

Chapter 401

PARKS AND RECREATION

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Plover 6-4-1985 as Ch. 19, Subchapter I of the 1985 Code. Amendments where noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Amusement devices and arcades — See Ch. 185.

Boating — See Ch. 204.

Intoxicating liquor and fermented malt beverages — See Ch. 328.

Parades, carnivals and exhibitions — See Ch. 397.

§ 401-1. Park management.

The Public Works Manager shall be responsible for the day-to-day operation of Village parks in accordance with policies established by the Public Works Committee and the Village Board.

§ 401-2. Unlawful conduct. [Amended by Ord. No. 6-10]

It shall be unlawful for any person to commit any of the following acts in or upon any public park or recreational park in a mobile home park within the Village:

- A. Vandalism. To soil, deface, injure, remove, damage, upset or destroy any building, fence, fountain, bench, table, receptacle, fireplace, tree, bush, flower or other object situated, used or kept upon park grounds.
- B. Fires. To build any fire, except in grills or fireplaces provided for that purpose. No person shall leave any fire unattended, and all fires shall be extinguished before leaving the area.
- C. Litter. To leave, throw or break any bottle, box, refuse or other object, except in clearly marked refuse receptacles provided for that purpose, or throw, discharge or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters of any fountain, pond, lake, stream, river or other body of water or on the ice thereof in or adjacent to any park any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid, which will or may result in the pollution of said waters. Where receptacles for rubbish are not provided, all waste shall be carried away from the park by the person responsible for it.
- D. Fireworks. To set off fireworks of any kind, except when a public display permit has been issued by the Village President pursuant to § 406-7 of this Code.
- E. Games. To engage in any athletic contest, game or activity, except in areas specifically designated for such activity, whereby large areas of public grounds are usurped by the participants to the exclusion and at the peril of injury to others. Where the Public Works Committee designates a ball field by a sign that such field is intended to be used by youths 12 years of age and younger, the Village Police is authorized to, among other things, remove the individuals and/or groups from the field when a ball goes onto or over any adjacent public street.

- F. Sales. To vend, sell or offer for sale any food, beverage or other commodity or article to the public within any park without written authorization from the Public Works Committee.
- G. Rules. To fail, refuse or neglect to obey the regularly posted rules and regulations of the Village Board or the Public Works Committee for the use or enjoyment of any facilities.
- H. Molesting animals. To molest, disturb, chase or throw objects at any animal or bird within any park.
- I. Signs. To paste, glue, tack or otherwise post any sign, placard or advertisement or solicit business of any nature in any park without written authorization from the Parks and Recreation Director.
- J. Disorderly conduct. To engage in violent, abusive, indecent, profane, boisterous, unreasonably loud or other disorderly conduct under circumstances in which such conduct tends to cause or provoke a disturbance, endangers other persons or property, or interferes with the use of the park by others.
- K. Tent stakes. To pound or drive into the ground any metal, plastic or wooden stake, except for Village and registered nonprofit organizations. The Public Works Department shall be notified five working days prior to staking. [Added by Ord. No. 8-95]

§ 401-3. Use of facilities and hours of operation. [Amended by Ord. No. 12-92]

- A. Shelter houses, baseball diamonds and the Korean War Memorial Island/Causeway located at Lake Pacawa shall be available for use by the general public commencing the last Friday in April and terminating the third Sunday in October. Shelter houses and the Korean War Memorial Island/Causeway shall be open at 10:00 a.m. and closed at 11:00 p.m., with the exception of Veterans Memorial Park and Woyak Community Sports Complex, which shall remain open until 12:00 midnight. [Amended by Ord. No. 30-92; Ord. No. 22-94¹]
- B. All parks shall be closed to the general public from 12:00 midnight to sunrise, and it shall be unlawful for any person or group to occupy or be present in any park during hours in which the park is not open to the public, except where permission in writing has been granted by the Public Works Committee for a group to conduct an activity or use specific facilities or buildings for an activity which extends beyond the regular closing hours.
- C. Any park or part thereof may be declared closed to the public by the Public Works Committee at any time and for any interval of time, either temporarily or at regular or stated intervals. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter or be present in any park or portion thereof which has been closed to the public.

§ 401-4. Worzella Pines Shelter. [Added by Ord. No. 1-99²]

- A. Rental agreement. Prior to the use of the Worzella Pines Shelter, an agreement shall be signed by the applicant/organization acknowledging the responsibilities as a renter and that the agreement covers the use of the kitchen and shelter house only. The rest rooms and

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picnic tables remain open for public use.

- B. Fee. The rental fee shall be as provided in the Village Fee Schedule.³ In addition, a security deposit of \$100 is required prior to the rental of the kitchen and shelter house.

§ 401-5. Korean War Veterans' Memorial Causeway and Island [Added by Ord. No. 20-97]

- A. Activities prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to participate in any action in or upon the Korean War Veterans' Memorial Causeway or Island other than pedestrian traffic. Prohibited activities/uses include, but are not limited to, the following:
- (1) Fishing.
 - (2) Swimming.
 - (3) Bicycling.
 - (4) Rollerblading and skateboarding.
 - (5) Animals.
 - (6) Sports activities.
 - (7) Use or viewing of fireworks.
- B. Penalty. Any person who shall violate any provisions of this section shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$25 nor more than \$200.

§ 401-6. Pets [Amended by Ord. No. 18-93]

- A. Prohibition against animals in public grounds and facilities. An owner or person having control of any dog or any other animal shall not permit said dog or other animal to enter into or be upon any playing field, spectator area, picnic area, park building or special events.
- B. Memorial Park and Sports Complex. No dog or other animal shall be permitted in Veterans Memorial Park or Woyak Community Sports Complex at any time.⁴
- C. Exemptions.⁵
- (1) Guide or signal dogs or any other animal trained to guide a person with disabilities is exempt from this section.
 - (2) Domestic pets may be permitted on roads and trails, or in other areas where they will not interfere with the use of parks by other persons, but must be kept on a leash not more than eight feet long.

§ 401-7. Horses.

3. Editor's Note: See Ch. A600, Fees.

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No person shall bring a horse into or ride a horse in any park, except that horseback riding shall be permitted in areas specifically designated for horses.

§ 401-8. Motor vehicles.

- A. No person shall drive or park a motor vehicle in any park, except on such roads or parking lots specifically designated for the use of motor vehicles.
- B. No person shall operate a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of 25 miles per hour or in excess of any other posted speed limit, whichever is less.
- C. No person shall operate a motor vehicle in a reckless or imprudent manner or in any manner which may tend to create a disturbance or endanger the safety of persons using the parks.

§ 401-9. Alcohol beverages.

No person shall bring into the park or consume intoxicating liquors. Fermented malt beverages may be consumed in park areas unless prohibited by the Village Board.

§ 401-10. Snowmobiles.

Snowmobiles shall not be operated in any parks.

§ 401-11. Off-the-road vehicles.

This section applies to bicycles, minibikes, trail bikes, all-terrain vehicles and similar devices. No person shall ride or operate, or permit a child to ride or operate, a bicycle or other off-the-road vehicle except in areas specifically designated for their use.

§ 401-12. Camping.

No camping shall be permitted in any park, except upon written permission of the Public Works Committee and in designated campground areas designated by the Committee.

§ 401-13. Public assemblies.⁶

Any assembly of persons over 300 in number shall obtain a license from the Village Clerk.

§ 401-14. Violations and penalties.⁷

Except where another penalty is prescribed, any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter may be subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100, together with the costs of prosecution.

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