

ORDINANCE NO. 5

An Ordinance for Establishing Regulations for Township Parks

THE TOWNSHIP OF BENONA ORDAINS:

SECTION 1:

No person(s) shall do the following with the township park:

- (a) maliciously destroy, damage, deface, or remove any tree, shrub, plant, improvement, building, facility, or structure within the park.
- (b) enter or remain in the areas known as the Stony Lake Swim Beach and Ballpark between the hours of 11:00 PM and 5:00 AM the following day. There are no restricted hours from Labor Day to Memorial Day weekends for these parks.
- (c) enter or remain in the area known as the Lake Michigan Oval Beach between the hours of 11:00 PM and 4:00 AM the following day, which shall be designated by signs. There are no restricted hours from Labor Day to Memorial Day weekends for this park.
- (d) leave, or cause to leave, any motor vehicle, motorcycle, snowmobile, camper trailer, or mobile home in any park during the hours set forth in Section 1(b), above.
- (e) use any radio, television, loudspeaker, public address system, or sound amplifying equipment which is audible more than 100 feet from such equipment.
- (f) Use, possess, or deliver any alcoholic beverages or controlled substances.
- (g) build or maintain any fires, except in areas designated for fires. No fire shall be built or maintained in any park area during the time the park is closed.
- (h) Being a disorderly person by doing any of the following:
 - 1. being intoxicated and endangering directly another person or property.
 - 2. engaging in indecent or obscene conduct.
 - 3. making or inciting a public disturbance.
 - 4. unnecessarily jostling or crowding people.
- (i) depositing or disposing of garbage, refuse, and other waste materials other than the receptacles designated for such materials.
- (j) bringing garbage, refuse, and other waste material into the park for disposal anywhere in the park.
- (k) possessing or using a glass container in any area designated as a bathing beach and swimming area.
- (l) operate or park any motor vehicle or other self-propelled vehicle except on designated roadways and parking areas.
- (m) no animals allowed, except guide animals.
- (n) place any amenities in any township park without prior township approval as set forth in Section 2, below:

SECTION 2:

If any person(s) within Benona Township desire(s) to add any amenities to any township park, prior thereto, said person(s) shall first approach the Benona Township Board with a written proposal. Said written proposal shall be reviewed by the Township Board at its next regular meeting. After review, it will be at the discretion of the Township Board whether the proposal is approved on a permanent or trial basis or not approved.

SECTION 3:

Any person(s) found guilty of having violated this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$100.00 and/or imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed 90 days.

SECTION 4:

If any portion of this ordinance shall be declared to be illegal or unconstitutional, the remaining portions of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Effective Date: This Ordinance is declared to be in immediate effect following an affirmative vote at a regular meeting of the Benona Township Board and upon its date of publication.

I hereby certify that the foregoing revisions to this ordinance were adopted at the October 27, 2025 regular meeting of the Benona Township Board. This ordinance shall take effect 30 days following publication.

Margie Shaw, Clerk