

STATE OF WISCONSIN TOWN OF LAGRANGE WALWORTH COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO. PL 2016-01

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING PLEASANT LAKE BEACH AND PARK

WHEREAS, the Town of LaGrange is the sole owner of the park known as "Pleasant Lake Beach and Park," located on Pleasant Lake in the Town of LaGrange, County of Walworth, State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayers of the Town of LaGrange provide the sole funding for all maintenance and improvements to the park and beach area, including any necessary funding for any property damage; and

WHEREAS, the Pleasant Lake Beach and Park have limited area; and

WHEREAS, unlimited access to the Town of LaGrange Beach and Park increases the risk of adverse impacts to the natural and environmental features and park improvements, to the detriment of the Town of LaGrange and its taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, by this Ordinance the Town of LaGrange Town Board intends to protect the Town of LaGrange Beach and Park by limiting access while preserving this Town property and Town amenities for the residents and property owners of the Town of LaGrange.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board for the Town of LaGrange, Walworth County, Wisconsin, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN as follows:

SECTION 1: Town Ordinance No. LPI dated September 10, 1975, and published February 5, 1976, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2: APPLICABILITY AND ENFORCEMENT.

The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to the Town of LaGrange beach and park located on Pleasant Lake in the Town of LaGrange, County of Walworth, State of Wisconsin, and this ordinance shall be enforced by duly authorized personnel under the jurisdiction of the Town of LaGrange, Walworth County, Wisconsin.

SECTION 3: PURPOSE.

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote the maximum benefit and use of the park and beach and fully to utilize the township resources. Due to the size, the natural features, and the amenities of the Town of LaGrange Beach and Park, the Town Board finds it is both necessary and appropriate to limit access to the park and beach as described herein, to protect the natural and environmental features, the public amenities and preserve the park and beach for its intended use. Town of LaGrange residents and property owners are allowed access to the Town of LaGrange Park and Beach, however, given that it is funded solely by Town taxpayers, subject to the limitations described herein.

SECTION 4: RESTRICTIONS.

1. Said beach and park may be used solely by residents and property owners of the Town of LaGrange, Walworth County, Wisconsin, and their guests. Guests of any such Town of LaGrange resident or property owner may be present only in the presence of the Town of LaGrange resident or property owner who made the invitation. Park maintenance personnel and those duly charged with law enforcement are also allowed access and all other persons are prohibited. Proof of residency or property ownership shall be provided to law enforcement personnel or others who have been delegated enforcement authority by the Town of LaGrange Town Board, on request. The access permitted by this subsection is subject to compliance with all other restrictions of this section and all other applicable laws.
2. Said beach and park shall be closed to all persons from 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. each and every day.
3. The Town Board shall cause to be erected and maintained all necessary fences, gates and signs to give notice to the public of all restrictions set forth therein.
4. It is unlawful to possess or drink fermented malt beverages or any form of intoxicating liquors or wine on the beach or in the park except by Town license or permit.
5. It is unlawful for any person, firm or organization to permit his, their, or its dog or any other pet or any dog or other pet which he, they, or it has

in its custody or control to be in the beach area or in the park at any time.

6. It is unlawful to litter on the beach or in the park; all refuse is to be placed in containers provided by the Town of LaGrange.
7. It is unlawful to start or cause to be started any fires of any nature whatsoever on the beach or in the park, except a charcoal fire and then only in the charcoal grills provided by the Town of LaGrange.

SECTION 5: PENALTIES.

Any person who shall enter in and upon or use the aforesaid beach and park in violation of any provision of this ordinance shall on conviction be assessed a forfeiture in the sum of not less than Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars and not more than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars, with the cost for prosecution and in default of payment of such forfeiture and cost shall be imprisoned until payment of the same shall be made but not to exceed ten (10) days.

SECTION 6: SEVERABILITY.

The several sections of this ordinance are declared to be severable. If any section or portion thereof shall be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unlawful or unenforceable, such decision shall apply only to the specific section or portion thereof directly specified in the decision, and shall not affect the validity of any other provisions, sections or portions thereof of the ordinance. The remainder of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. Any other ordinances whose terms are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to those terms that conflict.

SECTION 7: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and posting or publication as provided by law.

Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of LaGrange on the 8th day of August, 2016.

TOWN OF LAGRANGE


Frank Taylor, Town Chairman

Attest:


Crystal Hoffmann, Town Clerk/Treasurer

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