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ORDINANCE 4.01 – TOWN OWNED PROPERTY AND PARKS

SECTION I. TITLE AND PURPOSE

1. This ordinance is entitled “Town Owned Property and Parks”, and its purpose is to promote safety, health, and general welfare by regulating the use of town parks and property.

SECTION II. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

1. The Town Board shall have the jurisdiction and authority of the Park and Vacant Land Committee in the enforcement of this ordinance.

SECTION III. RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Speed Limit and Traffic. No vehicles are allowed on town-owned property or in parks except upon established trails, paths and roadways, and then only at a rate of speed not to exceed fifteen (15) miles per hour.
 - a. All riding, driving, and possession of horses, snowmobiles, go-karts, mini-bikes, ATVs, UTVs or other types of motorized vehicles not licensed for road travel is expressly prohibited on town-owned property and in parks.
2. Pets. All pets shall be kept under the control of its owner by means of a leash, chain, or rope. The owner shall dispose of said pet’s defecation.
 - a. The Town of Shelby may ban pets in certain areas as they deem necessary.
3. Destruction or Property. No person shall in any manner deface or injure any building, tree, shrub, plant, sod, fence, signage or other property.
4. Fires. No fire shall be lit or made except in places specifically provided for such a purpose.
5. No Weapons or Explosives. The use of air guns, slingshots, firearms, explosives, bow and arrow, fireworks, and weapons of any character is strictly prohibited.
6. Littering. No person shall throw, deposit, or leave any paper, food, trash or similar article, except in receptacles provided for waste and trash.
7. Disorderly Conduct.

- a. No person shall use any loud, violent, obscene or profane language, nor shall anyone conduct him or herself in a disorderly or violent manner or commit any nuisance.
 - b. No person shall disturb or interfere unreasonably with any person or party occupying any area or participating in any activity under the authority of a permit.
8. Playground Equipment and Tennis Courts. All playground equipment, benches, shelter houses, and grills, shall be used properly, and any person, negligently or intentionally damaging the same shall be responsible for the costs of repair or replacement.
 - a. Roller blading, roller skating, skateboarding, bicycling and all such similar activities are prohibited on the tennis courts.
9. Removal of Park Benches and Tables. No person shall remove any table, bench or seat from any park, and no table bench or seat which is permanently placed shall be moved at all.
10. Closing Hours. Town of Shelby Parks shall be open from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
11. Shelter Renting.
 - a. Anyone renting a shelter shall sign a Shelter Use Agreement as specified by the Town Board and pay the required fee and deposit established annually by the Town Board.
 - b. Shelters shall only be available for rent between April 15th and October 15th each year unless reviewed and approved by the Town Board.
12. Amplified Sound. There shall be no excessive noise of any kind that disturbs adjoining landowners of the park or other people using the park without prior approval from the Town Board.
13. Alcohol.
 - a. Alcoholic beverages may be consumed by adults of legal drinking age within Town of Shelby parks and shelters.
 - b. Sale of alcohol requires an additional license in accordance with local ordinances and state law.
14. Sports Tournaments. There shall be no sports or baseball tournaments in any park unless approved by the Town Board.
15. Entering and Leaving. Only designated entrances shall be used to enter or leave any town-owned property or parks.
16. No Overnight Parking. There shall be no overnight parking on town-owned property or parks.

17. No Camping. There shall be no camping on town-owned property or parks.

a. Definitions.

- i. *To camp or camping*: to set up or to remain in or at a campsite, including the storage of personal belongings or camping materials.
- ii. *Campsite*: any place where any of the following are placed, established or maintained: bedding, sleeping bag(s), any stove or fire, any tent, lean-to, shack, vehicle or any structure permanent or temporary that could reasonably be used for camping.
- iii. *Camping materials*: includes, but is not limited to, tents, tarps, umbrellas, metal sheeting, pallets, canopies, hammock, hunting blind, boxes, huts, temporary shelters, vehicles, or any materials that could reasonably be used for camping.

SECTION IV. ENFORCEMENT, VIOLATION AND PENALTIES

1. Any individual who violates, disobeys or refuses to comply with any provisions of this ordinance on their own or as a group may be subject to a fine of \$250.00 for each offense, each day of such violation constituting a separate offense.

SECTION V. EXCEPTIONS

1. Events that require tents or canopies to be placed in a Town Park for more than 24 hours must have specific permission from the Town Board or their designee.
2. Events that require tents or canopies to be placed in a Town Park for more than 48 hours require permission from the Town Board at a public meeting.
3. The Town Board can grant permission to camp on Town-Owned Property or Parks at their discretion.

SECTION VI. SEVERABILITY

1. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable, and it is expressly declared that the Town Board would have passed the provisions of this Ordinance irrespective of whether one or more provisions may be declared invalid, or if any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance and the application for such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION VII. EFFECTIVE DATE

1. This ordinance shall take effect and be enforceable from and after its passage and posting as required by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Board of the Town of Shelby, La Crosse County, Wisconsin on this the _____ day of _____ 2024.

Tim Candahl, Town Board Chairperson

Renee Knutson, Town Board Supervisor

Tim Padesky, Town Board Supervisor

Marlene Heal, Town Board Supervisor

Tim Ehler, Town Board Supervisor

ATTEST:

Fortune Berg, Town Clerk