

**TOWNSHIP OF PIERSON**  
**COUNTY OF MONTCALM, MICHIGAN**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Pierson, held in the Township Hall, 21156 W. Cannonsville Road, within the Township, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

ABSENT: ∅

The following ordinance was offered by Gould and supported by Hyrns.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-02

**AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE ADMINISTRATION  
AND USE OF WINSLOW PARK**

THE TOWNSHIP OF PIERSON, MONTCALM COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

Section 1.     **Statement of Purpose.**

- A.     This Ordinance applies to a portion of "Park B" dedicated in the plat of Winslow Park, recorded in the office of the Montcalm County Register of Deeds. The lands subject to this Ordinance are more specifically described in the Amended Order entered "In the Matter of the Vacation of the Plat of Winslow Park" on August 26, 1977 and are referred to in this Ordinance as "Winslow Park."
  
- B.     Winslow Park was dedicated to the use of the public when the plat of Winslow Park was recorded in 1923, and that dedication for public use was reflected in an exception to the vacation of the plat in plat vacation judgments entered in 1976 and amended in 1977. The plat placed no restrictions upon public use, except that the property shall not be used for camping.

- C. Winslow Park has been in public use for many years, and the Township has expended funds for maintenance and improvement of the park area.
- D. The purpose of this Ordinance is to formalize and memorialize the Township's control and administration of Winslow Park.
- E. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Winslow Park Ordinance."

**Section 2. Principles of Oversight.**

A. The Township shall administer, maintain, and improve Winslow Park in accordance with provisions in the annual budget for the Park, plans for improvement and maintenance of the Park approved by the Township Board from time to time, and ordinances regulating the use of the Park.

B. Winslow Park shall remain open to the public, subject only to closure on a temporary basis from time to time as necessary for improvements or maintenance, or to protect the Park or the public health, safety and welfare.

C. Winslow Park shall be available without any admission charge or other fee for use.

D. The Township shall not contract with a private party or association for comprehensive administration and oversight of Winslow Park. This shall not prevent the use of private contractors for specific functions such as maintenance, improvements, or security.

E. The Township shall not grant any easement, permanent right of access, or other rights in Winslow Park to private parties, except such rights as have may already been granted by the Township or by court order, or for temporary events approved by the Township.

F. No person shall place any fence, planting, boulders, landscaping, pavement, gravel, or any other encumbrance or improvement in Winslow Park. The Township Supervisor is authorized and directed to take appropriate action to remove any unauthorized encroachments.

Section 3.     **Amendments.** The provisions of this Ordinance may be amended only following notice and public hearing. Notice of public hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township at least 30 days prior to the public hearing, and shall contain the date, time and place of the public hearing, a summary of the proposed amendment, and an identification of where a complete copy of the proposed amendment may be obtained and reviewed.

Section 4.     **Use Regulations.** This Ordinance does not amend or restrict the Pierson Township Boat Launch Ordinance, No. 96-1, which remains in full force and effect.

Section 5.     **Publication and Effective Date.** A summary of this Ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township, as provided by law. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication.

AYES:           Members: Gould, Hyrns, Van Til, Burkholder, Scheuermann  
NAYS:           Members: ∅

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

  
Sara Burkholder, Township Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Pierson at a regular meeting held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

  
Sara Burkholder, Township Clerk