



"...meeting community needs...enhancing quality of life."

**PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITIES
MANAGEMENT**

Dean R. Gazza, Director

1819 East Witzke Boulevard
Appleton, Wisconsin 54911-8401
(920) 832-5572 FAX (920) 993-3103
Email - dean.gazza@appleton.org

TO: Parks & Recreation Committee

FROM: Dean R. Gazza, Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities Management

DATE: 9/26/2016

RE: Action Item: Request to Adopt the Proposed Revised Chapter 13 Park Ordinances and Park Rules

The park ordinances, found in Chapter 13 of the Municipal Code and last updated in 2013, have been fully reviewed to account for various changes. While reviewing we attempted to clear up any area that could potentially be confusing. In addition, the Park Rules, which are posted at each park and are provided to those renting pavilions, were updated to reflect the changes proposed in the ordinances.

The following are the main proposed changes to Ch. 13:

1. Improved definition of parks (trails and stormwater maintenance facilities are still parks).
2. Improved definition of trails (easier to differentiate trails from sidewalks). Language has also been added stating trails can be on private property even if they are maintained by the private property owner.
3. Defined stormwater maintenance facilities.
4. Improved detail on what can and cannot be done in parks.
5. Clarifies that ADA devices are permitted in parks (other motorized devices are not).
6. Clarifies the rules for dog (not allowed in parks except for trails).
7. New language requiring a permit to alter vegetation, such as mowing grass (particularly important for stormwater maintenance facilities).
8. New ordinance requiring a permit for slacklining and skateboarding (skateboarding is still allowed without a permit at the Telulah Skate Park and on trails).
9. New ordinance clarifying Ch. 13 ordinances do not apply to City employees/agents when done as part of their job.
10. New ordinance allowing for an appeal process for someone evicted from a park.
11. New ordinance requiring a permit for activities that require payment for services, like offering exercise classes in parks.

Please feel free to contact me at 832-5572 with any questions, or by email at dean.gazza@appleton.org.