

TOWNSHIP OF STANTON, ORDINANCE NO. 3

REVISION 1

An Ordinance to secure the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents and property owners of the Township of Stanton, Houghton County, Michigan, by the regulation of township parks and their operation; to provide penalties for violation of the regulations in regard thereof; and repeal all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

The Township of Stanton, County of Houghton, State of Michigan ordains:

1. Name. This ordinance shall be known and cited as the Stanton Township Park and Recreation Area Ordinance.

Section 1. Parks and recreation areas affected by this Ordinance shall include Agate Beach Park, North Canal Park, Stanton Boat Launch

2. Regulations.

Section 1. Requirements concerning use of grounds and facilities. Each person, firm, or corporation using the public park and grounds shall clean up all debris, extinguish all fires when such fires are permitted, and leave the premises in good order and the facilities in a neat and sanitary condition.

Section 2. Prohibited Acts. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation using such parks to either perform or permit to be performed, any of the following acts.

- (a) Willfully mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with, or displace or remove, any building, bridges, tables, benches, fireplaces, railings, paving or paving material, water lines or other public utilities or parts or appurtenances thereof, signs, notices or placards whether temporary or permanent, monuments, stakes, posts, or other boundary markers, or other structures or equipment, facilities or park property or appurtenances whatsoever, either real or personal.
- (b) Throw, discharge, or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the water of any fountain, pond, lake, stream, bay or other body of water in or adjacent to any park or any tributary, stream, storm sewer or drain flowing into such waters, any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid, which will or may result in pollution of said waters.

- (c) Bring in or dump, deposit or leave any bottles, broken glass, ashes, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage or refuse, or other trash. No such refuse or trash shall be placed in any water in or contiguous to any park, or left anywhere in the grounds thereof, but shall be placed in the proper receptacles where these are provided; where receptacles are not so provided, all such rubbish or waste shall be carried away from the park by the person responsible for its presence, and properly disposed of elsewhere.
- (d) Disturb the peace, or use any profane, obscene or blasphemous language.
- (e) Endanger the safety of any person by any conduct or act.
- (f) Engage in fighting of any nature.
- (g) Violate any rule for the use of the park, made or approved by the Township Board, Park Committee or Park Operator.
- (h) Prevent any person from using any park, or any of its facilities, or interfere with such use in compliance with this ordinance and the rules applicable to such use.
- (i) To operate or occupy space on the beach with vehicles or horses.
- (j) To consume alcoholic beverages or use marijuana products in park buildings, in the playground area, or on the beach, unless permitted by, or approved by the Township Board, Park Committee or Park Operator.
- (k) To play baseball in the parking lot, on the beach, or in the picnic areas.
- (l) To have pets which are not leashed and under control at all times.
- (m) To discharge firearms in the park area or on the beach.
- (n) To start, or continue to maintain, fires in areas other than those that are signed as designated for such purposes, such as fire rings.

Section 3. Hours of operation. The parking areas and picnic areas shall be opened daily to the public during posted hours and closed during posted hours, and as per Township Board Resolution.

Section 4. Fees and registration. All fees for trailers and campers are to be established by the Township Board, by resolution. All person's camping must register at the designated registration station, with the Park Caretaker, or the Township Treasurer.

Section 5. Speed. The speed limit in all areas of the township parks shall not exceed 10 m.p.h.

Section 6. Penalties for violation. Any person, firm, or corporation which violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a civil infraction and shall be punished by a fine of not less than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars and not more than One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail, not to exceed ninety (90)

days, of by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation occurs shall constitute a separate offense.

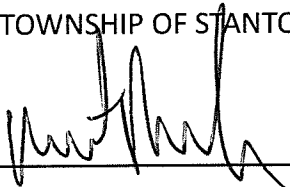
Section 7. Validity. Should any section, clause, or provision of this ordinance be declared by any court to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of such section of this ordinance or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

3. Effective date and Location

Section 1. This Ordinance revision shall take effect on the 15th day of November, 2023. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 2. A true copy of this Ordinance #3, Revision 1, shall be located in the Stanton Township Ordinance Book, at the Stanton Township Office, 50960 Canal Rd, Houghton, Michigan, 49931 and is available for inspection and/or viewing during normal Township Office business hours as posted.

TOWNSHIP OF STANTON

By  _____

Marty Rajala – Supervisor

By  _____

Kara Heinonen - Clerk