

ORDINANCE NO. 59-2012

Offered by All of Council

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 30-2005 AND ADOPTING REPLACEMENT PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE RICHFIELD WOODS PARK AND OTHER VILLAGE RECREATION AREAS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 30-2005, enacted on July 19, 2005, this Council passed rules and regulations for the Richfield Woods Park; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Recreation and the Parks Committee have proposed repealing Ordinance No. 30-2005 and adopting replacement rules for the Richfield Woods Park and other Village recreation areas, including trails; and

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to adopt the replacement rules so that they may be enforced in the Richfield Woods Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Richfield, Summit County, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Ordinance No. 30-2005, be, and the same hereby is, repealed and this Council does hereby adopt replacement rules for the Richfield Woods Park and other Village recreation areas to be known as the "Richfield Village Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulations," a copy of which rules are attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein fully as if by reference.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary in order to be effective for the summer season; wherefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of Council elected or appointed, it shall take effect immediately upon its passage and execution by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 10-16-12

Michael Wheeler
President of Council

Balbir Beshan
Mayor

ATTEST:
Carolyn E. Sullivan
Clerk of Council

Dated: 10/16/2012

RICHFIELD VILLAGE PARKS AND RECREATION
RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. HOURS OF OPERATION.

~~The Park will be open to people and vehicles from 6:00 a.m. until dusk daily. Parks are open daily from 6:00 a.m. until dusk.~~

2. PRESERVATION OF PROPERTY AND NATURAL FEATURES.

No person shall injure, deface or disturb any part of the park nor any building, sign, equipment or other property found therein; not shall any tree, flower, shrub, rock or other mineral be removed, injured or destroyed.

3. GARBAGE, REFUSE, ASHES, SEWAGE AND NOXIOUS MATERIAL.

No person shall deposit in any part of the park, any garbage, ashes, sewage, refuse, waste or other noxious material. Trash or ashes created in the park shall be disposed of in receptacles provided for that purpose. No dirt shall be dumped within the park without a written permit from the ~~Board~~Village.

4. HUNTING AND MOLESTING WILD LIFE.

No person shall hunt, pursue with dogs, trap or in any way molest any wild bird or animal found within the confines of the Park, or therein rob or molest any bird nesxt or take the eggs of any bird, unless authorized by written permit of the ~~Board~~Village.

5. FIRES.

No person shall start a fire in any park, except fires for culinary purposes and only in such places provided for that purpose, unless authorized by written permit of the Board. All fires shall be put out by person or persons starting or using same before leaving the immediate vicinity of the fire.

6. FIREARMS.

~~No person, except duly authorized police officers, shall carry or use firearms of any description within the Park. The unauthorized or illegal possession of deadly weapons is prohibited. The unauthorized or illegal discharge of firearms is prohibited.~~ No air rifles, slingshots or missile throwing devices are permitted within the Park. No fireworks or explosive substances are permitted within the park without a written permit from the ~~Board~~Village.

7. CAMPS.

No person shall establish or maintain any camp or other temporary lodging places, without a specific written permit from the ~~Board~~Village.

8. DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

No person shall, either by work or act, indulge in any noisy, boisterous, disorderly or indecent conduct, or in any manner disturb the peace or good order of the community within the Park; nor shall any person engage in any active game endangering other persons in the Park; nor shall any person play at games of chance, drink intoxicating liquor, or be drunk, or do any indecent, lascivious, lewd or improper acts therein. No person shall enter a toilet room set apart for the opposite sex.

9. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

No person shall bring into, have, keep, carry, serve or drink beer or any intoxicating beverage within the Park. The term beer or intoxicating beverage shall include any drink containing any alcohol whatsoever.

10. TRAFFIC.

- A. No person shall drive or propel, or cause to be driven or propelled, along or over any road within the Park, any vehicle at a greater rate of speed than fifteen (15) miles per hour.
- B. No person shall drive or propel, or cause to be driven or propelled, along or over any road within the Park, a vehicle in any manner as to cause damage to the Park or any individual.
- C. No person shall drive or propel, or cause to be driven or propelled, along or over any road within the Park, any commercial vehicle, over one (1) ton, without written permit from the ~~Recreation Director~~Village.
- D. No person shall park any motorcar, motorcycle, or other motorized vehicle within the Park, except in places designated for such purpose.
- E. No person shall park any trailer, unattached, or attached to a motor vehicle within or upon the parkways, parks, reservations, or other lands controlled or supervised by the Board without a written permit from the ~~Board~~Village.
- F. No portion of the Park shall be used for purpose of way, except drives, roadways, paths, walks and trails established for such purpose; and foot-paths established for pedestrian travel. The use of mopeds, motorcycles, or motorbikes is permitted only on hard parking areas and the entrance drive.
- G. No person shall drive or propel or cause to be driven or propelled any snowmobiles or all-purpose vehicles within the Park.

11. TRAILS.

Multi-purpose trails shall not be used for motorized vehicular travel, except for emergency or law enforcement vehicles and vehicles necessary for maintenance purposes. Bicycles, walking, jogging, wheelchairs, snow skis, skates, skateboards, and non-motorized scooters are permitted where use is appropriate and not otherwise restricted. Horses are not permitted.

12. COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES.

No person shall sell or offer for sale any article, thing, privilege or service within the Park without a permit from the ~~Board~~Village, and no person shall do any begging, hawking, peddling or soliciting therein.

13. SIGNS.

No person shall expose, distribute or place any sign, advertisement, circular, notice or statement, or display any banner, emblem or design, within the Park, without specific permit from the Recreation Director.

14. GRAZING.

No person shall herd, graze, drive or permit to run at large within the park, any cattle, horse, mule, donkey, goat, swine, sheep, or other animal, or any poultry or other fowl, without written permit of the ~~Board~~Village.

15. DOGS AND CATS PETS; HORSES.

~~No dog, cat or any animal is permitted in any closed park buildings. Such animals are permitted in other areas if they are controlled at all times on a leash not more than eight feet long. No pets are permitted in any of the Parks, unless such animals are controlled at all times on a leash, in a cage, or are in areas designated by the Village with signs permitting animals to be off-leash in "run" areas. Owners are responsible to clean up after their pets. Horses are not permitted in the Parks absent a written permit from the Village.~~

16. CROSS COUNTRY SKIING.

Cross country skiing will be permitted only when ground is covered by two (2) inches of snow or more.

17. APPLICATION AND BONDS.

Organizations wishing to use the Park must apply in writing to the Recreation Director and receive approval from the Park Board.

Richfield Village Park Rules

September 2012 ~~February 2005~~178. GOLF BALLS.

No person shall hit golf balls on park property.

189. LIABILITY.

Richfield Village assumes no responsibility for injury that may occur on Park premises or while using Park facilities. Richfield Village assumes no responsibility or obligation for damage to any vehicle or property used in Park property.

1920. RECREATION CENTER AND PARK PAVILIONS.

- A. Use of Recreation Center and Park Pavilion will be free to local organizations (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, Jaycees, etc.) with 51% of the members being Richfield residents.
- B. There is a fee for private use of the pavilions: \$35.00 for Richfield Village residents, and \$50.00 for non-residents. A refundable deposit of \$100.00 will be required for all applicants.
- C. Persons signing agreement will take responsibility to clean Pavilion premises.
- D. Field usage may be permitted with the reservation of a pavilion, if the field is available. A fee may be added for this use at the time of application.

201. BASEBALL FIELD USAGE.

- A. The baseball fields shall be open April 15 through September 30 of each year from 7 a.m. until dusk, 7 days a week.
- B. Use of athletic fields must be cleared with the Richfield Recreation Director.
- C. The sports facilities are open to the public and use is permitted as long as no conflict of schedules occurs. When the Recreation Director determines that there may be a possible or actual conflict for the use of certain fields or other facilities of the Richfield Recreation Department, the following rules shall apply in all cases:
 - a) Eligibility – To be eligible to use any of the sports facilities, the specific schedule request for what field or other facilities to be used, including specific dates and beginning and ending times and other relevant information must be forwarded to the Recreation Director in writing no later than March 31st. All requests for use of the facilities shall be made in good faith and all participants shall act in good faith with regard to any request for use, including the verification of the status of Richfield residents participating in the use or activity.

Richfield Village Park Rules

September 2012 ~~February 2005~~

- b) After March 31st, the Recreation Director shall review all of the requests received by the deadline for use of the fields and facilities. The Recreation Director, at their sole discretion, shall make a determination that the use of the fields and other facilities shall be given to those participants that have the greatest number of Richfield residents actually participating in the activity. The Recreation Director shall rank the request according to this priority and set the schedules accordingly.
 - c) It is the intention of these rules that the Parks and other facilities be made available to the most Richfield residents as-possible.
 - d) Once the schedules have been made, any times and dates still open will be made available first to those groups or activities that made a written request by March 31st. If these groups do not commit to using the vacant days and times within 7 days, then the unused dates and times shall be made available to all other users on a first-come basis.
- D. A Field Deposit is required for any group or individual who schedules use of a field more than three (3) times throughout a year. A two hundred fifty dollar (\$250.00) deposit shall be required for any individual or group who schedules a field less than twenty-five (25) times a year and a five hundred dollar (\$500.00) deposit shall be required for any individual or group who schedules a field twenty-five (25) times or more a year. This deposit shall be returned at the end of the season minus any costs to repair damage, outside of normal wear and tear, to the sports facilities.
- E. A Tournament/Camp Registration Fee is required for any for-profit group or individual who schedules a tournament or camp throughout the year. A twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) non-refundable fee for each field/court used per day shall be collected prior to the start of each tournament or camp.
- F. Teams or Organizations using the property must show proof and have on file with the Recreation Director, liability insurance for field use. Youth groups must have an adult supervisor. Supervisors must make sure that all youngsters have been picked up before they leave the premises.
- G. Teams or Organizations engaging in activities, which may result in destruction of property or endangerment of themselves or others, will not be permitted to use the property.
- H. At the entrance of Richfield Woods Park, there is a sign posted that reads "FIELD CONDITIONS," with numbers representing each field. These numbers represent the fields, which are playable. When the fields are not playable, a red card will cover the number of the field, indicating that the field is closed.
- a) The Recreation Director will make the closing of any field before 4:00 p.m., which will be the latest closing time for the fields. If an field is

Richfield Village Park Rules

September 2012 ~~February 2005~~

played on that is closed, a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per team who uses said closed field shall be assessed. This fine shall be taken out of the Field Deposit.

- b) No other person shall be authorized to re-open a closed field except the Recreation Director.

I. The only maintenance allowed by anyone other than Park personnel is as follows:

- a) Light raking around bases and pitching rubber.
- b) Re-lining the field
- c) Use of field absorbent as needed
- d) Rock removal

242. SOCCER FIELD AND OPEN SPACE USAGES.

A. The soccer field shall be open April 15 through November 1 of each year from 7 a.m. until dusk, 7 days a week.

B. Use of athletic fields must be cleared with the Richfield Recreation Director.

C. The sports facilities are open to the public and use is permitted as long as no conflict of schedules occurs. When the Recreation Director determines that there may be a possible or actual conflict for the use of certain fields or other facilities, the following rules shall apply in all cases:

- a) Eligibility – To be eligible to use any of the sports facilities, the specific schedule request for what field or other facilities to be used, including specific dates and beginning and ending times and other relevant information must be forwarded to the Recreation Director in writing no later than March 15th (spring season)/July 15th (fall season). All requests for use of the facilities shall be made in good faith and all participants shall act in good faith with regard to any request for use, including the verification of the status of Richfield residents participating in the use or activity.
- b) After March 15th (spring season)/July 15th (fall season) has passed, the Recreation Director shall review all of the requests received by the deadline for use of the fields and facilities. The Recreation Director, at their sole discretion, shall make a determination that the use of the fields and other facilities shall be given to those participants that have the greatest number of Richfield residents actually participating in the activity. The Recreation Director shall rank the requests according to this priority and set the schedules accordingly. It is the intention of these rules that the Parks and other facilities be made available to the most Richfield residents as possible.

Richfield Village Park Rules

September 2012 ~~February 2005~~

- c) Once the schedules have been made, any times and dates still open will be made available first to those groups or activities that made a written request by March 15th (spring season)/July 15th (fall season). If these groups do not commit to using the vacant days and times within 7 days, then the unused dates and times shall be made available to all other users on a first-come basis.
- D. A Field Deposit is required for any group or individual who schedules use of a field more than three (3) times throughout a year. A two hundred fifty dollar (\$250.00) deposit shall be required for any individual or group who schedules a field less than twenty-five (25) times a year and a five hundred dollar (\$500.00) deposit shall be required for any individual or group who schedules a field twenty-five (25) times or more a year. This deposit shall be returned at the end of the season minus any costs to repair damage, outside of normal wear and tear, to the sports facilities.
- E. A Tournament/Camp Registration Fee is required for any for-profit group or individual who schedules a tournament or camp throughout the year. A twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) non-refundable fee for each field/court used per day shall be collected prior to the start of each tournament or camp.
- F. Teams or Organizations using the property must show proof and have on file with the Recreation Director, liability insurance for field use. Youth groups must have an adult supervisor. Supervisors must make sure that all youngsters have been picked up before they leave the premises.
- G. Teams or Organizations engaging in activities, which may result in destruction of property or endangerment of themselves or others, will not be permitted to use the property.