

# Township of Jefferson

## Ordinance #431

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING AND RESTATING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE LAURA J. DOERR PARK IN JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 6 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP.**

**WHEREAS**, in order to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Township of Jefferson, Butler County, Pennsylvania (the "Township"), the Township has established rules and regulations for the Laura J. Doerr Park located within Jefferson Township; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Township, the Township desires to amend and restate the Rules and Regulations for the Laura J. Doerr Park contained in Chapter 6, Part 2 of the Code of Ordinances of Jefferson Township.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Township of Jefferson, Butler County Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of same as follows:

**Section 1. Amendment to Chapter 6 of the Jefferson Township Code of Ordinances.**

Chapter 6, Part 2 of the Jefferson Township Code of Ordinances "Rules and Regulations for the Laura J. Doerr Park" is amended and restated in its entirety as set forth in the attached document.

**Section 2. Repealer and Effective Date.**

All ordinances or resolutions or parts of thereof not in accord with this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as they conflict herewith. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days following its adoption by the Board of Supervisors of Jefferson Township.

**ORDAINED AND ENACTED** this 13th day of MAY, 2019.

**SIGNATURES ON FILE**

Attest:

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Township Secretary

Jefferson Township

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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Supervisor

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Supervisor

# Laura J. Doerr Memorial Park

## Rules and Regulations

Ordinance #431 adopted May 13, 2019

### Jefferson Township Recreation Committee

The Jefferson Township Recreation Committee is to assist the Jefferson Township Supervisors in the operation, planning, and administration of Laura J. Doerr Memorial Park. All members of the committee are appointed by the Jefferson Township Supervisors. The committee is to be comprised of (7) seven members – (1) one from each of the (4) four licensed organizations that use the park and (3) three at-large Township residents. (The four licensed organizations are: Southeast Butler County Pool Association; Saxonburg Area Baseball Association; Saxonburg Area Girls Softball Association; and Knoch Area Soccer Association.)

### Purpose

These rules are established as written guidelines for the use of Jefferson Township's Laura J. Doerr Memorial Park. These rules are intended to secure and preserve the fullest enjoyment of the park and recreation facilities to a wide range of park patrons. Failure to abide by these rules shall be cause for removal and penalties for violation of this Ordinance.

### Designation of Park

Laura J. Doerr Park is located in Jefferson Township with the entrance ½ mile north of Rt. 356 from the light at Marwood Road and Rt. 356. There is also an entrance on Hannahstown Rd. across from St. Luke's Cemetery.

### Hours of Operation

- (a) During the months of March, April, May, June, July, August, September and October no person or persons shall use the park before 7:00 am or after 9:00 pm – except for those activities associated with the licensed organizations or approved of by the Township Supervisors.
- (b) During the months of November, December, January, and February no person or persons shall use the park before 8:00 am or after 6:00 pm – except for those activities approved of by the Township Supervisors.
- (c) During the approved events where a specific area(s) of the park is being used outside of these hours, the remainder of the park areas will be closed.

### General Rules

The rules and regulations set forth below governing the use of parks, playgrounds and recreations areas within Laura J. Doerr Memorial Park are:

1. Adherence To Park Signs
  - All persons shall comply with the signs and markers installed by Jefferson Township.
  - Swimming shall be permitted only within designated areas. All persons using designated swimming areas shall obey all posted pool rules and/or the instruction of lifeguards, facility managers, or other Park employees. No person shall give or transmit a false signal or false alarm of drowning.

2. Abusive Language/Personal Conduct

- No person shall indulge in any threatening, abusive, insulting or indecent language or commit any obscene, indecent or disorderly act or commit any nuisance.
- No person shall expose themselves, excrete or urinate at any time in the park, playgrounds or recreation areas.

3. Animals

- No person shall ride, lead or graze any horse or pony except by permission from the Township Supervisors.
- All pets must be leashed at all times. Leads on leashes used to control animals shall not be more than six feet long.
- Dogs must not be allowed to interfere with, bother, or harass park users, other animals, or wildlife.
- Any person with a dog or other pet in their possession in the park shall be responsible for removal of feces deposited by such animal.
- Animals may not be left unattended in the park or in a vehicle within the park.
- No hunting or trapping is allowed without specific permission from the Township Supervisors.
- No person shall disturb, annoy, strike, injure or kill any animal or bird in the park.
- Pets or animals are not permitted on any of the athletic fields at any time.

4. Alcohol/Drugs

- No person shall sell, possess or transport any drugs, drug paraphernalia, alcoholic beverages and/or intoxicating liquor within the limits of the park.

5. Motorized Vehicles

- Maximum speed is 15 mph or as posted within the park.
- All vehicles shall always yield to pedestrians.
- No person shall travel at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the existing conditions and having regard to actual and potential hazards.
- No person shall operate a vehicle carelessly or in such a manner as to endanger the rights and safety of others.
- No person shall wash, clean, polish, repair or service any motor vehicle or motorcycle on park property except with prior specific express approval from the Township Supervisors.
- No person may operate a motorbike, trail bike, motor scooter, seigway, mini-bike, ATV, power scooter, snowmobile, go-cart in the park at any time!
- The only motorized motor vehicles allowed in the park are those vehicles legal for use on Pennsylvania Highways and authorized for use in Jefferson Township. Operation (in the park) for motorized vehicles is confined to designated driveways and the parking areas only.
- Parking is allowed in 'designated' parking areas only.
- Parking is 'at your own risk.'

- No person may park a trailer, camper or other vehicle for the purpose of remaining overnight except with prior specific express approval from the Township Supervisors.
- No vehicles of any kind are permitted on any of the athletic fields at any time unless under the direct use by one of the licensed organizations.
- Only the Township Supervisors may authorize the use of power machinery to do any maintenance, repairs, or construction in the park.

#### 6. Destruction of Property

- No person shall cut, break, injure, mutilate, remove or deface trees, shrubs, plants, turf, buildings, structures, signs, placards, streams, fountains or any other park, playground or recreation property.
- No person shall deposit any refuse (trash, earth, building material or similar materials) brought from private property, in receptacles located in the Laura J. Doerr Memorial Park, playgrounds or recreation areas. Nothing in this section is intended to prohibit the disposal of refuse generated from park use such as picnics, barbecues, lunches, concessions, etc.
- No person shall build, ignite or kindle a fire of any kind in the park except when authorized by the Township Supervisors.

#### 7. Soliciting Within The Park

- No person shall erect, maintain or distribute any signs, advertisements, circulars or other printed matter without permission of the Township Supervisors.
- No person shall collect or solicit any funds or distribute any literature without the permission of a licensed organization or the Township Supervisors.
- No person shall sell or offer for sale any articles of any kind or any food except when authorized by a licensed organization or the Township Supervisors.
- No person shall gamble in any form.
- No person shall participate in group activities other than normal park activities.

#### 8. Weapons/Explosives

- No person, other than an officer of the law, shall discharge any firearm or weapon within the Laura J. Doerr Park except as may be permitted under state law.
- No person shall possess, set off, or launch any fireworks, explosive devices, or rockets.

#### 9. Pavilion Use

- Parties using a pavilion are required to clean up after themselves, removing and properly disposing of all materials and refuse once they are finished.
- Open fires of any kind are not permitted in any of the pavilions.
- All pavilion use is subject to all of the Rules and Regulations that govern the park.
- Reserved Pavilions
  - i. Certain pavilions may be reserved and/or rented by contacting the Township Office.

- ii. Determination of which pavilion(s) can be reserved and/or rented and the dates and times that they may be reserved is at the discretion of the Township.
- iii. Parties that enter into a reservation/rental agreement with the Township regarding a specific pavilion on a specific date(s) and time(s) shall have the exclusive right to access and use of that pavilion for the specified time.
- **Open Pavilions**  
Pavilions not 'Reserved and/or Rented' as per the above are available for public use on a first come first served basis.

10. Walking Trail and Sidewalks

- The Walking Trail and Sidewalks are for 'walking only'. NO bicycles, tricycles, roller blades, roller skates, scooters or skate boards are permitted, as well as NO motorized vehicles.

**Closure**

The Jefferson Township Supervisors may, by resolution, adopt additional regulations governing the use of the parks, playgrounds and recreation areas and impose such fees therefore as they deem appropriate.

**VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES**

Whoever violates any regulation set forth under these rules and regulations adopted by the Township Supervisors pursuant to the authority granted by law, shall be fined not more than six hundred dollars (\$600.00), and costs, and in default thereof, shall be imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days, plus pay for all court costs and counsel fees and expenses of the Township.