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Crawford County Ordinance No. ____, 2014

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF CONDUCT AT THE COUNTY PARK KNOWN AS "WOODCOCK LAKE PARK" AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE IN THE "WOODCOCK LAKE PARK" AND PROVIDING FOR THE PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF,

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Commissioners of Crawford County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained and enacted as follows:

I. General Regulations

1. All day use areas of the Woodcock Lake Park hereinafter referred to as "Park" are open to the public between 8:00 a.m. and sunset throughout the year, persons utilizing the camping area are permitted in the Park throughout the night.
2. The Commissioners of Crawford County shall establish and maintain a schedule of user fees for the park which fees are subject to change by the Commissioners of Crawford County. A current schedule of said user fees will be available to public inspection and upon request at the offices of the Commissioners of Crawford County in the Crawford County Courthouse Meadville, Pennsylvania or at the offices of the Park Superintendent.
3. The laws, rules and regulations of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, and the Pennsylvania Fish Commission shall apply to fishing, hunting and boating except where modification of such laws, rules and regulations are determined necessary by the County established herein.
4. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted.
5. Boisterous, immoral, indecent conduct and profane or offensive language will not be tolerated.
6. Gambling is prohibited.
7. Trash, garbage and all other litter must be placed in containers provided for this purpose and shall be limited to materials accumulated during the use of this Park.
8. Natural and physical objects shall not be removed, molested, injured or damaged. Wildlife shall not be hunted, pursued, or molested. Trees, shrubs, berries, wild flowers or other flowers shall not be picked, cut, or broken, or injured in any way whatsoever.

9. The gathering of dead wood for use as fuel at camping sites or picnic areas is permitted.
10. Open fires and the disposal of hot coals from charcoal grills are permitted only in the appropriate facilities provided.
11. No person shall throw away or discard any lighted match, cigar or cigarette.
12. Vehicles shall not be cleaned polished, greased, lubricated, or repaired except where work of a minor nature is to be handled and then only in cases of emergency.
13. The soliciting for any purpose or the posting of signs is not permitted. The distribution, sales, servicing or rental of any supplies, equipment, material or commodity is restricted to authorized concessionaires.
14. Motorized vehicles must be licensed to be permitted in the park and can only be operated upon roads and parking areas open to public vehicular traffic excessive noise and reckless or negligent operation is prohibited. Commercial traffic is allowed on Park roads only when providing authorized services.
15. All persons shall at all times heed and comply with the directions of Park Security and shall further comply with directions on traffic signs.
16. The Pennsylvania Vehicle Code Act of 1959, P.L.58 as amended, Title 75 P.S., is hereby declared to be in effect in the Park and on all streets and roadways therein with like effect as though set forth herein in full and the traffic rules and regulations set forth herein are in addition to and supplement the said Vehicle Code.
17. Riding or driving bicycles or any other vehicle is not permitted except on roads and trails provided for that purpose.
18. A rate of speed exceeding 15 miles per hour is prohibited in the Park.
19. Horseback riding is permitted in the Park on designated trails.
20. Fishing is permitted except from boat docks, boat launching and mooring areas and within 100 feet of swimming areas or impoundment (dam) structures.
21. The use, carrying or discharge of any type of air-gun, firearms, slingshot or explosive is prohibited.
22. Pets are permitted in the Park provided they are on a leash not exceeding six feet in length and attended at all times. Pets are not permitted in swimming areas.

23. The use of any tools, equipment or vehicles causing unreasonable or excessive noise is prohibited.
24. Unorganized or organized instructions, exhibitions, competitions, demonstrations, water carnivals, festivals, or special camping events may be conducted, with prior approval from the Park Superintendent.
25. Games, contests or sports are permitted only in areas designated for such use.
26. Picnics shall be allowed only in locations provided for that purpose. Persons holding picnics shall clean up and place all waste paper and other refuse in receptacles provided for that purpose.
27. Fixed or permanent structures are not permitted.

II. Regulations for Specific Areas

A. Swimming Area

1. The beach area is open between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and sunset from Memorial Day to Labor Day unless otherwise posted.
2. Underwater breathing apparatus is not allowed.
3. For the safety and enjoyment of the users of the beach, areas are provided for swimming and sun bathing only.
4. Food and beverage consumption, bottles, cans and food containers are not allowed on the beach.

B. Camping Areas

1. Camping is only permitted in designated areas.
2. Only one car (or camper truck) is permitted per camping space, unless otherwise approved by the Park Superintendent.
3. The length of stay at the campgrounds shall be limited to 14 consecutive days; occupancy of a campsite for a period greater than 14 consecutive days is prohibited without written permission from the Park Superintendent.
4. Camping equipment shall be completely removed and the site cleaned before the departure of the campers.

III. Penalty for violation

1. Any person, firm or corporation which shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject upon conviction thereof at a summary proceedings to pay a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and costs of prosecution to be paid to the use of the County or in default of the payment of fine and costs to undergo imprisonment in the Crawford County Jail for not more than ten (10) days or both.
2. Each violation hereunder shall constitute a separate offense subject to the penalty provided in the preceding section.

If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason held illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, it is hereby declared as the intent of the Commissioners of Crawford County that this ordinance shall have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

This Ordinance shall be effective the ____th day of ____, 2014.

PASSED AND ENACTED into an Ordinance this ____th day of ____, 2014

CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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