

CHAPTER 30

Public Parks, Conservancies, Cemeteries

30.01 General Regulations for Public Parks, Conservancies, and Cemeteries. It shall be unlawful for any person to commit any of the following acts in or upon those areas in the Town of Wilson designated as public parks, conservancies, or Town cemeteries.

30.01.01 Loitering after closing: To park any vehicle or to loiter or lounge in or upon such grounds between dusk and dawn or the hours of 10:00 pm and 7:00 am, as posted or as designated below, in parks, conservancies or cemeteries.

30.01.02 Damage to property: To soil, deface, injure, damage, upset, or destroy any public building, fence, bench, table, bush, sign, survey marker or monument, or other objects situated, used, or kept upon such public grounds. The dumping or depositing of deadfall, branches, lawn or hedge clippings, shrubbery, or any other plant material from private property onto public grounds shall be constituted as damage to property.

30.01.03 Operation of vehicles: To operate any vehicle upon such public grounds except for service and maintenance vehicles or to park any vehicle upon such grounds except within the limits of clearly marked parking areas.

30.01.04 Dangerous weapons: To carry, keep, or use any dangerous weapon, including firearms, bow and arrow, slingshot, gun or other shooting device upon such public grounds except as authorized in Section **30.06 Hunting on Public Land** and **30.07 Exceptions** or as authorized by a concealed carry permit.

30.01.05 Fires: To build any fires upon such public grounds except in ~~fireplaces~~ permanent charcoal equipment provided for such use.

30.01.06 Littering: To leave, throw, or break any bottle, can, box, paper cup, plate, bag, or container, or other objects upon such public grounds except in clearly marked refuse or recycling receptacles provided for that purpose.

30.01.07 Citizen Care Committees: Citizen Care Committees may be established to help maintain and improve public parks, conservancies, and cemeteries upon the recommendation of the Park & Forestry Commission and approval of the Town of Wilson Board of Supervisors. Participation in such committees would be voluntary and would require a signed waiver of liability. Individuals and civic-minded organizations may participate in committee activities and committees can be established for separate parks or conservancies or cemeteries or for any combination of parks, conservancies, or cemeteries. Committees would work under the coordination of the Town of Wilson Maintenance Supervisor and the Park & Forestry Commission; committee activity would be documented by the Maintenance Department.

30.02 Use by Organizations. Any organization using public grounds or stands shall police and clean each area.

30.02.01 Reservation of shelters: If the public demand for the use of picnic shelters warrants, the Park & Forestry Commission may establish a reasonable and equitable reservation system to be posted at such shelters.

30.02.02 Activity Fees for Use of Public Parks and/or Conservancies: Upon the recommendation of the Park & Forestry Commission, the Town Board of Supervisors may establish reasonable and equitable fees for the use of parks and/or conservancies or parts thereof.

30.03 Regulations Specific to Public Parks: Public parks are generally family oriented multi-use areas with picnicking, playgrounds, playfields, athletic courts, walking, jogging, or fitness trails, toilet facilities, and potable water. Other public parks provide an area for quiet contemplation or are undeveloped.

30.03.01 No pets allowed. No pets shall be allowed in any Town park.

30.03.02 Hardball prohibited. Playing of hardball for individual practice or in an organized game shall be prohibited.

30.03.03 Jung Bell Tower Park/Victor R. Gruber Memorial Fireman's Park. Open 7:00 am – 10:00 pm daily.

Soccer field open seasonally; team practice reservations can be made through the Sheboygan Recreation Department. Only "wiffle ball" (with non-wooden, non-metal bats) and kickball are permitted on the ball field. A playground, basketball court, and picnic facilities are available. This combined park provides a "rest area" for bicyclists using the Sheboygan County Bicycle Route.

30.03.04 Schinker Creek Park: Open dawn to dusk daily (per DNR Grant stipulation).

Also designated as a "rest area" on the Sheboygan County Bicycle Route, a playground, a 1/3 mile wood chip walking trail, a shelter, a fresh water pump, and toilet facilities are features of the Town of Wilson's newest park.

30.03.04.01 Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund restrictions: In accordance with the restrictions placed by the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund as a condition of the grant used toward the purchase of Schinker Creek Park, no permanent playfield structures may be placed by the Town on the park grounds. Park users may bring portable equipment for personal use, but such equipment must be removed daily.

In accordance with the restrictions placed by the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund as a condition of the grant used toward the purchase of Schinker Creek Park, no portion of the land may be sold or donated, other than to the state of Wisconsin.

30.03.05 Additional Town Parks:

- **Ernst Kaufmann Park** adjacent to the Town Office on South Business Drive
- **Paradise Lane Park** off SR 28 in the northwest corner of the Town of Wilson (undeveloped)
- **South 9th Street** at Riverdale Avenue (undeveloped)

30.04 Regulations Specific to Conservancies: Conservancies are public lands designated to conserve and protect natural resources. A conservancy is also an organization promoting the protection, preservation, management, or restoration of wildlife and of natural resources such as forests, soil, and water. Development is limited to nature trails allowing users to walk through the conservancies to observe native flora and fauna.

30.04.01 Wilderness Park (Balzer Woods): Open dawn to dusk daily. Although named Wilderness Park, this property is regulated and managed as a conservancy.

30.04.02 Arthur Jerving Conservancy: Open dawn to dusk daily.

30.04.03 Henry Mueller Family Conservancy: Open dawn to dusk daily.

30.05 Regulations Specific to Cemeteries: Cemeteries are regulated by the State of Wisconsin Statute 157. There are 15 burial sites/cemeteries in the Town of Wilson, including prehistoric, historic, private, religious, and the two Town of Wilson municipal cemeteries listed below. Cemeteries are open dawn to dusk. Availability information and purchases of plats may be made at the Town of Wilson office.

30.05.01 Flader Hill Cemetery – Located on Sauk Trail Road, south of Highway V.

30.05.02 Mueller Cemetery – Located south of Flader Hill Cemetery on Sauk Trail Road.

30.06 Hunting on Public Lands (Exception to Section 30.01.04): The Town allows limited and controlled (by Town permit) archery deer hunting in Wilderness Park (Balzer Woods). Hunting privileges are by lottery and permits to hunt on Town property are granted to Town of Wilson residents only. Interested parties must contact the Town Clerk for an application and information. Such hunting is not allowed on Sundays.

Archery deer hunting may be permitted in Jerving or Mueller Family Conservancies only when deer herd sizes exceed recognized safe ecological limits such as those established by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources or other such agency. Action by the Town of Wilson Board of Supervisors is required to approve such hunting.

30.07 Exceptions: Temporary exceptions to Sections 30.01.01 and Section 30.01.04 may be granted by the Town Board with such conditions, restrictions, and limitations as the Town Board may determine.

30.08 Additional Regulations: The Town Board may prescribe such additional regulations concerning the use of Town parks, conservancies, and cemeteries. Such additional regulations shall be in force and effect upon posting on the premises to which the same are applicable.

30.09 Penalty: Any person who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined not less than One Hundred dollars (\$100.00) and not more than One Thousand dollars (\$1000.00) per incident.

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