

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH AMENDING CHAPTER 135 ENTITLED
“PARKS AND RECREATION,” AMENDING CHAPTER 31 ENTITLED “PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE” AND AMENDING CHAPTER 40 ENTITLED “RETIREMENT” OF THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH
2019-03**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH that amendments are needed to various Chapters and sections of the Woolwich Township Code and therefore, the following amendments to Chapter 135 entitled “Parks and Recreation”, Chapter 31 Entitled “Parks and Recreation Committee and Chapter 40 Entitled Retirement be and are hereby made:

Chapter 31 Parks and Recreation Committee

31-2 Membership

The Parks and Recreation Committee shall be made up of 14 members, with seven appointed by the Swedesboro Borough Council, and seven appointed by the Woolwich Township Committee in addition to up to four alternate members with two appointed by the Swedesboro Borough Council and two appointed by the Woolwich Township Committee. Alternate members may fill the seats of only regular members, not in attendance, appointed from the same Municipality/Borough. All members appointed from the Township of Woolwich will be appointed by the Mayor. The Township and the Borough shall each designate one representative of its governing body as a nonvoting member of the Committee to serve as a liaison. Each member shall be a resident of the town of the appointing governing body. No member shall receive any compensation for his/her service. The officers of the Committee shall be as follows: Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary who shall annually be appointed from among the membership by a majority vote of the members present at the first meeting of each year. The Woolwich Township Recreation Coordinator shall be a nonvoting member of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Chapter 40 Retirement

40-1 Positions Eligible for Participation

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 43:15C-2, the following positions are deemed to be eligible for and shall participate in the Defined Contribution Retirement Program:

A.

Municipal Administrator.

B.

Court Administrator, Zoning Officer, Recreation Coordinator.

[Amended 6-6-2011 by Ord. No. 2011-05]

C.

Township Solicitor.

D.

Township Engineer.

E.

Township Prosecutor.

F.

Municipal Court Judge.

G.

Members of Township Committee.

Chapter 135 Parks and Recreation

Article I General Regulations

135-3 Permits for special events

A.

Permits for special events/activities in parks and recreation areas must be obtained by application to the Woolwich Township Director of Municipal Services in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Township of Woolwich.

135-9 Allocation of Fields and Facilities

A.

The fields/facilities use a schedule created by the Director of Municipal Services that will establish the opening and closing dates for field/facilities use, as well as the period of time affected by that schedule. The schedule will serve as a permit for use of the facility named. Responsible officials within the Township (police, emergency services, Public Works Department, and others) will receive a copy of the fields/facilities schedule.

B.

Communication is the key to efficient maximization of use of scarce recreational facilities. Consistent with that goal, any assigned user must notify the Director of Municipal Services or the Director's designee, of expected nonuse of a particular facility, at a particular time. Every effort should be made to do so at least seven calendar days in advance. This nonuse policy does not apply to weather cancellations.

C.3

Field closings due to weather. Fields may be closed to all users for an extended period time of more than one day by the Department of Public Works and, at times, Director of Municipal Services. These conditions include, but are not limited to, field under water, severe damages that make it unsafe/unplayable, field reconstruction and the need to rest fields. Information on field closings can be accessed by the Director of Municipal Services. It is the responsibility of league presidents and athletic directors to notify their coaches and players. Destruction or damage done to any playing field due to use in unsatisfactory conditions may be cause for forfeiture of permit at the discretion of the Township of Woolwich.

Article II Athletic Fields and Recreational Use

135-11 Field Modifications

Any proposed changes to fields or parks should be submitted to the Director of Municipal Services to consider impact upon facility use. Those requested changes, along with a recommendation, will then be forwarded to the Woolwich Township Committee for consideration. This would include the development of active recreation areas from property not currently used for that purpose. It may include the installation of fields, fences, structures, scoreboards, permanent stands and permanent and temporary lighting. It would not include the replacement of any current structure (an old backstop with a new one of roughly the same size) or the repair or replacement of existing fencing. These types of items will be the responsibility of the Township Committee. The placement location of all movable items (portable bases, soccer goals, batting cages, blocking sleds, temporary fencing, etc.) will be the responsibility of the league, organization or club using the facility.

135-12 Permit Costs

The following should be added:

- 6. Category VI** Swedesboro/Woolwich based organizations. A minimum of ninety percent (90%) of the group must reside or work full-time in Swedesboro and/or Woolwich Township. No fee.

- 7. Category VII Use of Pavilion (Private)** Private Use of the Pavilion for birthday parties, private functions, and similar events. No Fee.

Inconsistency:

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances that are inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Effective Date:

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon proper passage, publication in accordance with law and after final adoption as provided by law.

TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH

Vernon Marino, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jane DiBella, Clerk

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich, held on the 4th day of February, 2019 and will be considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich, to be held on the 19th day of February, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at which time and place any interested party will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Jane DiBella, Township Clerk