

Laura J. Doerr Memorial Park

Rules and Regulations

Ordinance #224 - May 9, 2005

Jefferson Township Recreation Committee

The Jefferson Township Recreation Committee is to assist the Jefferson Township Supervisors in the operation, planning, and administration of Laura J. Doerr Memorial Park. All members of the committee are appointed by the Jefferson Township Supervisors. The committee is to be comprised of (7) seven members – (1) one from each of the (4) four licensed organizations that use the park and (3) three at-large Township residents. (The four licensed organizations are: Southeast Butler County Pool Association; Saxonburg Area Baseball Association; Saxonburg Area Girls Softball Association; and Knoch Area Soccer Association.)

Purpose

These rules are established as written guidelines for the use of Jefferson Township's Laura J. Doerr Memorial Park. These rules are intended to secure and preserve the fullest enjoyment of the park and recreation facilities to a wide range of park patrons. Failure to abide by these rules shall be cause for removal and penalties for violation of this Ordinance.

Designation of Park

Laura J. Doerr Park is located in Jefferson Township with the entrance ½ mile north of Rt. 356 from the light at Marwood Road and Rt. 356. There is also an entrance on Hannahstown Rd. across from St. Luke's Cemetery.

Hours of Operation

- (a) During the months of May, June, July, August and September no person or persons shall use the park before 7:00 am or after 9:00 pm – except for those activities approved of by the Township Supervisors.
- (b) During the months of October, November, December, January, February, March and April no person or persons shall use the park before 8:00 am or after 6:00 pm – except for those activities approved of by the Township Supervisors.

General Rules

The rules and regulations set forth below governing the use of parks, playgrounds and recreations areas within Laura J. Doerr Memorial Park are:

1. Adherence To Park Signs

- All persons shall comply with the signs and markers installed by Jefferson Township.
- Swimming shall be permitted only within designated areas. All persons using designated swimming areas shall obey all posted pool rules and/or the instruction of lifeguards, facility managers, or other Park employees. No person shall give or transmit a false signal or false alarm of drowning.

2. Abusive Language/Personal Conduct

- No person shall indulge in any threatening, abusive, insulting or indecent language or commit any obscene, indecent or disorderly act or commit any nuisance.
- No person shall expose themselves, excrete or urinate at any time in the park, playgrounds or recreation areas.

3. Animals

- No person shall ride, lead or graze any horse or pony except by permission from the Township Supervisors.
- Persons bringing pets or other animals into park areas shall keep them under confinement or direct control. Leads on leashes used to control animals shall not be more than six feet long.
- Dogs must not be allowed to interfere with, bother, or harass park users, other animals, or wildlife.
- Any person with a dog or other pet in their possession in the park shall be responsible for removal of feces deposited by such animal.
- Animals may not be left unattended in the park or in a vehicle within the park.
- No hunting or trapping is allowed without specific permission from the Township Supervisors.
- No person shall disturb, annoy, strike, injure or kill any animal or bird in the park.

4. Alcohol

- No person shall sell, possess or transport any drugs, drug paraphernalia, alcoholic beverages and/or intoxicating liquor within the limits of the park.

5. Motorized Vehicles

- Maximum speed is 15 mph or as posted within the park.
- All vehicles shall always yield to pedestrians.
- No person shall travel at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the existing conditions and having regard to actual and potential hazards.
- No person shall operate a vehicle carelessly or in such a manner as to endanger the rights and safety of others.
- No person shall wash, clean, polish, repair or service any motor vehicle or motorcycle on park property except with prior specific express approval from the Township Supervisors.
- No person may operate or use a motor vehicle, including a motorcycle, motorbike, all terrain vehicle, or mini-bike in an area not designated for the use of such vehicles except with prior specific express approval from the Township Supervisors.
- No person may park a trailer, camper or other vehicle for the purpose of remaining overnight except with prior specific express approval from the Township Supervisors.

6. Destruction of Property

- No person shall cut, break, injure, mutilate, remove or deface trees, shrubs, plants, turf, buildings, structures, signs, placards, streams, fountains or any other park, playground or recreation property.
- No person shall deposit any refuse (trash, earth, building material or similar materials) brought from private property, in receptacles located in the Laura J. Doerr Memorial Park, playgrounds or recreation areas. Nothing in this section is intended to prohibit the disposal of refuse generated from park use such as picnics, barbecues, lunches, concessions, etc.
- No person shall build, ignite or kindle a fire of any kind in the park except when authorized by the Township Supervisors.

7. **Soliciting Within The Park**

- No person shall erect, maintain or distribute any signs, advertisements, circulars or other printed matter without permission of the Township Supervisors.
- No person shall collect or solicit any funds or distribute any literature without the permission of a licenses organization or the Township Supervisors.
- No person shall sell or offer for sale any articles of any kind or any food except when authorized by a licenses organization or the Township Supervisors.
- No person shall gamble in any form.
- No person shall participate in group activities other than normal park activities.

8. **Weapons/Explosives**

- No person shall possess any firearms, bows and arrows, knives, swords, air guns, BB guns, paint ball guns, slingshots or any other type of weapons.
- No person shall possess any fireworks, firecrackers, or any other type of explosives.

Closure

The Jefferson Township Supervisors may, by resolution, adopt additional regulations governing the use of the parks, playgrounds and recreation areas and impose such fees therefore as they deem appropriate.

VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

Whoever violates any regulation set forth under these rules and regulations adopted by the Township Supervisors pursuant to the authority granted by law, shall be fined not more than six hundred dollars (\$600.00), and costs, and in default thereof, shall be imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days, plus pay for all court costs and counsel fees and expenses of the Township.