TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

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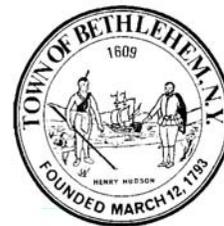*Administrator*

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RULES & REGULATIONS
ALL PARKS

To help ensure your safety and pleasure, please observe the following rules and regulations:

~Tobacco free zones include: playgrounds, playing fields, tennis courts, basketball courts & the pool complex.

~Alcoholic beverages and narcotics are prohibited throughout the park. (Beer and wine are allowed in designated areas by permit only, no glass containers).

~Animals and pets (*with the exception of dogs, on leash*) are not permitted in parks unless authorized by the Administrator of Parks and Recreation.
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~Hunting is prohibited. Wildlife and vegetation shall not be disturbed or removed.

~Abusive and foul language is prohibited.

~Off road motorized vehicles are prohibited. All vehicles must remain on the roads or in parking areas. Bicycles must be parked in bicycle racks.

~Soliciting or posting of signs is not permitted unless authorized by the Administrator of Parks and Recreation.

~Camping and open fires are prohibited. Charcoal grills are permitted in picnic areas only.

~Trash and all other litter must be placed in the containers provided. It shall be limited to materials accumulated during use of the area. Glass bottles and containers are prohibited.

~Playing music loudly is prohibited, unless authorized by the Administrator of Parks and Recreation.

~Dangerous devices such as air guns, slingshots, explosives, guns and archery equipment are prohibited.

~Children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

~In the event of hazardous conditions, any facility may be closed to public use at the discretion of a member of the Parks and Recreation Administrative staff.

~Special events or group usage requires prior approval from the Department of Parks and Recreation. Special setups by the group also require prior approval.

~All fundraising activities must first be approved by the Administrator of Parks and Recreation-Flea markets and rummage sales are prohibited. Commercial usage, including the sale of items or service and posting of signs is prohibited unless there is a contractual arrangement made with the Town of Bethlehem, or the business is assisting the Parks and Recreation Department or a non-profit organization with a program or an event.

~All usage of facilities must be recreational in nature.

~Hours of operation: Parks close at dusk except where posted otherwise.

~Violation of the above rules may result in revocation of any permit granted to the user.

~All other cases involving use of park facilities not stipulated in the aforementioned rules will be decided upon at the discretion of the Administrator of Parks and Recreation. The Administrator of the Parks and Recreation Department may allow exception to one or more of the rules in the case of special events or circumstances

Restrictions on Dogs in Town parks

In addition to the rules set forth Per Chapter 61 Dogs, of the Town Code, the following shall be unlawful for any person who brings a dog to a Town park to violate the following rules:

(1) All dogs must be a minimum of four months old and licensed in accordance with §61-8 of Town Code.

(2) At all times, all dogs shall be accompanied by a responsible person at least 12 years of age, under full control of that person, and restrained by a physical leash no longer than six feet in length.

(3) No dogs shall be allowed in the following areas:
    a. Elm Avenue Park Pool Complex
    b. Playgrounds
    c. Fitness Stations
    d. On courts
    e. On playing fields while in use
    f. Community gardens
    g. Areas temporarily closed due to maintenance, restoration, or weather conditions, as indicated by signs, fences, or flag