

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

2011

(subject to change)

1. OBJECTIVE OF TOWNSHIP PARK AT McCLUMPHA AND ANN ARBOR TRAIL

The purpose or objective of the Park is to provide an area, available to the residents of the Community, for casual, unscheduled, informal, unorganized, recreational use. Activities or uses proposed beyond this concept shall require the approval of the Township Board or their designee.

2. FEE BASED ON DEFINITION OF TOWNSHIP RESIDENT/NON-RESIDENT GROUP

2A. TOWNSHIP RESIDENT GROUP

A Township Resident Group is defined as follows: a Plymouth Township corporation, firm, partnership, or other legally registered (state) group with a tax I.D. in Plymouth Township; an individual resident of Plymouth Township who is sponsoring a family outing (defined as blood relative); Plymouth Township churches, private schools, Scouts, Little League; Plymouth-Canton School groups, Plymouth Township formally organized homeowners organization, or a non-profit Plymouth Community group including Rotary, Kiwanis, etc. that may meet in the Plymouth community.

2B. NON-RESIDENT GROUP

Any group, company or individual which does not meet the residency requirements in #2A. Any company or group not located in the Township of Plymouth shall be considered a non-resident even though an employee resides in the community. Misrepresentation will result in forfeit of your future utilization for park reservations for the group or company. This includes City of Plymouth residents and businesses.

3. RESERVATIONS

3A. CURRENT PROCEDURES

Reservations can be made in person only for the period of April 15 through October 15 at the Division of Public Services. Reservations are made based on Residency as defined in Section 2 of this document as follows:

Township Resident Group: Reservations will be taken beginning at 8:00 am the 1st (first) business day of each reservation year.

Non-Resident Group: Reservations will be taken beginning at 8:00 am the 1st (first) Monday in April of each reservation year.

Reservations can only be secured after an application has been filed and appropriate fees paid. **Payment should be made by check or money order only.**

3B. RESERVATIONS REQUIRING TOWNSHIP APPROVAL

All applicants which require reservations for more than one day, use the park facilities for an organized activity (for the purpose of clarification, an organized activity shall not include a gathering or picnic and those normal informal activities which may occur as part of the gathering or picnic such as, but not limited to, frisbee toss, "catch", etc.) or would involve use of more than one shelter/pavilion must obtain Plymouth Township approval prior to being issued a permit.

3C. FREQUENCY OF PARK RESERVATIONS

This section identifies the number of reservations you may make during a season. The intent of the following requirements is to make the park pavilion and shelter available to as many Township Resident Groups as possible.

3C.1 TOWNSHIP RESIDENT GROUP

A Township Resident Group as defined in this document, "Plymouth Township Park Rules and Regulations" (see page 1 paragraph 2A) may reserve the Park Pavilion, Shelter #1 and #2 as described below:

WEEKENDS: Not more than three (3) weekend days between April 15 through October 15 of each year. If you choose to reserve more than one weekend date prior to April 30, you will have to identify one (1) **primary** date. The other date(s) will be considered **secondary**. If a Township Resident Group chooses as their primary date one of your secondary dates they shall have precedence until April 30. After April 30 all three (3) of your dates will become primary and confirmed.

WEEKDAYS: Reservations beyond four (4) per season will be evaluated.

3C.2 NON-RESIDENT GROUP

A Non-Resident Group as defined in this document, "Plymouth Township Park Rules and Regulations" (see page 1, paragraph 2B) may reserve the Park Pavilion, Shelter #1 and #2 as described below:

WEEKEND: One (1) weekend day from April 15 through October 15 of each year.

WEEKDAY: Reservations beyond four (4) per season will be evaluated.

4. CHECK IN & OUT PROCEDURES FOR SHELTER/PAVILION

4A. ARRIVAL

When arriving at the Park there will be signs regarding location of facilities, available equipment, and the general rules of the park.

4B. REVIEW OF FACILITY

Your group will be responsible to leave the pavilion, shelter and surrounding grounds as you found it. Failure to leave the pavilion or shelter and surrounding grounds as you found it may result in forfeit of your future utilization for park reservations and/or assessment of a fee.

4C. DEPARTURE

Refuse in and around the pavilion or shelter shall be deposited in designated containers. All floors shall be swept and tables wiped down. Brooms and dustpans are available.

The large pavilion comes equipped with a food preparation area including a sink, countertop and commercial refrigerator that is available for use to those who have rented the pavilion and paid an additional fee. If you have paid the fee to use this area it must be cleaned and wiped down prior to your departure time. Any items left in the refrigerator after you leave the pavilion will be immediately disposed of by park staff.

Groups which fail to leave the park area in reasonable condition shall be assessed a fee. Pavilion restrooms will be cleaned and locked 30 minutes prior to park closing time by park personnel.

If a group is planning a "water balloon toss" or other games, please ensure that all debris, even small pieces, are removed from the area. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

5. WEDDINGS

The actual wedding ceremony or service is the only activity of this nature permitted. Receptions or other similar activities are not permitted.

6. ALCOHOL

The use of alcohol or alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

7. CANCELLATION/NO SHOWS

All cancellations must be made in writing two (2) weeks prior to the date of the reservation. If you fail to cancel or do not show up for your park reservation you may forfeit your future utilization for park reservations or you may be assessed a fee.

8. CONDUCT

8A. PEACEFUL ENJOYMENT

All park users are expected to conduct themselves in a manner conducive to peaceful enjoyment of the facilities by all park users. Disorderly conduct shall be cause for ejection from the Park, criminal penalty, forfeiture of the right to use the park and/or assessment of a fee.

8B. NO VENDORS

Vendors are not allowed on Park grounds.

8C. GOLF COURSE

The golf course is for the patrons who have paid the appropriate fees at the Club House. Please warn all children that it is strictly prohibited and could be dangerous to climb the fence between the park and the golf course or to enter on to the golf course property.

9. BANDS, BULLHORNS, P.A. SYSTEMS

In general it is considered that bands, karaoke, bullhorns or P.A. systems, etc. will have a negative impact on the adjacent residential district or other Park users and therefore will not be permitted. An exception to this rule can be made only if it is shown that the system or instrument proposed will not impact off-site residential areas or other park users. Exceptions must be granted in advance of the event by the Division of Public Services.

10. MOONWALKS OR SIMILAR EQUIPMENT

It is considered that moonwalks or other similar amusement type equipment will have a negative impact on the adjacent residential properties and therefore are not permitted.

11. PARK CARE

11A. GOOD CONDITIONS

Park users are expected to preserve the Park premises in good condition and thus enhance the Park area of the Community.

11B. DOGS/CATS

Dogs, cats or other domestic animals are not allowed in the Park.

11C. NO STAPLES, ETC.

No staples, nails or tacks are to be used on picnic tables or on building surfaces.

12. VEHICLES/PARKING

12A. MAX. SPEED 5 MILES/HR

No person shall operate a vehicle on the roadway in excess of five (5) m.p.h.

12B. VEHICLES LIMITED LOCATION

Vehicles must remain upon the roadway and designated parking areas only. Vehicles are subject to the provisions of Township Ordinance No. 60. Parking shall be in designated areas only - no parking in the roadway. Cars and/or trucks unloading picnic supplies are not allowed on the grass, concrete aprons or sidewalks of the pavilion or shelters. Vehicles can be towed for non-compliance.

12C. HANDICAPPED PARKING LAWS ENFORCED

All designated handicapped parking areas shall be reserved for vehicles with authorized, state issued handicap permits.

12D. ADDITIONAL PARKING REQUIRED

If parking requirements for your group exceed the parking available at your reserved shelter or pavilion overflow parking shall be located in the parking area provided near the baseball diamonds.

13. SIGNS

No signs are allowed except temporary signs identifying a group location using the park under a permit.

14. HOURS

Park hours are subject to change without prior notification. Current park hours will be posted at the park office.

15. EQUIPMENT

GRASS AREA ACTIVITIES

Badminton, bocci ball, “catch”, frisbee and volleyball are just a few of the many activities allowed in the grass areas of the Park. No equipment is available for use. Please see the Park staff for any proposed lawn game not listed above. Please check with Park staff for areas to set up volleyball and badminton nets.

16. FISHING POND

Fishing in the pond is allowable but normal state fishing laws prevail. Youngsters under the age of seventeen (17) may fish without a license. Please try to limit catch of trout and bass to two (2) per fishing person or family. Remember, “Catch and Release” will help extend this important recreation resource.

17. FIRES/GRILLS

There shall be no fires except in self-contained grills, stoves or containers specifically designed for such. No cooking fires are allowed in the pavilion fireplace. Cooking under the roof of the pavilion or any shelter is strictly forbidden. **Shelter 1 and the Pavilion have two (2) “Super Grills” in the immediate area of the site which are four (4) feet wide. Shelter 2 has a three (3) compartment grill.**

18. ELECTRICITY

Electricity is available at each of the structures in the park. Outlets are located in the walls at both shelters and the pavilion. There is an additional outlet near Shelter #1 that is approximately fifteen (15) feet from the structure.

19. BASEBALL DIAMONDS

The baseball diamonds are available on a first-come, first-serve basis except when they are utilized by junior baseball leagues. These leagues utilize the fields from early April – July and from Mid-August – October. During these months, the fields are open to Park patrons Monday – Friday from Park opening until 3:00 pm, and they are available Saturdays (*after* the end of Little League Season) from 2:00 pm to Park closing and Sundays from Park opening until Park closing **UNLESS** the junior baseball leagues have scheduled make-up games. In the case of make-up games, the fields will be available from 2:00 pm until park closing. The Park may also host Baseball Tournaments that are played on selected weekends.

20. CANOPY TENTS

Canopy tents (10’x10’) are allowed on a restricted basis. Please get approval at the time you make your reservation.

21. SPRAYSCAPE

The SprayScape is open to all park patrons from the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Daily operating hours for the SprayScape are from 10:00 am – 1 hour before Park closing. SprayScape Rules and Regulations are posted at the SprayScape and designed to ensure the safety of all citizens using the park.

SprayScape Rules and Regulations

1. SprayScape is an unsupervised area. Adult supervision is recommended.
2. Footwear is recommended.
3. Climbing on the structures is strictly prohibited.
4. NO skateboards, in-line skates or bicycles are allowed in spray area.
5. Please no glass in this area for your safety and the safety of others.

22. BUS POLICY

No buses shall be permitted within any park of the Township unless approval has been granted by the Township a minimum of two (2) weeks in advance. When considering a request the Township shall take into consideration the primary intended use of the passengers of said bus, the other uses at the time requested, and how said approval may negatively impact the capacity of the park or its individual facilities.

22A. THIRD MONDAY IN JUNE THROUGH LABOR DAY

Due to high usage of the SprayScape at Plymouth Township Park during this time bus requests where the primary intended use is to bring children to the SprayScape area of Plymouth Township Park will not be approved.