

**ORDINANCE NO# 104-12**  
**MAPLE MEADOWS & JEFFERSON OAKS PARK**  
**PARK RULES, REGULATIONS & SIGNS**

**Park Entrance Signs:** Provide the name of the park and may be an excellent place to post opening and closing times. They also can provide an esthetic enhancement or set the theme for the park experience.

**Opening and Closing Hours:** Hours of park operation should be posted if the park closes during a 24 hour period. Operating hours may change from season to season.

**General Park Rules and Regulations:** Signs listing general rules of conduct and behavior should be posted in a spot that is easily visible to park users. It is not necessary for this sign to be the largest or brightest sign in the park.

**Bulletin Boards / Special Event Signs:** These signs can provide a less intrusive location for park rules, hours of operation, or information about special events and scheduled activities.

**Playground Use and Supervision Signs:** Playground injuries and liability concerns are more common for parks and park operators. Signs defining rules for proper use and child supervision are available from recreational equipment suppliers.

**BASIC PARK RULES**

- Parks are open to the public every day of the year from 7:00am to 11:00pm.
- Dogs and other pets must be on a leash and/or under control of the owner. No pets allowed on playground at any time. Must pick-up after pet at all times.
- Place trash in trash receptacles only. If trash receptacles are not provided, take your refuse with you. Never dump or deposit trash on any park land.
- Do not set fires except in designated cooking areas. Picnickers must completely extinguish all fires before leaving the park. Never throw lighted matches, burning cigarette or other flammable material in any park area. Open fires are prohibited.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the parks.
- Never damage, pollute, disfigure or remove any natural resource, structures or equipment in the parks. Do not hunt, kill, molest, frighten or tease any animals, reptiles or birds in the park.
- Bottles, containers or other items made of glass are prohibited from the park.
- Motorized model airplanes are not allowed in the parks.
- Motorized vehicles of any kind, including motorcycles, motorbikes, mini-bikes, golf-carts and off road 4-wheelers are not allowed on park grounds and/or trails and community walkway.
- No solicitation, vending, advertising or sign posting is allowed in the parks, except by special permission of the Park Board.
- The use of offensive language and/or gestures or disorderly conduct and unreasonable noise is prohibited.
- The use of weapons and firearms, air guns, pellet or B.B. guns, bows and arrows or projectile devices capable of inflicting personal injury is prohibited.

**MORE SOPHISTICATED PARK RULES**

**PURPOSE:** These rules are established as written guidelines for the use of the Town of Frankton parks, wildlife preserves and recreational facilities. These rules are intended to secure and preserve the fullest enjoyment of parks and recreational facilities to a wide range of park patrons. Failure to abide by these rules shall be cause for removal. The commission of offenses under local ordinances or state law shall be cause for arrest.

**APPLICABILITY:** These rules apply to and in all parks, wildlife preserves and recreational facilities or areas belonging to the Town of Frankton or managed by or under the authority of the Town of Frankton.

**Article 1.01 USE OF PARK FACILITIES**

Park facilities generally are available for public use on a first-come, first-served basis, except for areas that have previously been reserved.

- A. Reservations:** Shelter Houses may be reserved for parties, reunions, picnics and etc., by calling the Town Hall and reserving your date, time and shelter house.
- B. Reservations Fee:** There are no reservation fees, however the park does except donations.

**Article 1.02 ASSEMBLY**

Organizers intending to conduct assemblies or public demonstrations on parkland must provide a two (2) week notice to the Parks and Recreation Department by calling the Town Hall at 765-754-7285. Assemblies or public demonstrations are permissible except where such an activity will disrupt or interfere with scheduled events, or prevent or be inconsistent with the intended use of park facilities at the proposed site of assembly.

**Article 1.03 CLOSED AREA(S)**

- A.** The Town Council or the Park Board designee may close park areas, wildlife preserves or facilities to the public entry or otherwise restrict use until such time as the area or facility can be made available for public use.
- B.** Except in emergency circumstances, notice of closure shall be posted and patrons shall not enter closed or restricted areas.
- C.** Patrons shall not enter areas closed due to flooding or to areas that are subject of a flood ban.

**Article 1.04 DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR & EJECTION FROM PARK WILDLIFE PRESERVE FACILITIES**

- A.** Patrons engaged in disruptive, destructive or hazardous conduct may be warned and asked to stop such conduct immediately by any park attendant. Under circumstances where a patron’s conduct is unlawful, or poses an imminent threat of injury or prevents the public enjoyment of the park or wildlife preserve, or facility, park attendants may eject such patrons by any reasonable means, including arrest.

**Article 1.05 VENDING**

- A.** Persons shall not conduct the commercial sale or offer to sell any goods, wares, drinks, food or items nor render or offer to render any service for hire, at any park, wildlife preserve or facility except as authorized by contract, or permit properly issued by the Parks and Recreation Department.

**Article 1.06 METAL DETECTORS**

- A.** The use of metal detectors in Town parks and wildlife preserves without a permit is

prohibited.

### **Article 1.07 ABANDONED OR UNATTENDED PROPERTY**

- A. No person shall abandon a vehicle or other personal property at any park facility or wildlife preserves. Abandoned property shall be removed and/or impounded as determined by the Town.
- B. No person shall leave a vehicle of any type, boat or other property unattended at any Park facility or wildlife preserve in such a manner as to create a hazardous or unsafe condition, or to be in violation of a park curfew. Such property may be removed to a safe place or impounded.

### **Article 1.08 PEACE AND QUIET**

- A. Patrons shall preserve the peace and quiet enjoyment of the parks and/or wildlife preserved by observing all ordinances and state laws governing noise and amplified sound.
  - 1. Patrons shall not use offensive language, make unreasonable noise, discharge weapons or fireworks, or engage in offensive gestures or conduct constituting disorderly conduct.
  - 2. Patrons shall not operate noise-making devices in violation of local or ordinances prohibiting unreasonable noise or requiring a sound amplification permit.

### **Article 1.09 WEAPONS AND FIREARMS**

- A. Patrons shall not carry or possess weapons or firearms while in park facilities or wildlife preserves.
- B. The use of firearms, air guns, pellet or B.B. guns, bows and arrows or projectile devices capable of inflicting personal injury is prohibited.
- C. No patron may display a firearm or other weapon at any park facility or wildlife preserve in a manner calculated to alarm or threaten anyone.

### **Article 1.10 WILDLIFE & PLANT LIFE & NATURAL RESOURCES**

- A. All wildlife within the boundaries of any Frankton Parks and Recreation Department park facility and wildlife preserve is protected. No person may harm, harass, hunt, trap or remove any animal, including fish, birds, reptiles, or other living creature from any park facility or wildlife preserve. This section shall not apply where fishing is permitted, by an individual in possession of a valid Indiana fishing license.
- B. All plant life within the boundaries of any Frankton Parks and Recreation Department park facility and wildlife preserve is protected. Patrons shall not mutilate, injure, destroy, thrash, or remove any live tree, shrub, vine, wildflowers, grass, sedge, fern, moss lichen, fungus or any other member of the plant kingdom or portion thereof, and no person shall collect or harvest dead wood or plants, or portions thereof, except upon written approval by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- C. All sites, objects, buildings, artifacts, implements, and locations of historical, archaeological, geologic, scientific or educational interest of every character located in, on, or under the surface of any park facility and wildlife preserve are protected. No person may remove, excavate, take, dig into, or destroy any site, object, building,

Artifact, implement or location of archaeological, scientific or historical interest without having written permission of the Parks and Recreation Department.

**Article 1.11 ANIMALS**

- A. Persons bringing pets or other animals into outdoor park areas shall keep them under confinement or direct control. Leads on leashes used to control animals shall not be more than six feet long, except for an animal trained to assist the disabled.
- B. Patrons shall not permit a pet or other animal to remain unattended or create a disturbance or a hazard.
- C. Patrons shall not ride, drive, lead or keep a horse and/or bring into, or permit to range at any park facility or wildlife preserve, domestic fowl, swine, sheep, goat, or other livestock. Patrons shall not hitch a saddle horse to a tree, shrub, or structure in any manner that causes damage.

**Article 1.12 FIRES, SMOKING, FIREWOOD OR FIREWORKS**

- A. No person may light, build, or maintain a fire on any of the Town of Frankton's Parks and Recreation Department park facilities or wildlife preserve, except in a facility or device provided, maintained or designated for such purposes, such as portable camp stoves or portable barbecue grills of metal construction may be used in designated picnic areas.
- B. During periods of extreme fire hazard, the Town Council and/or Parks and Recreation Department may prohibit or restrict fires and smoking within the Parks and wildlife preserve
- C. No person may cut, gather, or collect wood or other combustible material at any Town of Frankton's Parks and Recreation Department park facility or wildlife preserve, for use as firewood or fuel.
- D. The possession or use of any kind of firework, is prohibited in all parks and wildlife preserves.

**Article 1.13 CAMPING AND OVERNIGHT USE**

- A. No person may camp at any Town of Frankton's Park and Recreation Department park facility or wildlife preserve, except as authorized by permit and only in areas designated or marked for that purpose. Primitive camping only is permitted with the purchase of a permit from the Town of Frankton.
  - 1. Primitive camping permitted in authorized areas designated or marked for that purpose, with a permit from the Town of Frankton's Town Council or authorized Park Department Official.
  - 2. Primitive camping is defined as erecting a tent or arranging bedding, or both, for the purpose of, or in such a manner as will permit remaining overnight.
  - 3. Use of a trailer, camper, or other vehicle for the purpose of sleeping overnight is prohibited.
- B. Camping Time Limit
  - 1. To afford all the public a wider use of the Town of Frankton's Park and Recreation Department's primitive camping facilities, continuous occupancy of primitive camping facilities by the same person or persons in



**Article 1.18                      PERFORMING ARTIST IN PARKS**

Individuals may perform as artists or entertainers in any Frankton Parks and Recreation Department and wildlife preserve within the following guidelines:

- A. May not block sidewalks or in any way impede pedestrians or vehicular traffic circulation.
- B. Amplified sound is prohibited.
- C. Juggling of potentially hazardous materials or items such as knives or fire is
- D. Any money exchange should be on a “tips” or donation basis only.
- E. May set up at special events only with written permission of event. Entertainers Should carry a copy of the letter of approval from the Town Council of Frankton and/or Parks and Recreation Department permitting their performance art. The letter is to be available on request by any park attendant or employee charged with patrolling or supervising park use.

**Article 1.19                      CREMATION REMAINS**

No cremation remains shall be disposed of, on any parkland in the Town of Frankton’s Park and Recreation Department and wildlife preserve.

**Article 1.20                      SPECIAL RULES FOR SPECIFIC PARK FACILITES**

Each park facility and wildlife preserve may develop rules and regulations that address Problems specific to that facility, which shall be in writing and approved by the Directors of the Town of Frankton’s Park and Recreation Department. Patrons shall comply with all rules and regulations posted at individual facilities or special events.

**Article 1.21                      PENALTIES AND FINES**

Any person or persons violating any of these Rules and Regulations will be fined by the Town of Frankton and/or the Town of Frankton’s Park and Recreation Department and may be ban from the Park for the year or possibly life. Depending on the severity of the violation of these Rules and Regulations any person or persons may be cited into court and prosecuted by Indiana State Law along with any and all fines. Fines will begin at: \$100.00 and up to \$500.00 maximum, depending on the violation.

**ADOPTED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE, 2012 by the Frankton Town Council, by a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.**

