



MEMORANDUM

From the Office of the
Township Manager

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FROM: CHRISTOPHER BASHORE
RE: ORDINANCE NO. 4 – 2023
DATE: MARCH 21, 2023

Before the Board of Supervisors this evening is proposed Ordinance No. 4 – 2023. This proposed ordinance would amend sections 57-3.S., 57-3.T., and 57-3.U. of the Township's Code of Ordinances in order to add vaping as a prohibition in the Township's parks and revise the rules for the use of the Robert E. Lambert Skatepark and Robert E. Lambert Dog Park, respectively. Regarding the amendments to the amendments to the rules, Dave Woodward, Public Works Director, and Dorine McClune, Park Superintendent, recently reviewed the rules for these parks and found them to be outdated. Specifically, the hours that the dog park would be closed for maintenance are not specified and the skatepark regulations reference an attendant, which was discontinued several years ago at the recommendation of the Township's liability insurance carrier.

The proposed ordinance was authorized for advertisement by the Board at the March 7, 2023 meeting and was advertised in the March 13, 2023 edition of the Daily Local News as required. The proposed ordinance was also posted on the Township website in the "Ordinances & Resolutions" section.

Please let me know if you have questions. Thank you.

WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 4 – 2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST GOSHEN, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 57 OF THE WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP CODE, TITLED “PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS”, TO AMEND SECTION 57-3.S TO PROHIBIT VAPING IN THE PARKS; SECTION 57-3.T TO AMEND THE RULES FOR THE USE OF ROBERT E. LAMBERT SKATEPARK AND SECTION 57-3.U TO AMEND THE RULES FOR THE USE OF THE ROBERT E. LAMBERT DOG PARK.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township, that the Code of the Township of West Goshen, specifically Chapter 57, titled, “Parks and Recreation Areas”, shall be amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 57-3.S shall be amended as follows:

“S. Smoking and vaping shall be prohibited in the parks. Violation of this provision shall subject the violator to expulsion from the parks.”

SECTION 2. Section 57-3.T shall be amended as follows:

“T. Rules and regulations for the use of the Robert E Lambert skatepark. All persons using the skatepark shall adhere to the rules and regulations which are set forth on Exhibit A which is attached hereto.

SECTION 3. Section 57-3.U shall be amended as follows:

“U. Rules and regulations for the use of the dog park at the Robert E Lambert Park. All persons using the dog park shall adhere to the rules and regulations which are set forth on Exhibit B which is attached hereto.”

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. If any provision, sentence, clause, section or part of this ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts hereof. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such

PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

Exhibit A Rules and Regulations for Use of Dog Park at Robert E. Lambert Park

Dogs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be licensed.• Must have up to date rabies vaccination.• Must wear identification with current license info.• Must be spayed or neutered.• May not be admitted if they are in heat.• Must be at least four months old.• Must be within view and voice control of owner at all times.• Must not be sick or suffering with parasites.• Must be on leash and under control of owners when outside dedicated dog park area.
Owners/ Handlers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May not bring animals other than dogs into the park.• May not bring more than three dogs per owner into the park at one time.• Must clean up after dog IMMEDIATELY.• Must keep dog's leash in hand while in the park.• Must immediately leash and remove a problem dog (displaying aggressive behavior, mounting, excessively barking) from the park without debate.• May not bring food or alcoholic beverages in dog park.• Must immediately stop dogs from digging, and fill in any holes with dirt.• Must keep park gates closed at all times.• Must honor other users' requests regarding their dogs.• Are solely liable for injuries or damages caused by their dogs and ensuring their dogs don't escape the fenced area.• May not smoke or vape in the dog park.• May not bring glass containers into the dog park.
Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Under 5 years old must be within arm's length of parent or guardian at all times.• 6-11 years old must be under strict adult supervision at all times.• May not bring strollers, bicycles, or any other children's toys into the dog park.• Must obtain dog owner's permission before cautiously approaching any dog.• Should not run, scream, or engage in any behavior that may be upsetting to dogs.

This facility is not supervised. Users of this facility do so at their own risk. West Goshen Township shall not be liable for injuries to dogs, their owners/handlers, or others that use the dog park. This area is for dogs and their handlers/owners only.

First-time visitors may consider visiting the dog park during nonpeak hours (between 9.00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday) until your dog(s) become comfortable with the park.

The facility will close on weekdays from 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM to allow the Parks Department to perform cleaning and maintenance.

Contact the West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Office at 610-696-5266 with any questions. A copy of these rules is available at www.westgoshen.org.

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Exhibit B

Rules and Regulations for Use of Robert E. Lambert Skatepark

Required:

- Properly strapped helmets.
- Kneepads and elbow pads.
- Shirts.
- Skateboard or inline skates.
- Awareness of your surroundings - Keep alert to other users and loose objects such as skateboards.
- Compliance with all rules and instructions.
- Recognition of your own ability/level – choose your comfort level and skate at your own risk.

Prohibited:

- Smoking, vaping and chewing tobacco.
- Food, chewing gum and beverages.
- Glass containers.
- Littering.
- Personal boomboxes.
- Bicycles, scooters or motorized vehicles.
- Non-skaters (Exception: Parents with small children)
- Makeshift ramps, boxes, rails, or other homemade obstacles or modifications to existing skatepark equipment
- Profane, obscene or abusive language.
- Alcoholic or intoxicating beverages.
- Drugs or controlled substances.
- Recklessness.
- Pets.
- Weapons.
- Horseplay, shoving or fighting.
- Graffiti or stickers.
- Use of the skatepark after hours.
- Large groups of 25 or more people.

**Skatepark rules are available at www.westgoshen.org.
Learn the rules. Live the rules. Love the rules.**