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Sec. 12-1-1 Park Regulations.

- (a) **Purpose and Definition.** In order to protect the parks, parkways, recreational facilities and conservancy areas within the Village of Boyd from injury, damage or desecration, these regulations are enacted. The term "park" as hereinafter used in this Chapter shall include all grounds, structures and watercourses which are or may be located within any area dedicated to the public use as a park, parkway, recreation facility, play ground, swimming pool or conservancy area in the Village.
- (b) **Specific Regulations.** The following provisions shall be applicable in all Village parks except that these regulations may be waived for specific Village Board-sanctioned events:
- (1) **Littering Prohibited.** No person shall litter, dump or deposit any rubbish, refuse, earth or other material in any park without notification to and approval from the Village Clerk-Treasurer's office.
 - (2) **Sound Devices.** No person shall operate or play any amplifying system unless specific authority is first obtained from the Village Board.
 - (3) **Bill Posting.** No person shall post, paste, fasten, paint or attach any placard, bill, notice, sign or advertising matter upon any structure, tree or other natural object in any park, except park regulations and other signs authorized by the Village Board.
 - (4) **Throwing Stones and Missiles Prohibited.** No person shall throw stones or other missiles which may cause harm in or into any park.
 - (5) **Removal of Park Equipment Prohibited.** No person shall remove benches, seats, tables or other park equipment from any park.
 - (6) **Trapping.** "Trapping" when used in this Section includes the taking, or the attempting to take, of any wild animal by means of setting or operating any device, mechanism or contraption that is designated, built or made to close upon, hold fast or otherwise

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capture a wild animal or animals; live traps on a person's property are excluded. The trapping of wild animals is hereby prohibited in Village parks.

- (7) **Making of Fires.** No person shall start, tend or maintain a fire except in personal grills or designated campsites. Personal grills shall be used only in designated picnic areas. The use of personal grills is permitted provided lawns and vegetation are not endangered. Unburned fuel and ashes shall be disposed of in such a manner as to prevent fire or damage to any park property. Control of the fire and the smoke will be the responsibility of the person using such a fire.
- (8) **Protection of Park Property.**
 - a. No person shall kill, injure or disturb or attempt to injure or disturb waterfowl, birds or animals, wild or domestic, within any park, except as permitted by this Chapter. No person shall climb any tree or remove flowers or fruit, wild or cultivated, or break, cut down, trample upon, remove or in any manner injure, deface, write upon or ill use any tree, shrub, flower, flower bed, turf, soil, sand, fountain, ornament, building, structure, apparatus, bench, table, official notice, sign or other property within any park.
 - b. No person shall deface, by throwing stones, pebbles or other debris in any of the toilets, bubblers or other sanitary facilities located in any Village park; or to deface by drawing with crayon, chalk, paint, or anything else on any of the buildings or equipment at any Village park; or to deface the equipment by means of a sharp instrument.
- (9) **Motorized Vehicles.** Except for authorized maintenance vehicles, no person shall operate an unlicensed or licensed motorized vehicle outside of areas specifically designated as parking areas or areas where the operation of such vehicles is specifically permitted. Motor vehicles are restricted to the roads and drives and parking areas. No motor vehicles of any nature may be used on the seeded areas except vehicles which have Village Board authorization for shows, rides or exhibits and then only for the purpose of loading and unloading. No vehicle maintenance or car washing is permitted in the Village Park.
- (10) **Snowmobiles and All-Terrain Vehicles.** No person shall operate a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle (ATV) in a Village park.
- (11) **Glass Beverage Bottles in Parks Prohibited.** No individual shall possess or consume any beverage in a glass bottle or glass container in any Village park.
- (12) **Reckless Driving in Parks Prohibited.** No person shall operate a motor vehicle in a reckless manner in any of the public parks of the Village.
- (13) **Parking in Parks.** No person shall park any motor vehicle in any park in the Village except in a designated parking area.
- (14) **Horse and Carriages.** No person shall ride a horse or drive a horse-driven vehicle in any park, or lead a horse into a park, except on roads or designated bridle paths, except when approval of the Village Board is first obtained. It shall be unlawful for

any person to ride a horse or drive a horse-driven vehicle in a careless, negligent or reckless manner which may endanger the safety and well-being of others. Horseback riding shall be allowed only during the daylight hours. No person shall ride a horse which cannot be held under such control that it may be easily turned or stopped. Horses shall not be left unbridled or unattended.

- (15) **Removing Tree Protectors.** No person shall remove any device for the protection of trees or shrubs.
- (16) **Golfing and Sporting Activities.** No golfing or practicing golf in Village parks or recreation areas shall be allowed except with the use of a whiffle ball. All sporting activities must be held in areas so designated for that purpose.
- (17) **Arrows.** No person shall use a bow or shoot any arrow in any Village park.
- (18) **Fees and Charges.** The Village Board shall establish such fees as deemed necessary for use of any park facility, shelter or land area. It shall be unlawful to use such areas without payment of such fee or charge when required.
- (19) **Firearms; Hunting.** Possessing or discharging of any air gun, sling shot, explosive, firearm or weapon of any kind is prohibited in all Village parks.
- (20) **Fish Cleaning.** Cleaning of fish in shelters, toilet facilities or picnic areas is prohibited in all Village parks.
- (21) **Controlled Substances.** Possessing, using or dispensing of a controlled substance in violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act is prohibited in all Village parks.
- (22) **Vendors Restricted.** No person shall sell, vend or give away, with the exception of non-profit organizations, any article of merchandise whatever, without a written permit from the Village Board.
- (23) **Alcohol Beverages.** The consumption or possession of alcohol beverages in Village parks shall be as regulated by Section 11-4-1.
- (24) **Pets.** No pets are allowed in parks, except aid dogs specially trained to assist persons with disabilities, per Section 7-1-6(h).
- (25) **Skates.** No skateboards, inline skates or roller skis will be permitted in the park at any time.
- (26) **Bicycles.** No bicycles are permitted in any building or pavilion whether ridden or parked there for any reason.
- (27) **Misuse of Equipment.** Jumping, standing or misuse will not be permitted on any bench, bleachers or picnic tables; any misuse or use with intent to do damage will be considered vandalism and may result in dismissal from the park.
- (28) **Loitering on Equipment Preventing Use.** No loitering is permitted on playground equipment so as to disrupt use by persons waiting to use such equipment.
- (29) **Responsibility for Equipment Damage.** Any person or persons causing any damage to property in the Village park shall be punished and/or fined under the appropriate ordinance and be required to make full and complete restitution.

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- (30) **Camping.** Camping is allowed in designated areas in the Village Park, on a first come – first served basis.
- (31) **Satellite Toilets; dumpsters.** It will be the obligation of civic organizations or other major park users to provide satellite toilets and extra garbage dumpsters during the time of celebrations.

Cross-Reference: Section 11-4-1.

Sec. 12-1-2 Operation of Remote or Radio-Controlled Airborne Toys or Devices Prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to fly, operate or make use of any airborne remote or radio-controlled model airplane, helicopter, vehicle or any other such device in, over or upon any street, park or other public or private property except in areas specifically designated and posted for such purpose and with the consent of the property owner or lessee of the property.

Sec. 12-1-3 Turf Protection on Public Property.

Except as authorized by the Village Board, no person shall dig into the turf of any Village-owned park or recreational property for any purposes whatsoever or remove any trees or flowers. Absent authorization by the Village Board, the use of metal detectors and digging for buried objects on Village parks or recreational property.

Sec. 12-1-4 Lotz Park.

(a) **Location.**

- (1) The following described area located in the Village of Boyd is hereby designated as the Village park, to-wit:

All of that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW¼—SW¼) of Section Thirty-one (31), Township Twenty-nine (29) North of Range Five (5) West, described as follows:

Commencing at a point 16½ feet North of the Southwest corner of the NW¼ of the SW¼ of Section 31, Township 29 North on the Section line 84½ feet to the center line of Patten Street;

thence East along the center line of Patten Street 444 feet; thence South parallel with the aforesaid line 841½ feet to a point which is 16½ feet North of the South line of aforesaid NW¼ of SW¼; thence West 444 feet to the point of beginning, Chippewa County, Wisconsin.

- (2) The care, maintenance and regulation of said park shall be carried out by the Village Board and its designated officers.
- (b) **Name.** The name of the Village park located in the Village of Boyd shall be hereafter known as Lotz Park.

Sec. 12-1-5 Park Hours.

Village parks shall be closed to the public during the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Use of said parks during restricted hours may be allowed on written permit from the Village Board.

