

**Chapter 93****PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS**

- § 93.1. Definitions.**
- § 93.2. Rules and regulations.**
- § 93.3. Violations and penalties.**

**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Upper St. Clair 4-4-72 as Ord. No. 471. Sections 93.1, 93.2.14 and 93.3 amended and § 93.2.20 and 93.2.21 added at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, Adoption of Township Code. Other amendments noted where applicable.]**

**GENERAL REFERENCES**

**Definitions and rules of interpretation - See Ch. 3.**  
**Parks and Recreation Board - See Ch. 15. Art. IX.**  
**Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry - See Ch. 21.**

**§ 93.1. Definitions.**

The following terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section:

**PARKLETS** - Those parcels of ground intended primarily for beautification and aesthetic improvement of the surrounding neighborhood, for recreational purposes, for traffic control purposes or for any or all of the foregoing purposes, and located in the vicinity of the following intersections and streets:

- A. Seegar Road and Manordale Road. [**Amended 5-7-79 by Ord. No. 834**]
- B. Country Club Drive and Lambeth Drive.
- C. Buffer along Edgewood Drive.
- D. York Drive and Berkshire Drive.
- E. McMillan Road and Seegar Road. [**Added 5-7-79 by Ord. No. 834**]

**PARKS** - Those parcels of ground intended primarily for beautification and aesthetic improvement of the municipality generally or for recreational purposes, or both, and more particularly identified as follows:

- A. Clair Park.

- B. Ravine Park.
- C. Wiltshire Park.
- D. McLaughlin Run Municipal Park.
- E. Baker School Park.
- F. Johnston School Park.
- G. Brookside Park.
- H. Hays Park. [**Added 8-2-76 by Ord. No. 632**]
- I. Boyce Park. [**Added 8-2-76 by Ord. No. 632**]
- J. St. Clair Acres Park. [**Added 8-2-76 by Ord. No. 632**]
- K. Cook School Road Park. [**Added 8-2-76 by Ord. No. 632**]
- L. Trotwood Hills Park. [**Added 5-7-79 by Ord. No. 834**]
- M. Byrnwick Park. [**Added 5-7-79 by Ord. No. 834**]
- N. Beadling Park. [**Added 5-7-79 by Ord. No. 834**]
- O. Tustin Park. [**Added 5-7-79 by Ord. No. 834**]
- P. Gilfillan Park. [**Added 6-4-84 by Ord. No. 1087**]
- Q. Morton Road Park. [**Added 6-4-84 by Ord. No. 1087**]
- R. Regional Park No. 7. [**Added 1-6-86 by Ord. No. 1180**]
- S. Mayview Farm Park. [**Added 6-2-97 by Ord. No. 1742**]

**TRAFFIC ISLANDS [Amended 8-2-76 by Ord. No. 632]** - Those parcels of ground intended primarily for traffic control purposes and for beautification and aesthetic improvement of the surrounding neighborhood, and located in the vicinity of the following intersections and streets:

- A. Six (6) islands, Route 19 cloverleaf.
- B. Two (2) islands, Brookside Road and Route 19.
- C. Three (3) islands, Devonwood Drive:

- (1) Devonwood Drive and Blairmont Drive.
- (2) Hycroft Circle.
- (3) Devonwood Drive below Murdstone Road.
- D. Trotwood Circle.
- E. Clair Drive Island and Meadowcrest Drive.
- F. Boyce Road and Old Washington Road.
- G. Firston Circle (Rolling Meadows Road).
- H. Island at Recreation Center - McLaughlin Run Road.
- I. Chapel Wood Drive and Route 19 (Tiffany Circle).
- J. Tiffany Circle.
- K. Hastings Mill Road and Ashlawn Drive.
- L. Comanche Road and Lamar Road.
- M. Seeger Drive and Manordale Drive.
- N. Old Meadow Road and Lesnett Road.
- O. Montclair Drive and Lesnett Road.
- P. Brookdale Drive.
- Q. Langport Drive. [Added 5-7-79 by Ord. No. 834]

**§ 93.2. Rules and regulations.**

The following rules and regulations shall govern the use of all parks, parklets and traffic islands within the Township of Upper St. Clair, unless otherwise expressly limited or restricted hereinafter:

93.2.1. Township facilities and grounds are intended for the use and enjoyment of township residents and organizations. Nonresidents must file written application with the Township Manager or his designated representative in order to ensure proper scheduling. Where specific user regulations or fees have been established to govern specific facilities, written permission must be obtained for all prospective users.

93.2.2. No person shall injure, deface or destroy any notices, rules or

regulations posted or otherwise permanently fixed by order of the Township Manager or his designated representative.

93.2.3. No person shall post or fix any notice or bill or other writing or printing of any kind on or about such facilities and grounds without the written permission of the Township Manager or his designated representative, except upon notice boards specifically provided for such purpose.<sup>1</sup>

93.2.4. Domesticated animals, such as dogs and cats, shall not be permitted in the parks, parklets or islands<sup>2</sup> except for the following exceptions and with the restrictions thereto. **[Amended 11-01-04 by Ord. No. 1919]**

93.2.4.1. Dog walking is an authorized activity in Boyce Mayview Park subject to the following restrictions:

- A. Dogs shall be under the control of standard fixed length leashes, not to exceed 6'.
- B. Dog walking shall be permitted in designated areas.
- C. Dogs must be under voice and sight control of the dog's attendant at all times.
- D. All dog waste must be picked up and disposed of in a sanitary manner.
- E. All dogs must have current registration tags and vaccines in accordance with municipal and County Codes.

**[Added 11-01-04 by Ord. No. 1919]**

93.2.4.2. The Township Manager is authorized to develop rules and regulations concerning off-leash dog exercise in specified areas in Boyce Mayview Park. These rules and regulations shall include, at a minimum:

- A. Dogs are only permitted off leash in specified areas.
- B. Dogs must be under voice and sight control of the dog's attendant at all times.
- C. All dog waste must be picked up and disposed of in a sanitary manner.
- D. Adherence to all posted rules and regulations and/or permit requirements.

<sup>1</sup> Editor's Note: See Ch. 83, "Litter and Handbills".

<sup>2</sup> Editor's note: See Ch. 41, "Animals", for provisions pertaining to pets running at large.

- E. All dogs must have current registration tags and vaccines in accordance with municipal and County Codes.

**[Added 11-01-04 by Ord. No. 1919]**

93.2.4.3. Leashed dogs in transit through a park or other Township property to an otherwise permitted dog walking area are subject to the following restrictions:

- A. This provision shall be by exceptions only such that an individual wishing to legally transverse a park or parklet with a domestic animal must be able to demonstrate a specific need to transverse the park by addressing the following:
  - 1. It is otherwise impractical and/or unsafe to use alternative routes.
  - 2. The selected route is the shortest and most unobtrusive route available to connect to an authorized walking area.
- B. Dogs are leashed by a standard fixed length leash, not to exceed 6’.
- C. Dogs must be under voice and sight control of the dog’s attendant at all times.
- D. All dog waste must be picked up and disposed of in a sanitary manner.
- E. All dogs must have current registration tags and vaccines in accordance with municipal and County Code.

**[Added 11-1-04 by Ord. No. 1919]**

93.2.4.4. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this Ordinance, the Township assumes no responsibility or liability for any injury, accident or loss, to person or to property, caused, in whole or in part, proximately or otherwise, by any dog in the aforesaid parks. All dog owners assume full responsibility for the consequences of their dogs while in any Township park. Further, the Township shall post the entrances to Boyce Mayview Park with the following notice:

**NOTE: BE ADVISED THAT DOGS UNDER LEASH ARE PERMITTED IN THIS PARK UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, AND WITHOUT LEASH IN CERTAIN AREAS, PURSUANT TO TOWNSHIP OF UPPER ST. CLAIR CODE CHAPTER 93.**

THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER ST. CLAIR ASSUMES NO  
RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY FOR ANY INJURY, ACCIDENT  
OR LOSS OF ANY KIND BY ANY DOG IN THIS PARK.

**[Added by 11-1-04 by Ord. No. 1919]**

93.2.5. No person shall carry firearms, shoot or throw stones or set snares for wildlife.<sup>3</sup>

93.2.6. No person shall cut, break, pluck or in any way injure or deface the trees, shrubs, plants, turf, fences, statuary, buildings or structures or throw anything whatever in any springs, streams, ponds or swimming pools.<sup>4</sup>

93.2.7. No gambling, alcoholic beverages or illegal use of drugs shall be permitted.

93.2.8. No swing or play device shall be attached to any tree.

93.2.9. No person shall erect any booth, table or stand for the sale of any article whatever, or hawk or otherwise attempt to sell or sell any article whatever, on or about such facilities and grounds without the written permission of the Township Manager or his designated representative.<sup>5</sup>

93.2.10. No parade or procession shall take place unless a permit has been obtained.

93.2.11. Motor vehicles shall be permitted only on paved streets or roadways within parks and parklets and shall not be operated thereon at a speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour, unless specifically authorized by the Township Manager or his designated official.<sup>6</sup>

93.2.12. The parking of motor vehicles shall be permitted only in areas specifically designated therefor.<sup>7</sup>

93.2.13. All parks and parklets will open at sunrise, prevailing time, and close at sunset, prevailing time, except for park areas which are lighted for night use which will close fifteen (15) minutes after the lights switch off. Except for official business or with the written permission of the Township Manager or his designated representative, no person or motor vehicle shall be permitted within any park or parklet after the established closing hour.

---

<sup>3</sup> Editor's Note: See also Ch. 59, "Firearms and Hunting".

<sup>4</sup> Editor's note: See also Ch. 83, "Litter and Handbills".

<sup>5</sup> Editor's Note: See also Ch. 96, "Peddling and Soliciting".

<sup>6</sup> Editor's Note: For regulation of motor vehicle speed generally in the township, see Ch. 125, "Vehicles and Traffic".

<sup>7</sup> Editor's Note: For regulation of vehicle parking generally, see Ch. 125, "Vehicles and Traffic".

93.2.14. No motorcycles, motor scooters, minibikes or gas powered vehicles will be permitted to operate within parks, parklets or traffic islands.<sup>8</sup>

93.2.15. No person shall conduct himself in an unruly or disorderly manner.

93.2.16. No fire shall be permitted except in those areas where grills, burners or barbecue pits are provided for that purpose.

93.2.17. No person shall use, occupy or otherwise conduct any activity upon property designated as a "traffic island," other than the authorized use of benches where such are provided.

93.2.18. Parks and parklets may be used for general recreational purposes, except that in parklets none of the following activities shall be permitted:

93.2.18.1. The playing of formal athletic contests or events.

93.2.18.2. The engagement by more than five (5) participants in team activities, such as baseball, softball, football, touch football, volleyball, basketball, soccer, field hockey or badminton.

93.2.18.3. The installation or placement of bases, stanchions nets any other equipment in any area for use in the above described activities.

93.2.19. No loudspeakers, amplifiers or other means of sound amplification will be permitted in parks, parklets or islands without written permission of the Township Manager or his designated representative, and then only for specific uses and times as designated in the permit.

93.2.20. No person shall construct or install any homemade device within any park, parklet or traffic island.<sup>9</sup>

93.2.21. No person shall cause malicious vandalism to any park, parklet or traffic island, nor to any electrical, water, botanical, recreational or other equipment, structure, sign or installation in any park, parklet or traffic island.<sup>10</sup>

### § 93.3. **Violations and penalties.**<sup>11</sup> [Amended 10-6-97 by Ord. No. 1751]

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 5, Enforcement of Ordinances; Penalties and/or removal from the Park or Parklet.

<sup>8</sup> Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, "Adoption of Township Code".

<sup>9</sup> Editor's Note: Added at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, "Adoption of Township Code".

<sup>10</sup> Editor's Note: Added at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, "Adoption of Township Code".

<sup>11</sup> Editor's Note: Added at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, "Adoption of Township Code".