

CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK
Park and Recreation Advisory Board
Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 5:30 P.M.
City Council Chambers of City Hall
Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER:
2. ROLL CALL: James Barclay, Sandi Brill, Connie Olger,
Samantha Fountain, Mark Gonyea, George Hicks, Rae Lynn
Hicks, Krystle Lynch, Trudy Plumb
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES :
5. MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:
6. COMMUNICATIONS TO BOARD:
 - A. September 7, 2022 Minutes
 - B. Staff Letter
 - C. 2021 Park Rules and Reservation Form
7. REPORTS:
 - A. DPW Director & City Manager
 - B.
8. BUSINESS:
 - A. Park Plan Update
 - B. 2022 Park Rules and Reservation Form Discussion
 - C.
9. MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:
10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:
11. ADJOURNMENT:

**CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK
VIRTUAL PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
ACCESS INSTRUCTIONS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 5:30 P.M.**

The **September 20, 2022 Park Board meeting** will commence at 5:30 p.m. and will be conducted virtually (online and/or by phone), due to health concerns surrounding Coronavirus/COVID-19 and rules promulgated by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

To comply with the **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**, any citizen requesting accommodation to attend this meeting, and/or to obtain the notice in alternate formats, please contact Connie Olger, 810-429-2766 48 hours prior to meeting,

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1. On your phone, dial the teleconferencing number provided below.
2. Enter the **Meeting ID** number (also provided below) when prompted using your touch-tone (DTMF) keypad.

Before a videoconference:

1. You will need a computer, tablet, or smartphone with speaker or headphones. You will have the opportunity to check your audio immediately upon joining a meeting.
2. Details, phone numbers, and links to videoconference or conference call is provide below. The details include a link to **“Join via computer”** as well as phone numbers for a conference call option. It will also include the 9-digit Meeting ID.

To join the videoconference:

1. At the start time of your meeting, enter the link to join via computer. You may be instructed to download the Zoom application.
2. You have an opportunity to test your audio at this point by clicking on “Test Computer Audio.” Once you are satisfied that your audio works, click on “Join audio by computer.”

You may also join a meeting without the link by going to join.zoom.us on any browser and entering the Meeting ID provided below.

If you are having trouble hearing the meeting, you can join via telephone while remaining on the video conference:

1. On your phone, dial the teleconferencing number provided below.
2. Enter the **Meeting ID number** (also provided below) when prompted using your touchtone (DMTF) keypad.
3. If you have already joined the meeting via computer, you will have the option to enter your participant ID to be associated with your computer.

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- Invite other participants
- View participant list-opens a pop-out screen that includes a “Raise Hand” icon that you may use to raise a virtual hand during Call to the Public
- Change your screen name that is seen in the participant list and video window
- Share your screen

Somewhere (usually upper right corner on your computer screen) on your Zoom screen you will also see a choice to toggle between “speaker” and “gallery” view. “Speaker view” show the active speaker.

Connie Olger is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: City of Swartz Creek Park & Recreation Board Meeting

Time: September 20, 2022 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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If you have any further questions or concern, please contact 810-429-2766 or email colger@cityofswartzcreek.org. A copy of this notice will be posted at City Hall, 8083 Civic Drive, Swartz Creek, Michigan.

**CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK
VIRTUAL (ELECTRONIC) MEETING RULES AND PROCEDURES**

In order to conduct an effective, open, accessible, and professional meeting, the following protocols shall apply. These protocols are derived from the standard practices of Swartz Creek public meetings, Roberts Rules of Order, and city board & commission procedures. These procedures are adopted to govern participation by staff, councilpersons and members of the public in all City meetings held electronically pursuant to PA 228 of 2020. Note that these protocols do not replace or eliminate established procedures or practices. Their purpose is to augment standing expectations so that practices can be adapted to a virtual meeting format.

The following shall apply to virtual meetings of the city's public bodies that are held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

1. Meetings of the City Council, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Downtown Development Authority, Park Board, or committees thereunder may meet electronically or permit electronic participation in such meetings insofar as (1) the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services restricts the number of persons who can gather indoors due to the COVID-19 pandemic; (2) persons have an illness, injury, disability or other health-related condition that poses a risk to the personal health or safety of members of the public or the public body if they were to participate in person; or (3) there is in place a statewide or local state of emergency or state of disaster declared pursuant to law or charter by the governor or other person authorized to declare a state of emergency or disaster.
2. All meetings held hereunder must provide for two-way communication so that members of the public body can hear and respond to members of the general public, and vice versa.
3. Members of the public body who participate remotely must announce at the outset of the meeting that he/she is in fact attending the meeting remotely and by further identifying the specific physical location (by county, township, village and state) where he/she is located. The meeting minutes must include this information.
4. Notice of any meeting held electronically must be posted at the City Offices at least 18 hours before the meeting begins and must clearly explain the following:
 - (a) why the public body is meeting electronically;
 - (b) how members of the public may participate in the meeting electronically, including the specific telephone number, internet address or similar log-in information needed to participate in the meeting;

- (c) how members of the public may contact members of the public body to provide input or ask questions on any business that will come before the public body at the meeting;
 - (d) how persons with disabilities may participate in the meeting.
5. The notice identified above must also be posted on the City's website homepage or on a separate webpage dedicated to public notices for non-regularly scheduled or electronic public meetings that is accessible through a prominent and conspicuous link on the website's homepage that clearly describes the meeting's purpose.
 6. The City must also post on the City website an agenda of the meeting at least 2 hours before the meeting begins.
 7. Members of the public may offer comment only when the Chair recognizes them and under rules established by the City.
 8. Members of the public who participate in a meeting held electronically may be excluded from participation in a closed session that is convened and held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

MAINTAINING ORDER

Public body members and all individuals participating shall preserve order and shall do nothing to interrupt or delay the proceedings of public body.

All speakers shall identify themselves prior to each comment that follows another speaker, and they shall also indicate termination of their comment. For example, "Adam Zettel speaking. There were no new water main breaks to report last month. That is all."

Any participants found to disrupt a meeting shall be promptly removed by the city clerk or by order of the Mayor. Profanity in visual or auditory form is prohibited.

The public body members, participating staff, and recognized staff/consultants/presenters shall be the only participants not muted by default. All other members must request to speak by raising their digital hand on the Zoom application or by dialing *9 on their phone.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

All Motions and Resolutions, whenever possible, shall be pre-written and in the positive, meaning yes is approved and no is defeated. All motions shall require support. A public body member whom reads/moves for a motion may oppose, argue against or vote no on the motion.

PUBLIC ADDRESS OF BOARD OR Commission

The public shall be allowed to address a public body under the following conditions:

1. Each person who wishes to address the public body will be first recognized by the Mayor or Chair and requested to state his / her name and address. This applies to staff, petitioners, consultants, and similar participants.
2. Individuals shall seek to be recognized by raising their digital hand as appropriate on the digital application.
3. Petitioners are encouraged to appropriately identify their digital presence so they can be easily recognized during business. If you intend to call in only, please notify the clerk in advance of your phone number.
4. The city clerk shall unmute participants and the members of the public based upon the direction of the mayor or chair. Participants not recognized for this purpose shall be muted by default, including staff, petitioners, and consultants.
5. Individuals shall be allowed five (5) minutes to address the public body, unless special permission is otherwise requested and granted by the Mayor or Chair.
6. There shall be no questioning of speakers by the audience; however, the public body, upon recognition of the Mayor or Chair, may question the speaker.
7. No one shall be allowed to address the public body more than once unless special permission is requested, and granted by the Mayor or Chair.
8. One spokesperson for a group attending together will be allowed five (5) minutes to address the public body unless special permission has been requested, and granted by the Mayor or Chair.
9. Those addressing the public body shall refrain from being repetitive of information already presented.
10. All comments and / or questions shall be directed to and through the Mayor or Chair.
11. Public comments (those not on the agenda as speakers, petitioners, staff, and consultants) are reserved for the two "Public Comment" sections of the agenda and public hearings.

VOTING RECORD OF PUBLIC BODIES

All motions, ordinances, and resolutions shall be taken by "YES" and "NO" voice vote and the vote of each member entered upon the journal.

CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK
SWARTZ CREEK, MICHIGAN
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MICHAEL R. SHUMAKER BICENTENNIAL PARK
SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Chairperson Barclay

Members Present: Sandi Brill, Mark Gonyea, Jim Barclay, Rae Lynn Hicks, George Hicks, Connie Olger, Trudy Plumb.

Members Absent: Krystle Lynch, Samantha Fountain.

Staff Present: Adam Zettel, Rob Bincsik.

Others Present: Boots Abrams, Lania Rocha, Ken Brill, Jody Key.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Plumb to approve the amended agenda as of September 7, 2022, support by Gonyea.

Unanimous Voice Vote.
Motion Declared Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Brill to approve minutes of August 3, 2022, support by Plumb.

Unanimous Voice Vote.
Motion Declared Carried.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: None.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

- A. August 3, 2022, Minutes
- B. Staff Letter

REPORTS:

- A. DPW Director & City Manager: Rob Bincsik thanked Signs by Crannie for getting the new park sign done on short notice. Adam Zettel remarked that no work has been done on the trails lately due to the GM change. Revising Park rules will be discussed in October or November. He recommended all members visit the parks on the weekend to see the issues the park is having. Mark Gonyea mentioned that there is new graffiti at Abrams Park on the playground equipment.

BUSINESS: A. Shumaker Bicentennial Park Dedication: This was prior to meeting due to the large attendance.

- B. Meeting Date Discussion/SC Mundy Agreement: Boardmember Brill disagrees with having a Mundy Township resident (not a city resident) on our park board. Changing the meeting dates is due to a conflict with a boardmember's schedule and other area meeting dates, such as Small Cities. After a discussion on boardmembers wanting to abstain and they were asked to vote Yes or No due to no conflict on the vote.

Motion by R. Hicks to change the Park Board Meeting dates to the 3rd Tuesday of each month, keeping the same start time of 5:30 p.m., support by G. Hicks.

Yes: R. Hicks, G. Hicks, Olger, Brill, Gonyea, Barclay.

No: None. Motion Carried.

Abstain: Plumb.

- C. Park Plan Update: Mr. Zettel the Focus Group will meet September 15, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.
- D. Slip and Slide: R. Hicks commented that it was cold but the kids had fun. Disc Golf raised approximately \$500 and around 92 kids participated.
- E. Forestry Grant: Mr. Zettel reviewed the grant with the board and ask the board what size trees we would like to ask for and where we would like them to go. The board requested we ask for large trees and that they be put in the southwest area of Abrams Park. Mr. Zettel will proceed with the grant paperwork.
- F. Bocci Ball: The board thought it was a good idea, just not sure where it could go. One recommendation is where the ball field is currently, if it isn't being used much or the tennis courts, if they could be used for it.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC: None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Boardmember Plumb will be participating in the Trunk or Treat and asked if members wanted to donate candy that she needed it by October 8th. Boardmember Rae Lynn Hicks commented about being appointed to the Mundy Township Park Board and the meeting she attended.

Motion by Barclay, adjourn the meeting, supported by Olger.

Unanimous Voice Vote.

Motion Declared Carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: October 18 , 2022, 5:30 p.m.

Connie Olger, Secretary



Date: September 14, 2022

To: Park Commissioners
From: Adam Zettel, AICP
RE: September 20, 2022 Park Board Meeting

Hello everyone,

We will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20, 2022. We are meeting back at city hall, but we have a new meeting day! **Regular meetings of the park board will now be on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.** The time is still 5:30 p.m., and regular meetings will still be at city hall.

The park dedication went well at the last meeting, and the new sign is going up. Because we only have a couple weeks since the last meeting, I do not expect much in the way of new reports or business. In fact, the park board focus group will not meet until the 15th. Given the timing of this packet, it is unclear if we will have any park plan business when we meet on the 20th. However, we have a place-holder on the agenda, just in case.

To follow up with our discussion last time, we have some larger changes expected for the 2022 park rules, reservation schedule, and fees. I am including the current rules and reservation form, which was approved in November of 2021 for reference.

As noted, we are seeing a lot of usage at Elms Park in recent years. It is unclear if this is due to the limited function of Flint parks, and increase in economic activity, or a desire to hold larger events outside due to COVID. Either way, we are seeing larger and larger gatherings at Elms that are pushing the facilities and our maintenance staff beyond their abilities. Where we used to see small parties, open houses, and family reunions in the past (perhaps with 40-50 people), we are now seeing corporate events, church gatherings, and large family reunions with hundreds of attendees at a single pavilion.

These larger gatherings often come with separate food catering trucks, DJ's, other amplified music, bounce houses, petting zoos, in-park vehicles, increased parking, and exponentially more trash (properly disposed and improperly disposed). Frankly, this park is just not big enough to handle these events, nor can our single weekend staff member effectively manage waste and clean up duties in the mornings.

As such, I recommend we make clear some rules that were guidelines in the past. For example, I think the park board should consider eliminating all DJ's and amplified sound, inflatables, and private food trucks/vendors. In addition, we should consider limiting capacity at pavilions so that parking and waste are not a problem.

The reservation form requires an update as well. This form needs to explicitly indicate all rules, as well as to indicate that deposits are forfeited for non-compliance. I recommend the park board consider an update to rates and the deposit while we are at it. Lastly, we will look to see what the board thinks of a new sign program to affirm expectations of park users, so no one is caught off guard by the existing and/or modified rules.

I know we generally look at the rules every year, but I think this year we need to more carefully consider how the rules relate to our sign program, the new trail, parking, and enforcement. I think that if we pursue a strategy in which the rules are emphasized on the reservation form, at the park entrance, and at the pavilions (e.g. No Alcohol), we should see better compliance.

With that said, we have time to consider initial changes at the September meeting, with follow up in October, perhaps even November. Please start thinking about things now. With a bit of additional research and consideration, we should have a fully intact and well-vetted rule and reservation program by December.

Contact me with additional future agenda items, questions, or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adam Zettel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Adam" and the last name "Zettel" clearly distinguishable.

Adam H. Zettel, AICP
City Manager
City of Swartz Creek
azettel@cityofswartzcreek.org

Phone: (810) 635-4464

City of Swartz Creek Proof of Pavilion Reservation

Fax: (810) 635-2887

Non-Reservable: Playscapes, Restrooms, Play Equipment, Tennis Courts, Volleyball Courts and Basketball Courts. Ball diamonds may be requested during the week by submitting a schedule to the City Offices, including dates, times, ball diamond location and group requesting the reservation; all of which will be reviewed and scheduled administratively.

All monies, including a \$100 refundable deposit, must be paid at time of reservation. Only Cash payments will be accepted for a rental date of five (5) days or less. Any cancellations must be made two (2) weeks prior to event date. **All cancellations are subject to a \$20.00 Cancellation Fee. ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS DUE TO WEATHER.**

Park Fees Apply on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. Fees Charged May through October.

Elms Park- 4125 Elms Rd

- #1 \$70.00
70-80 People Electricity 8 Tables
- #2 \$120.00
90-100 People Electricity 7 Tables
- #3 \$70.00
25-30 People 4 Tables
- #4 \$120.00
80-90 People Electricity 12 Table
- Ball Field
- Soccer Field

Abrams Park- 5225 Winshall Dr.

- #1 \$70.00
60 People 4 Large Tables
- #2 \$70.00
80 People 6 Large Tables
- #3 \$70.00
40 People 4 Small Tables
- Ball Field

Date of Reservation _____

Name of Responsible Party _____

Address _____ Phone: _____

City _____ Zip _____

Number of Guests _____ Nature of Activity _____

Responsible Party Signature _____

E-Mail Address _____

I have received a copy of the Park Rules including applicable fines, see Ordinance # 453 in Park Rules:

Deposits can be expected to be returned within 30 days of reservation date.

CASH CHECK#

Receipt #

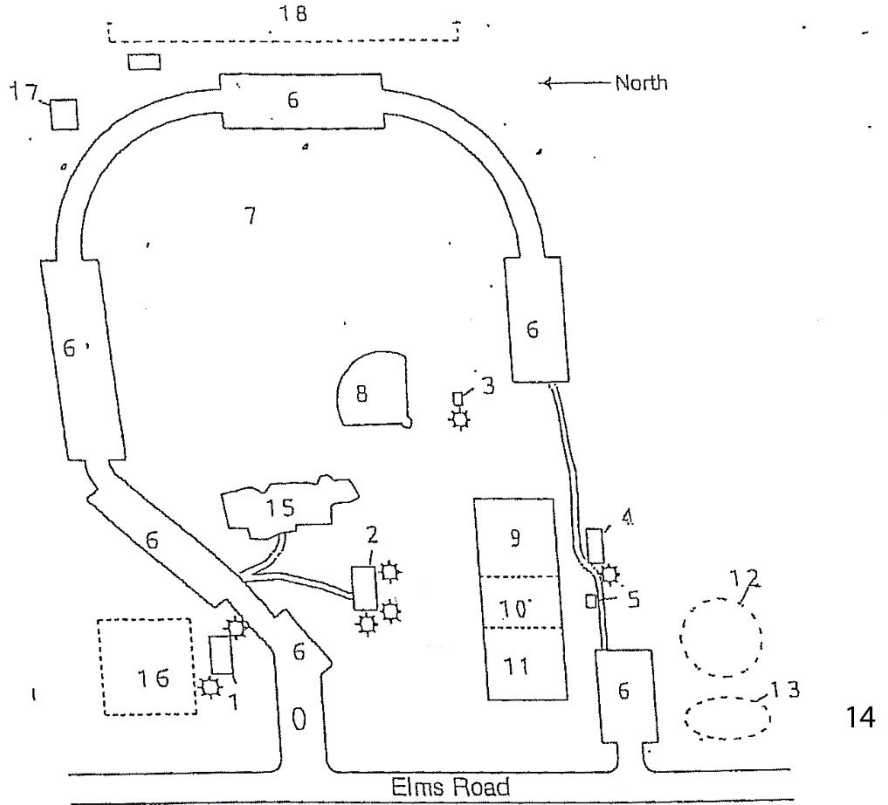
Area restrooms are attended during the early morning hours in the summertime. Due to high park volume and vandalism, you are strongly encouraged to bring your own paper products and soap or sanitizer for restroom use.

IF THERE ARE PROBLEMS AT THE PARK CONTACT 911.

City Official _____ **Date** _____

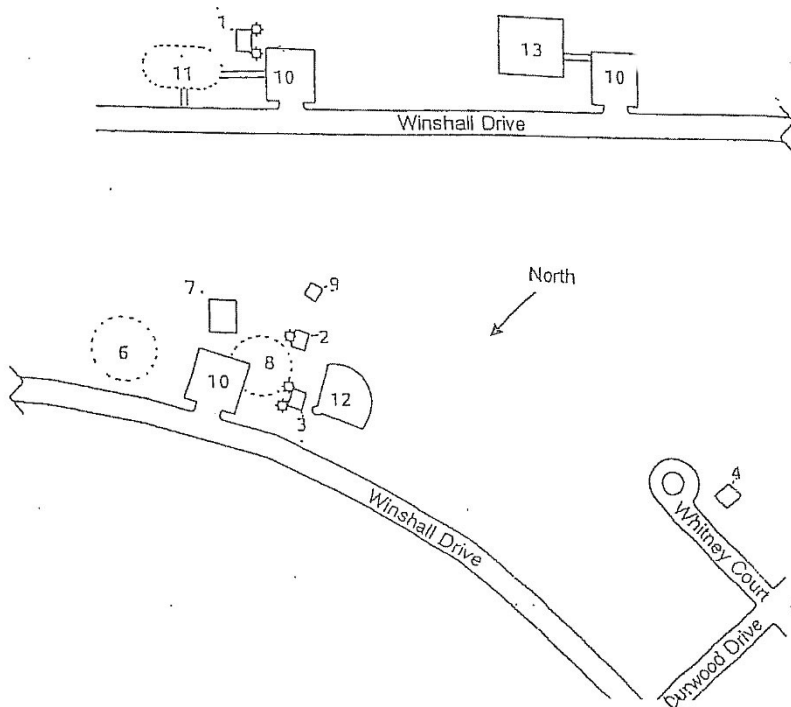
Elms Park

- 1. Pavilion #1 (70-80 people)
- 2. Pavilion #2 (90-100 people)
- 3. Pavilion #3 (23-30 people)
- 4. Pavilion #4 (80-90 people)
- 5. Pavilion #5 (cannot be reserved)
- 6. Parking
- 7. Soccer Field
- 8. Ball Field
- 9. Basketball Courts
- 10. Open Area
- 11. Tennis Courts
- 12. Sledding Hill
- 13. Skating Area
- 14. Dog Park
- 15. Dragon Area Playscape
- 16. Playground Area
- 17. Volleyball with net
- 18. Football/Soccer Field
- ☀ Grill



Abrams Park

- 1. Pavilion #1 (60 people)
- 2. Pavilion #2 (80 people)
- 3. Pavilion #3 (40 people)
- 4. Pavilion #4 (Cannot be reserved)
- 5. Vacant
- 6. Sledding Hill
- 7. Basketball
- 8. Playground
- 9. Rest Rooms
- 10. Parking
- 11. Playground
- 12. Ball Diamond
- 13. Tennis Courts
- ☀ Grill



CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK
PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

AUTHORITY. These rules are approved by the city council and enforceable pursuant to the provisions of Section 11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Swartz Creek, Michigan.

ORDINANCE NO. 453

Any person in violation of the park rules and regulations adopted by the city council, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of \$100 for the first offense, \$250 for the second offense, and \$500.00 for additional offenses or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or by both fines and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

APPLICABILITY. These rules apply to City of Swartz Creek parks, play fields, and other recreational public grounds, hereafter called parks.

1. **HOURS.** City parks shall be open to the public, daily, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and, excepting as provided in this article, it shall be unlawful to occupy or be present in any public park during such hours when it is not open to the public. Seasonal park provisions, including water, bathroom facilities, and waste collection will be offered May through October or as directed by the city manager.

Exceptions to use of or presence in park after hours.

- 1) It shall not be unlawful for city employees, while on city business, to remain in or on public parks during such times as the park shall be closed to the public.
 - 2) It shall not be unlawful for persons other than city employees to be on or in park property after hours, provided that they have the prior approval and written permission of the city manager and that such approval shall not be granted except in pursuance of and when related to city business.
 - 3) Non-motorized paths and sidewalks, within and outside of the right of way, may be used twenty four hours a day, 365 days a year for permitted non-motorized transportation and recreation.
2. **CREEK ACCESS AND FLOOD STAGE WATER.** Creek access is permitted in Abrams Park at the risk of the user. Swimming and the use of any boat, canoe, or other floatation device within a city park during a flood event is prohibited except by emergency personnel.
 3. **SMOKING.** Smoking, including (tobacco, cannabis, e-cig, or e-cigarettes), personal vaporizers (PV) or electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS), is prohibited in the city parks.
 4. **PROHIBITED USES AND ACTS.** No person in any park owned or operated by the city shall:
 - 1) *Drunkenness, alcoholic liquors.* No person shall enter, be in or remain on park property while under the influence of intoxicants or under the influence of unlawful drugs or controlled substances. It shall be unlawful to bring into or use alcohol or drugs of any kind upon park property.
 - 2) *Injuring, removing property.* Willfully mark, deface, disfigure, cut, injure, tamper with, break, displace, or remove any buildings, cables, benches, tables, fireplaces, grills, light poles, fountains, tennis nets, trees, playground equipment, public utilities or parts of appurtenances thereof, signs, notices or placards, whether temporary or permanent, monuments, flag poles, stakes, posts, fences or other boundary markers, or other structures or equipment, facilities or park property or appurtenances whatsoever, either real or personal.
 - 3) *Kindling fires.* No person shall kindle or build or cause to be kindled or built a fire in any park except in designated places. In those areas where fires are permissible, such fires must be contained in a receptacle designed for the purpose of holding a fire and must be attended at all times. No person shall set fire to trash, garbage or the contents of trash receptacles at any time.
 - 4) *Pets, animals.* No person shall bring in, cause, or allow any dog, cat or other pets or animals which he owns or has permission to control to be brought within the confines of any park unless such animal be attached to a leash not to exceed eight feet in length; such leash is to be of sufficient strength to hold such animal in constant check. Disposal of animal waste is required. See Dog Park Regulations.
 - 5) *Hindering employees.* No person shall interfere with or in any manner hinder any employee of the city while engaged in constructing, maintaining, repairing or caring for any park property.
 - 6) *Restricted sections of park.* No person shall enter upon any area of the park system where persons are prohibited from going, as indicated by signs, notices or where secured by fences and gates.
 - 7) *Firearms, bow and arrows, fireworks and devices.* No person shall discharge a firearm or firework of any description while in or on park property, provided that such prohibition shall not apply to any peace officer while in the exercise of his official duties. No person shall shoot any arrow by the use of a bow, excepting in such areas as shall be specifically designated as areas for the use of bows and arrows. Crossbows, bolts, and similar weapons are also prohibited.

- 8) *Peace, disorderly conduct.* No person shall make or excite any disturbance or contention on any public grounds or park. (No person shall use any indecent or obscene language).
 - 9) *Drinking fountains.* No person shall throw, discharge or otherwise place in the waters or any fountain, wash basin or toilets any substance, liquid or solid, which may result in water pollution or create a health hazard to the public.
 - 10) *Sleeping in parks.* No person shall sleep, whether in a vehicle, trailer, tent, hammock or other manner, on park property during the hours the park is closed, excepting in such areas as shall be specifically designated for such use. Furthermore, such use in such areas shall require the written approval and authorization of the city manager, and such approval and authorization shall clearly designate the time period within which such use may be made.
 - 11) *Dumping articles in parks.* No person shall deposit any rubbish, garbage or refuse matter, break glass or bottles in or upon any part of the park system other than such refuse accumulated from organized and acceptable activities within the park, and such refuse must be deposited in receptacles provided for that purpose. No hazardous materials are permitted to be in the park.
 - 12) *Posted signs, rules and regulations.* No person shall willfully disregard posted signs which regulate the days, hours for various activities, or any other signs installed, posted or attached for control, maintenance, safety or any other purpose within the park system.
 - 13) *Public meetings, parades.* No person, organization, club or group shall hold or participate in any parade, drill, exhibition, political meeting, religious meeting, concert, lecture or public entertainment of any kind within the park system without the express consent and written approval of the city manager.
 - 14) *Advertisements.* No person shall post, stencil or otherwise affix any placard, advertisement or notice of any kind upon or to any park property without prior approval.
 - 15) *Offering articles for sale.* No person shall carry on any trade or business or sell or display any goods, wares or merchandise in the park system without permission from the city manager.
 - 16) *Inflatable play equipment.* Inflatable play equipment is prohibited unless arrangements are made in advance and a certificate of insurance from the party providing such equipment is filed with the city and includes a rider naming the city as an additionally insured party.
 - 17) *Non-Motorized Paths.* No person shall obstruct, occupy, or otherwise use the non-motorized paths in a way that prohibits or unreasonably hinders use of the paths by others.
 - 18) *The use of nails, staples, or other permanent fasteners on park structures, equipment or tables is prohibited.*
 - 19) *The use of non-biodegradable confetti, streamers, water balloons, and similar party favors or debris is prohibited.*
5. **PARK POLICE AND EMPLOYEES.** No person shall resist any police officer or city employee exercising his duty within the park area, or fail or refuse to obey any lawful command of any such police officer or park employee, or in any way interfere with, hinder or prevent any such police officer or park employee from discharging his duty, or in any manner assist or give aid to any person in custody to escape or to attempt to escape from custody, or to rescue or attempt to rescue any person when in such custody.
6. **MOTOR VEHICLES.** The operation of motor vehicles in any park is prohibited, except in that area laid out and appropriated as driving lanes, parking area, or for motor vehicles by the city. No motor vehicle shall be driven or operated on a driving lane at a speed greater than ten miles per hour.
- 1) No person shall stop, stand or park a motor vehicle except in such areas as may be laid out and designated as a parking area by the city.
 - 2) No person shall operate a motor vehicle on any lane or service drive, whether posted or not, which is laid out as a means of access for maintenance employees to the various sections of the park system.
 - 3) No person shall park or store any motor vehicle during the hours the park is closed in any park, parking area or driving lane owned or operated by the city. Members of the police department are hereby authorized to remove any vehicles so parked or stored.
 - 4) It shall be unlawful for any person, whether a pedestrian or operating a motor vehicle of any type, to fail to obey any such applicable traffic control sign, signal, lane marking or other device, whether permanent or temporary, unless otherwise directed by a police officer or city personnel conducting city business.
7. **FEES.** Fees for pavilion and other facility rentals shall be set by resolution of the city council. Fees may be waived in full if reservations by a non-profit are found to result in a public benefit directly or if proceeds from the reserved event are found to be a benefit to the city. Monies must be paid at the time of reservation. Cancellations must be made two (2) weeks or more prior to event date and all cancellations are subject to a \$20 fee.

Deposits, in an amount set by resolution of the city council, shall also be collected for pavilion rentals. Said deposit shall be forfeited for damage to park facilities, failure to properly clean facilities, or violations of park rules that are found in connection to the rental.

8. **PAVILION RESERVATIONS.** Picnic pavilions shall be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations will be taken beginning on the first business day of each calendar year for city residents and thirty (30) days after the first business

day of each calendar year for resident and non-resident applications. Fees and exclusive reservations are for weekends (Friday, Saturday, & Sunday) and holidays only.

9. **LIMITED USE FACILITY RESERVATIONS.** Any club, school, association, organization or recognized group desiring the use of specific areas of any park, such as picnic areas, athletic fields or ice rinks, shall file an application with the city manager and shall not use the park or area until the permit is granted.
- 1) All permits shall require the permittee to clean up the park area after activity has terminated. All applications for permits must give the name, address and phone number of the permittee or the person responsible for the necessary policing thereof.
 - 2) All persons shall honor any special permits issued by the city, for certain areas, days and times, to clubs, organizations, teams or any other groups, including, but not limited to, picnic grounds, ball fields, skating rinks, stadiums, provided that such permit is on official forms when presented.
 - 3) Reservations will be given on a first come, first served basis beginning the first business day of each calendar year. Priority in the use of ball fields, soccer fields and similar athletic facilities in city parks shall be given to organizations scheduling regular games or matches. The city manager shall have the authority to designate organizations to provide for scheduling and oversight of use of athletic fields. Such organizations shall schedule use of the fields in a way that accommodates use by all interested organizations to the greatest extent feasible and to provide for compliance by these rules and regulations by all organizations using the athletic facilities.
 - 4) The city manager shall have the authority to restrict use of athletic fields to avoid excessive wear and tear on facilities.
 - 5) Organizations using athletic fields for scheduled games, matches and practices shall be responsible for removing litter from the areas used for their activities. In addition, organizations shall be responsible for removing and storing any equipment used in their activities. Installation of bleachers or similar facilities must be authorized by the city manager or his/her designee.
 - 6) The city will provide refuse disposal and the maintenance of athletic fields in coordination with the needs and schedules of organizations using the fields. Organizations using athletic fields that undertake specific activities uniquely required for their particular use of the fields such as the installation of bases or nets, the painting of lines on fields, etc. require prior approval.
 - 7) Weekend reservations for facilities shall not be permitted. Playscapes, restrooms, play equipment are not available for reservation.
10. **EXPANDED PARK USE AND RESERVATIONS.** Swartz Creek-based organizations (defined as non-profit organizations or institutions with a principle office or auxiliary presence within the Swartz Creek school district) may be permitted the use of designated areas of city parks, including control during hours the parks are closed to the public, subject to the following conditions:
- 1) Use must be pre-approved by the city council.
 - 2) The organizations' use of the park area shall not violate any local or state law nor unreasonably interfere with the use and enjoyment of adjacent park areas by others.
 - 3) The organizations shall hold the city harmless from liability for incidents arising out of the organizations' use of the park area and shall provide evidence of insurance coverage.
 - 4) The city reserves the right to direct where organizations' structures are installed and activities conducted to minimize damage to park property and facilities and to limit interference with the use of adjacent areas of the park.
 - 5) Fees shall equal the cost of all pavilion rentals for the park in use on a daily basis. Additional fees may be charged for services requested of the city and negotiated in advance, including use of barricades, additional utilities, port-a-johns, etc.
 - 6) In no case will use result in a charge for or prohibition on general access to the park by the public, by vehicle or other means.
 - 7) Reservations for this category can be granted by the city council beginning December 1 of the previous calendar year.
- 11) **VENDING.** Vending is permitted on a limited basis after application to the city manager and under the administrative rules that may be set by the city, including a background check and administrative fee.
- 12) **DOG PARK REGULATIONS.** Within the designated dog park area in Elms Park, dogs are permitted under the following regulations. Elsewhere in the city, the city code applies.
- 1) All dogs must be leashed when not in the designated and enclosed dog park facility, including the adjacent parking lot.
 - 2) Any person bringing a dog or dogs to the dog exercise area must have one leash per dog.
 - 3) There shall be no more than three dogs per person allowed in the dog exercise area. Any person bringing a dog or dogs to the dog exercise area must have at least one dog feces waste bag per dog in his or her possession and must remove any feces deposited by the dog(s) in their care.

- 4) Persons under sixteen years of age visiting the dog exercise area must be accompanied and supervised by a parent or guardian or other responsible adult with permission of the parent or guardian.
- 5) Each dog shall always be under visual and voice control of the owner or other responsible person at least 16 years of age.
- 6) All dogs must have current vaccinations and licenses and shall wear a collar.
- 7) Aggressive dogs, as defined below, are not permitted in or around the dog exercise area, including but not limited to, the parking lot. Owners or other responsible persons will be held legally responsible for any injury caused by a dog that they bring in or around the dog exercise area.

An aggressive dog means:

- i. A dog that bites a person. However, a dog shall not be considered aggressive if the dog bites a person wrongfully assaulting the dog or the dog's owner, or if the dog bites a person after being provoked by that person.
 - ii. A dog that injures or kills another domestic animal without provocation while at the dog exercise area.
- 8) Female dogs in heat are not permitted in or around the dog exercise area including, but not limited to, the parking lot.
 - 9) Dog owners or other responsible persons shall provide dogs with drinking water while visiting the dog exercise area when weather conditions require.
 - 10) Dog owners or other responsible persons shall not keep dogs enclosed in a vehicle during hot weather which may cause injury to the dog.
 - 11) Any person having knowledge of a dog having bitten, scratched, or injured a person or other animal within the dog exercise area, including but not limited to the parking lot, shall report the incident to the police department by calling 911.
- 12) **PUBLIC NOTICE.** The public shall be deemed to have been properly notified of the provisions of these rules and regulations upon their publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the city. Signs may be posted to insure substantial compliance with the provisions of these rules and regulations.

City Council Approval: November 8, 2021.