Traffic Control**

No person driving any vehicle shall disobey or violate any law, ordinance, rule or traffic control sign or device of the Park District governing vehicular traffic or parking within the Park System. No person shall willfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of any member of the Park District Police or other City, State or Federal police officer within the Park System.

### **Section 9.05**

#### **Stop Intersections**

Every person driving a vehicle in the Park System shall bring the vehicle to a complete stop whenever “stop signs” are posted by the Park District and such persons shall not proceed until it is safe to do so.

### **Section 9.06**

#### **Parking**

No person shall park or place any vehicle or other property of any kind within the Park System so as to obstruct or interfere with the traffic or travel, or endanger the public safety and no person shall park any vehicle in any of the following places, except where otherwise designated:

1. On the left side of any roadway
2. On lawn areas and grounds.
3. In front of public or private driveways.
4. Within an intersection.
5. Within thirty (30) feet of any stop sign or traffic control signal.
6. In any position to block another vehicle legally parked.

7. At any place where official signs or markings prohibit parking or stopping. No person shall perform maintenance of repairs on a vehicle in a District parking lot except in cases necessary to remove said vehicle from said lot. No person shall use a connection with a commercial business operation without written authorization of the Executive Director.

### **Section 9.07**

#### **Time Limits**

It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle in a Park District parking lot overnight or for a period longer than the designated operating hours of any park or facility unless authorized by the Executive Director or his/her designee. Violation of this ordinance may result in the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense.

### **Section 9.08**

#### **Unattended Motor Vehicle**

No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended without first stopping the engine and removing the ignition key. Park District parking areas are for park or park facility use only. Vehicles parked in a Park District parking area after closing hours may result in the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense.

### **Section 9.09**

#### **Parking of Vehicle for Sale**

It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle upon any District property or street adjacent thereto for the purpose of displaying it for sale, or from which merchandise is peddled.

### **Section 9.10**

#### **No Parking Any Time**

Except in compliance with the direction of a Park Security officer, it shall be unlawful to permit any vehicles to park in or on any unpaved District property or right-of-way.

### **Section 9.11**

#### **No Parking Signs Posted**

It shall be unlawful, except when directed by a Park Security Officer, to park any vehicles where no parking signs are posted, on any District property or streets adjacent thereto.

### **Section 9.12**

#### **Lane Straddling**

It shall be unlawful for any person to park any vehicle in such a manner as to cross any lines or markings, painted or placed on the pavement, marked as a parking place, as to take up two (2) spaces; or to park any vehicle in an area designated by diagonal lines or markings, painted or placed on the pavement, as a no parking zone.

### **Section 9.13**

#### **Handicapped Parking**

It shall be prohibited to park any motor vehicle which is not bearing registration plates issued to a physically handicapped person, or a special decal or device issued to a physically handicapped person in any parking place specifically reserved by the posting of an official sign, or by markings placed or painted on the pavement in blue, with the handicapped insignia, for motor vehicles bearing such registration plates, decal or devices.

Parking privileges granted by this Section are strictly limited to the person whom the special registration plates, or special decal or device, were issued and to qualified operators acting under

said person's express direction while the disabled person is present.

Any person who violates this section shall be subject to fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for each offense in addition to any costs or charges connected with the removal and/or storage of any motor vehicle found to be in violation of this Section.

**Section 9.14**

**Impounding of Vehicles**

Any vehicle parked or standing within the Park System in violation of any law, ordinance or rule is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. Such vehicle may be removed and impounded and the owner or person entitled to possession of the vehicle shall pay all charges and expenses arising out of any action taken hereunder.

**Section 9.15**

**Penalties**

Violations of all rules listed in this Section are defined as misdemeanors and as such are subject to penalty as outlined in section 8.30.

**CHAPTER X  
REPEAL**

**Section 10.01**

**Repeal**

All existing ordinances, resolutions and orders in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**CHAPTER XI  
PUBLICATION**

**Section 11.01**

**Publication in Pamphlet Form**

In lieu of other publications, this Ordinance may be published in pamphlet form and or in an electronic format (disc), as provided by law, and when so published shall become effective and shall have the same force and effect as if otherwise published as provided by law; and such pamphlet and/or electronic format shall be effective in all courts or places without further publication, all as provided by law.

**CHAPTER XII  
INVALIDITY**

**Section 12.01**

**Invalidity**

If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the invalidity of that provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance

**CHAPTER XIII  
EFFECTIVE DATE**

**Section 13.01**

**Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet and/or electronic format as provided by law.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Des Plaines Park District on the 17th day of May 2022.