

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 151.02 OF THE VILLAGE'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 20-2014, AND ADOPTING REPLACEMENT PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL PARKS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 20-2014, enacted on March 4, 2014, this Council passed rules and regulations for the Richfield Woods Park and other Village recreation areas, including trails; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 20-2014 is adopted and incorporated into Section 151.02 of the Codified Ordinances;

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Parks and Recreation Board have proposed repealing Ordinance No. 20-2014 and adopting replacement rules for all Richfield Village parks, including trails; and

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to adopt the replacement rules so they may be enforced in all Richfield Village parks.

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

Section 1. That Section 151.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Richfield be amended to read as follows:

“151.02 ADOPTION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The rules and regulations of the Park and Recreation Board attached to ~~Ordinance 20-2014, passed March 4, 2014~~ **to Ordinance No. xx-2024, passed _____, 2024**, and made a part hereof are hereby approved and shall have the same force and effect as though fully rewritten herein.”

Section 2. That Ordinance No. 20-2014, be, and the same hereby is, repealed and this Council does hereby adopt replacement rules for all Richfield Village Parks to be known as the “Richfield Village Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulations,” a copy of which is attached hereto as “Exhibit A” and fully incorporated herein as if by reference.

Section 3. That any ordinance in conflict with Sections 1 and 2 of this ordinance be and hereby are repealed.

Section 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees or subcommittees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5. The 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 opening of the racket sports facilities; 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: 10/15/24

[Signature]
President of Council

[Signature]
Mayor

Dated: 10/15/2024

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Clerk of Council

RICHFIELD VILLAGE PARKS AND RECREATION
RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. HOURS OF OPERATION.

Parks are open daily from dawn 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; nor shall any tree, flower, shrub, rock or other mineral be removed, injured or destroyed or planted.

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

No person shall deposit in any part 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 Village.

4. HUNTING AND MOLESTING WILDLIFE.

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 nest or take the eggs of any bird.

5. FISHING

All fishing is catch and release. Fishing is allowed during posted park hours only. Please dispose of any trash and fishing line in the designated receptacles.

6. FIRES.

- A. No person shall start a fire in any park except for places provided for that purpose, unless authorized by written permission of the Village Parks and Recreation Director.
- B. Use fire pits only in designated areas and limit the size of the fire to the size of the fire pit. Only burn clean, dry firewood or fire logs. No burning of trash, garbage or other materials not intended for the fire are permitted. Do not use accelerants, such as gasoline or lighter fluid, to start or enhance the fire. Use fire-starting materials like newspaper, kindling or fire starters.
- C. Ensure that the fire remains a manageable size and under control. Do not create a fire that is too large. Never leave a fire unattended and always have a responsible adult present.
- D. Have fire extinguishing equipment readily available, such as a bucket of water, a hose, or a fire extinguisher, to quickly put out the fire if needed.

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- E. All fires shall be put out by person or persons starting or using same before leaving the immediate vicinity of the fire. Extinguish the fire completely, use water to fully extinguish it and ensure the fire is cold to the touch before leaving the area.
- F. Follow all burn bans. Respect any local or seasonal burn bans, which may restrict open fires during dry or high-fire-risk periods.

7. FIREARMS/FIREWORKS.

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 Village Police Department and must be discharged by a professional.

8. CAMPS.

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

9. 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.

10. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES/ILLEGAL DRUGS.

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 without a permit from the Village. No illegal drugs are permitted in any park at any time whatsoever.

11. TRAFFIC.

- A. No person shall drive or propel, or cause to be driven or propelled, along or over any paved road within a 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 a park, a vehicle in any manner as to cause damage to the Park or any individual.

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- C. No person shall drive or propel, or cause to be driven or propelled, along or over any road within a park, any commercial vehicle, over one (1) ton, without written permit from the Village.
- D. No person shall park any motorcar, motorcycle, or other motorized vehicle within a 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 Village.
- F. No portion of a 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, motorbikes, Segways, hoverboards, or any motorized vehicle, except an ADA approved device, 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 a park.

12. 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 a park without an application/permit from the Village Parks and Recreation Director or designee, 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 a park, without specific permit from the Village Parks Recreation Director or designee.

14. GRAZING.

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

15. PETS; HORSES.

No pets are permitted in any of the Parks, unless such animals are controlled at all times

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on a leash or in a cage. Owners are responsible to clean up after their pets. Horses are not permitted in the Parks absent a written permit from the Village Parks and Recreation Director or designee.

16. CROSS COUNTRY SKIING AND SLEDDING HILLS.

- A. Cross-country skiing and sledding will be permitted only when the ground is covered by two (2) inches of snow or more. Designated cross country skiing hours and sledding hours are dawn to dusk.
- B. No sledding is permitted when the sled hill is closed. Sled only in designated sledding areas within the park to avoid interfering with other park activities and to ensure a safe environment.
- C. Motorized vehicles are not permissible.
- D. Use appropriate sleds or toboggans designed for sledding, and ensure they are in good condition. Avoid using makeshift or unsafe sleds.
- E. Children under 12 should be accompanied by a responsible adult. Sled ride at your own risk.

17. APPLICATION AND BONDS.

Organizations wishing to use a park must apply in writing and receive approval from the Village Parks and Reaction Director.

18. GOLF BALLS.

No person shall hit golf balls on park property.

19. DRONES.

Drones are not permitted in any park, except with permission from the Village Parks and Recreation Director or designee.

20. 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.

21. PARK.FACILITIES.

- A. Information regarding fees for local organizations is listed on the rental agreement schedule on the Village website.
- B. There is a fee for private use of the facilities

- 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.

22. BASEBALL FIELD USAGE.

- A. The baseball fields shall be open April 1 through September 30 of each year from 8 a.m. until dusk, 7 days a week.
- B. Use of athletic fields must be cleared with the Richfield Village Parks and Recreation Director or designee.
- C. The sports facilities are open to the public and use is permitted if no conflict of schedules occurs. When the Village Parks and Recreation Director or designee determines that there may be a possible or actual conflict for the use of certain fields or other facilities of the Richfield Village Parks and 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 sent to the Village Parks and Recreation Director in writing no later than March 15th. 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, the Village Parks and Recreation Director or designee shall review all of the requests received by the deadline for use of the fields and facilities. The Village Parks and Recreation Director or designee, at their 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 Village Parks and Recreation Director or designee 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 15th. 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. See field deposit fee schedule on the Village website. 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 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 Village
 - G. Parks and Recreation Director or designee, liability insurance for field use. Youth groups must have an adult supervisor. Supervisors must make sure that all youths have been picked up before they leave the premises.
 - H. 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.
 - I. On the Richfield Village website there is a page that reads "FIELD CONDITIONS," with numbers representing each field. These numbers represent the fields, which are playable.
 - a) The Village Parks and Recreation Director or designee will make the closing of any field before 4:00 p.m., which will be the latest closing time for the fields. If a field is played on that is closed, a fine shall be assessed to each team that uses a closed field.
 - b) No other person shall be authorized to re-open a closed field except the Village Parks and Recreation Director or designee.
 - J. 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
23. 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 Village Parks and Recreation Director or designee.
 - C. The sports facilities are open to the public and use is permitted as long as no conflict of schedules occurs. When the Village Parks and Recreation Director or designee 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:

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- 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 Village Parks and Recreation Director or designee 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 Village Parks and Recreation Director or designee 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 Village Parks and Recreation Director or designee 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.
 - 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. 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 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 Village Parks and Recreation Director or designee, liability insurance for field use. Youth groups must have an adult supervisor. Supervisors must make sure that all youths 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.

24. BASKETBALL AND RACQUET SPORTS FACILITIES.

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- A. The basketball, tennis, and pickleball courts are open from dawn to dusk daily.
 - B. Use of courts is on a first-come, first-served basis with preference given to Village residents.
 - C. Organized leagues, programs, and scheduled events have priority usage during designated times. Courts can be reserved by contacting the Village Parks and Recreation office at 330-659-9201.
 - D. Courts are open to all ages, but children under 12 must be supervised by an adult.
 - E. Good sportsmanship is expected at all times. Profanity, aggressive behavior, and harassment of others will not be tolerated and may result in removal from the courts.
 - F. The maximum number of players allowed on the court are as follows:
 - a) Basketball – 10 per court
 - b) Tennis/Pickleball – 4 per court
 - G. No pets are allowed on the courts at any time.
 - H. Damaging or defacing park property, including courts and equipment, is strictly prohibited. Village staff has authority to enforce these rules and regulations, and any violation may result in penalties, prosecution, and loss of court privileges.
 - I. Trash is to be disposed of in designated receptacles. Please leave court areas clean for others.
 - J. In case of emergency, call 330-659-9500 or notify Village staff.
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