

**DAMASCUS TOWNSHIP
WAYNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 4 – 2026

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE PARK
PROPERTY OWNED BY DAMASCUS TOWNSHIP FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC.**

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Township of Damascus, Wayne County, Pennsylvania, under the authority granted by the Pennsylvania Second Class Township Code, ARTICLE XXII -TOWNSHIP PROPERTY including, PAVILION, PARKS, RECREATION CENTERS AND FORESTS; to regulate the use and enjoyment by the public of any park or recreation grounds owned and operated by Damascus Township for the use of the public and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the same as follows:

SHORT TITLE: This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Rules and Regulations of all Damascus Township Property.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Ordinance is to regulate and enforce the use of Damascus Township property in accordance with the policies and guidelines to otherwise protect the general health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Damascus Township and any user of the township property, including but not limited to; park areas, playground, ballfield, amphitheater, trails, pavilion, township building, and parking areas.

RESPONSIBILITY and NUISANCES DECLARED: It shall be the responsibility of all users to abide by the provisions set forth in this ordinance, and all other Local, State, and Federal laws. Violations of the following provisions are hereby declared to be public nuisances and the herein regulations shall be obeyed as provided herein:

SPECIFIC REGULATIONS:

- A. **RISK OF INJURY** – Any and all visitors to the Park are using the property at their own risk. Damascus Township shall not be held responsible for any injury while using the Park property.
- B. **HOURS OF OPERATION** – Park is open from dawn to dusk.
- C. **MOTOR VEHICLES** – Motor vehicles shall be allowed in the designated parking area only, and specifically not allowed on any trails.
- D. **PARKING** – Park all vehicles in appropriate marked spaces if provided. No parking is authorized on or along the public road.
- E. **RECREATIONAL VEHICLES** – Dirt bikes, mopeds, bicycles, tricycles, snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles including but not limited to three-wheelers, four-wheelers, side-by-sides, etc., or any other wheeled conveyances or equipment, shall not be operated or used in the park, with the exception of wheelchairs and handicapped vehicles with official placards or written permission from the Township.
- F. **NON-MOTORIZED** children's bicycles and tricycles are allowed only in designated areas as determined by and delineated by the Township.

- G. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES – The sale, distribution, possession or consumption of intoxicating, alcoholic or controlled substances are not permitted on Damascus Township property (such as are now or may later be defined by Federal, State or Township Law, Act or Ordinance)
- H. LITTERING – Visitors shall take all trash or litter which shall be transported offsite to dispose of properly.
- I. GRAFFITI – Writing and/or graffiti of any kind is prohibited on township property, including but not limited to, any facilities, equipment, parking areas, fences, vegetation, etc.
- J. DISORDERLY CONDUCT – All public shall behave in an orderly fashion and respect the rights of others. Abusive language or behavior is not allowed. Damage to any property of Damascus Township, including but not limited to, any facilities, equipment, parking areas, fences, vegetation, etc. shall be considered disorderly conduct.
- K. PARK ENTRANCES – Person(s) are expected to enter and leave the park through the access provided. No person(s) shall be authorized to trespass upon neighboring properties.
- L. PARK PROPERTY – Visitors are required to protect the equipment, buildings, plants, natural environment, and fields for the enjoyment of all.
- M. OPEN BURNING – Open burning is prohibited. Charcoal only may be used for cooking in the provided barbecue grills.
- N. PETS – Dogs, horses, cats, and other domestic pets/animals are NOT permitted. Only medically necessary service dogs, that are trained to assist individuals with disabilities with physical conditions. Documents for physically necessary service dogs are required.
- O. SKATEBOARDS – The use of skateboards on township property is prohibited.
- P. SAFETY EQUIPMENT – Individuals participating in any sporting activity are advised to wear the proper safety protection and follow the recommended directions for proper use.
- Q. TREES AND SHRUBS - Cutting or removal of trees and shrubs is prohibited.
- R. FIREWORKS, INFLATABLES, OR AMUSEMENT RIDES – Are NOT permitted. If holding a special event certain items may be allowed with a formal request made to the Board of Damascus Township Supervisors at least thirty (30) calendar days in advance for township approval. Additionally, if approved, the requester will be required to provide proof of insurance that includes Event Insurance coverage.
- S. PAVILION RENTAL: All pavilion rentals, including fees, are managed and determined by the Damascus Township Supervisors. All renters must contact the Township Secretary to make reservations. All renters must fill out the proper paperwork and payments must be submitted with all forms as follows; rental agreement that includes rental fee with a reimbursable clean up fee, hold harmless form, and sign/acknowledge the rules. No rentals shall be made during rifle big game season.
- T. DRONES: Recreational use of drones is prohibited on or above township property.
- U. BALLFIELD AND AMPHITHEATER: All events must be approved by Damascus Township and dates approved by the Township Secretary. Events shall not interfere with pavilion rentals and will have an additional reimbursable clean up fee. Any event that has over one hundred (100) people attending must notify the Damascus Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

ENFORCEMENT:

1. The Board of Supervisors shall appoint an individual, agency or firm to serve as the Enforcement Officer, who shall be responsible for enforcing the terms of the Ordinance. The Enforcement Officer may also be the Township Zoning Officer. Further, any Law Enforcement Officer shall be authorized to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.
2. Violations may be cited as such and such violations shall be deemed as summary offences, for which appropriate Private Criminal Complaints or Police Criminal Complaints shall be filed with the Magisterial District Court.

VIOLATION(S): Any person(s) causing damage, removing any equipment, building, fence, sign, tree, shrub(s), bush, or any other natural vegetation, additionally leaving trash, rubbish, or junk on Township Property shall be responsible for cost of repair, replacement or removal of.

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS:

1. Fine(s) - Imprisonment - Any person, firm, partnership or corporation who or which shall violate any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof in summary proceedings before the District Justice, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars for the first offense; and not less than Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars for the second offense; and not less than Five Hundred (\$500.00) for each subsequent offense; and costs of prosecution, plus reasonable attorney's fees of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00). In default of the payment of such fine and costs, it shall be the duty of the District Justice to commit such person to the County Jail until such time as the fine and costs shall be paid, not exceeding, however, a period of thirty (30) days.
2. Violation Costs - In accordance with fines in this Ordinance, the Board of Supervisors may cause the order to repair or replace any damage or removed items, or remove any trash, rubbish, or junk items. The repair or replacement of any damaged items or removal of trash, rubbish or junk items shall be completed by the Township. The Board of Supervisors shall make repairs, replacements, or removals, with the cost and expense thereof, including, but not limited to, materials, labor, and legal fees, together with a penalty of twenty (20) percent, which shall be collected from the violator in any manner provided by law. The recovery of such costs of abatement, together with the penalty, may be in addition to the penalty prescribed in PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, 1. Fine(s).
3. Other Remedies - In addition to any penalty therein provided, any person(s), firm, partnership, or corporation who or which shall violate any provision of this Ordinance shall be subject to any law or laws, of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which affords a remedy for such violation in any court of the Commonwealth.

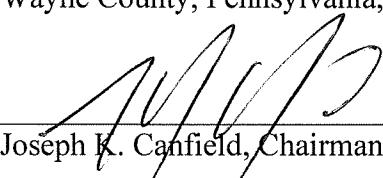
SEVERABILITY: Should any section, subsection, clause, provision or other portion of this Ordinance be declared invalid by any court of competent Jurisdiction, such a decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance the Board of Supervisors having adopted this Ordinance as if such invalid portions had not been included therein.

REPEALER: Any and all previous Damascus Township Park & Recreation Rules and Regulations Ordinances are hereby repealed.

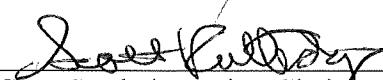
CONFLICTS: Should any provision of this Ordinance conflict with any other section, provision, regulation, or standard of any other Township Ordinance, the more restrictive shall apply.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after the adoption thereof.

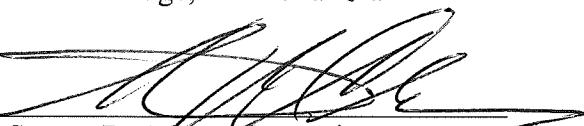
ENACTED AND ORDAINED into law by the Board of Supervisors of Damascus Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania, this *19th* day of *January, 2026*.



Joseph K. Canfield, Chairman



Scott Rutledge, Vice-Chairman



Steven R. Adams, Supervisor

ATTEST: 
Melissa Haviland, Secretary

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