

**TOWNSHIP OF GREEN BROOK**  
**County of Somerset, State of New Jersey**

**ORDINANCE 2005-699**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 3, POLICE  
REGULATIONS OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF GREEN BROOK, ADDING A NEW SECTION 3-17, "PARKS  
AND RECREATION AREAS"**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Green Brook Township Committee that Chapter 3, Police Regulations, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Green Brook be and is hereby amended to add the following Section 17:

**3-17 PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS**

**3-17.2 Application**

The following regulations apply to all parks and recreational lands owned or controlled by the Township of Green Brook, except as provided herein.

**3-17.3 Preservation of Grounds**

- a. No person shall leave rubbish or other foreign matter within any park or recreation land, except in a receptacle provided and designated for that purpose by the Township of Green Brook.
- b. No person shall take into, carry through, leave in or throw, cast, lay, drop or discharge into or on the parks, or suffer or permit any servant, agent, employee or person in his or her charge to take into, carry through, leave in or throw, cast, lay, drop or discharge into or on the parks, any rubbish, refuse, garbage or other material
- c. No person shall remove or in any way injure or mutilate any plant, structure or other object or dig up or remove any dirt, stone, or other substance within a park or recreation land.
- d. No person shall build, light, or maintain a fire within a park or recreation land except in a grill or fireplace provided and designated for that purpose by Green Brook Township or in a portable grill. No person shall discharge or set off any firecrackers, fireworks or rockets within a park or recreation land.
- e. No person shall willfully mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with or displace or remove any buildings, bridges, tables, benches, fireplaces, railings, paving or paving materials, waterlines or other public utilities, signs, notices or placards, whether temporary or permanent, monuments, stake posts or other boundary markers or other structures or equipment, facilities or park property or appurtenances whatsoever, either real or personal.

- f. No person shall paste, glue, tack, or otherwise post any signs, placards, advertisements or inscriptions whatever, nor shall any person erect or cause to be erected any sign on any public lands or highways or roads adjacent to a park.

### **3-17.3 Animals and Wildlife**

- a. No person shall permit a dog in his/her possession to run at large within any park or recreation land in Green Brook Township. A dog must be in custody or in the control of the owner and restricted by a leash not exceeding 15 feet in length. The owner of a dog must adhere to the township ordinances regarding the proper cleanup of waste from his/her dog while at a park or recreation land.
- b. No person shall impair or kill any animal or disturb its habitat.

### **3-17.4 Discharge of Weapons**

No person shall carry or possess firearms of any description; or air rifles, spring guns, paintball guns, bows and arrows, slings or any other form of weapon potentially harmful to wildlife and dangerous to human safety; or any instrument that can be loaded with and fire blank cartridges; or any kind of trapping device. Shooting into park areas from beyond park boundaries is prohibited.

### **3-17.5 Vehicles and Parking**

- a. No person shall drive or park any motor vehicle or any motor-drawn vehicle within a park or recreation land other than in such parking lots or access drives thereto as may be established, except by permit issued by Green Brook Township. As used in this article, “motor vehicle” means every device in, upon or by which a person or property is or may be transported that is equipped with a motor for propulsion, excluding motorized wheelchairs.
- b. No person shall ride or bring a minibike or ATV into any recreational or park area.
- c. No person shall leave a vehicle standing or parked at night in established parking areas or elsewhere in the park areas.

### **3-17.6 Bodies of Water**

No person shall use private boats on any body of water. No person shall bathe or swim in any body of water within a park or recreation land.

### **3-17.7 Ice Skating**

Ice skating is prohibited unless specifically authorized by Green Brook Township and on dates and times specifically posted for this purpose.

### **3-17.8 Electronic Amplification of Sound**

No person shall use any loudspeaker, portable stereo, public address system or amplifier within a park or recreation land, except pursuant to a permit issued by the Township of Green Brook.

### **3-17.9 Commercial Uses**

No person shall sell or solicit the sale of any goods or services or distribute commercial handbills or circulars or post a notice of any kind within a park or recreation land, except pursuant to a permit issued the Township of Green Brook.

### **3-17.10 Group Use, Reserved Use of Township Parks**

- a. Groups may reserve the use of township parks with authorization from the Township of Green Brook. A permit fee shall be charged to each individual group. Said fee shall be set by resolution of the Township Committee. Groups with a properly issued permit will have exclusive use of the facilities during the approved date and time. No individual may be denied access to the parks because of the group's reserved status, but may not utilize any specifically reserved facility while the group is using it.
- b. A person seeking issuance of a permit hereunder shall file an application with the Township Clerk stating:
  - i. The name and address of the applicant.
  - ii. The name and address of the person, persons, corporation, or association sponsoring the activity, if any.
  - iii. The day and hours of which the permit is desired.
  - iv. The park or portion thereof for which such permit is desired.
  - v. An insurance certificate in the amount of \$1,000,000 naming the Township of Green Brook.
  - vi. Any other information which the Township of Green Brook shall find reasonably necessary to make a fair determination as to whether a permit should be issued hereunder.
- c. A permittee shall be bound by all park rules and regulations and all applicable ordinances fully as though the same were inserted in said permit.
- d. The person or persons to whom the permit is issued shall be liable for all loss, damage or injury sustained by any person whatever by reason of negligence of

the person or persons to whom such permit shall have been issued. The Township of Green Brook shall have the right to require any permittee to submit evidence of liability insurance covering injuries to members of the general public arising out of such permitted activities.

- e. Revocation. The Township of Green Brook shall have the authority to revoke a permit upon a finding of violation of any rule or ordinance or upon good cause shown.

### **3-17.11 Reservations for Athletic Fields**

All athletic fields located in any township-owned park must be reserved by the individual sports organizations that provide recreational sports leagues for township residents. Permits for field usage will be issued by the Township Committee. The township reserved the right to charge a fee for field usage. Said fee shall be set by resolution of the Township Committee.

### **3-17.12 Hours**

All parks and recreation land shall be open to the public from sunrise to sunset, unless specific other hours are authorized for group use. Except for unusual and unforeseen emergencies, parks shall be open to the public every day of the year during authorized hours unless specifically stated otherwise in this Code.

### **3-17.13 Alcoholic Beverage**

No alcoholic beverages of any kind are permitted in any park or recreation land.

### **3-17.14 Smoking**

Smoking is prohibited in the following locations:

- a. Playing fields
- b. Bleachers
- c. Tennis Courts
- d. Children' Playground

### **3-17.15 Excessive Noise**

No person shall cause or create or maintain any device causing or creating any unnecessary noise in any park or recreation land.

### **3-17.16 Park Restrictions on Tennis Courts at Top of the World Park**

- a. The tennis courts at the Top of the World Park shall be closed between October 31<sup>st</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup>. These dates may be adjusted depending upon weather conditions.
- b. Rollerblading, bicycling, or skateboarding is specifically prohibited.

### **3-17.17 Violations and Penalties**

Penalties for violations of this article shall be as provided in Section 1-5, General Penalty, of this Code.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective after publication following final adoption after public hearing as provided by law.

Introduction: 2/21/05

Public Hearing and Adoption: 3/21/05