LAKE TOWNSHIP
MISSOURI COUNTY, MICHIGAN

LAKE TOWNSHIP PARK ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO. 18

An ordinance to provide for the use, protection, regulation, and control of the township parks and park facilities and other matters concerning recreation and conservation.

THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKE ORDAINS:

Section 1. Name:
This Ordinance shall be known and referred to as the Lake Township Park Ordinance.

Section 2. Application and Hours:
A. This Ordinance shall apply to the Clam River Park located at the intersection of M-55 and Dickerson Road and the Jennings Park located on Lot 5, Block G, in the Plat of Jennings.

B. No person or vehicle shall remain upon park property from 10:00 p.m. until sunrise, during which time the park shall be closed. There shall be no overnight camping or other overnight activities.

Section 3. Unlawful Activities:
It shall be unlawful to do any of the following within the park:

A. To remove, destroy or mutilate park property.

B. To destroy, damage, or deface any tree or other vegetation.

(Adults shall be responsible for any damages caused by their children or pets.)

C. To allow animals to run loose or walk unleashed.

D. To operate any vehicle, including but not limited to dirt bikes, off road vehicles, snowmobiles, bicycles, motorcycles, or motor vehicles. (This rule does not pertain to motorized equipment used by individuals whose disabilities require such use as long as such equipment is used upon established paths or to get to picnic tables or the river and further that such equipment does not unnecessarily destroy trees or other vegetation.)

E. To use loud speakers, boom boxes, public address systems, or other loud sound equipment.

F. To have campfires anywhere.

G. To leave or discard any refuse, rubbish, household or other materials, solid or liquid, in or upon the property except for picnic, fishing, or hiking materials used at the park and left in containers provided by the park.

H. To hunt, trap, catch, wound, kill or treat cruelly or to attempt such an act upon any bird or animal, to molest or rob any nest of any bird or any lair, den, or burrow of any animal within the park. This rule does not apply to or limit any legal fishing.
I. To use or have in one's possession any intoxicating beverages.

J. To be under the influence of intoxicants or to engage in any violent, abusive, loud, boisterous, vulgar, obscene or otherwise disorderly conduct, or to disturb or annoy others.

K. To fire, discharge or have in one's possession any fireworks or any substance of an explosive nature.

L. To use, discharge, or have in one's possession any firearm, or bow including but not limited to pistols, shotguns, rifles, or air guns. (This rule does not apply to any state police, DNR, sheriff department or other duly appointed law enforcement officers while carrying out the duties and responsibilities of his or her position.)

Section 4. Enforcement and Penalties:

A. Any person violating any provision of the foregoing rules shall be liable for a fine up to and not more than $500.00 under a Municipal Civil Infraction as defined by statute and with the procedures established under Lake Township Ordinance No. 15. For each day this ordinance is violated, the offender shall be deemed to have committed a separate offense.

B. Any person violating any provision of the foregoing may be asked to leave the park by any Ordinance Enforcement officer established by a township ordinance or by the township supervisor. Failure to leave when requested shall be deemed a trespass.

C. Violations of any provisions of the foregoing rules shall be enforced by a township ordinance officer created under the Lake Township Ordinance No. 5, the Ordinance Enforcement Officer Ordinance.

D. In addition to any municipal civil infraction or criminal trespass, any person who violates any provisions of the foregoing rules shall be liable civilly and the rights and remedies provided herein are cumulative and in addition to all other remedies provided by law.

Section 5. Validity:

Should any section, clause, or provision of this ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any other part thereof.

Section 6. Effective Date:

This Ordinance is enacted by the Lake Township Board on the 14th day of March, 2001, and shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication.

Thomas R. Duddles,
Lake Township Supervisor

Bonnie J. Brown, Lake Township Clerk, certifies that this Ordinance was adopted by the Lake Township Board on March 14, 2001.

Bonnie J. Brown
Lake Township Clerk