

MECOSTA COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

RULES AND REGULATIONS

ADOPTED BY
THE MECOSTA COUNTY PARK COMMISSION
APRIL 10, 2003
AND AMENDED ON APRIL 8, 2004
AND AMENDED ON APRIL 12, 2007
AND AMENDED ON APRIL 8, 2010
AND AMENDED ON MAY 13, 2010

ADOPTED BY
THE MECOSTA COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
MAY 1, 2003
AND AMENDED ON MAY 6, 2004
AND AMENDED ON MAY 3, 2007
AND AMENDED ON APRIL 15, 2010

PREAMBLE

An ordinance to regulate and control all lands, waters, and property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Mecosta County Park Commission.

WHEREAS, MLCA 46.11;MSA 5.331, authorizes the Mecosta County Board of Commissioners to enact Ordinances relating to county affairs; and

WHEREAS, MLCA 46.351;MSA 45.570(101) authorizes the Mecosta County Board of Commissioners to make rules and regulations with respect to the County Parks and Recreation Commission as the Board of Commissioners considers advisable; and

WHEREFORE, the County Board of Commissioners of Mecosta County believes that the safety and general welfare of the People of the County would be enhanced by the enactment of a County Ordinance regulating and controlling all lands, waters, and property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Mecosta County Park Commission;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County of Mecosta, Michigan as follows:

PARK RULES:

Under the Authority of Public Act 261 of the State of Michigan (1965), as amended, the Mecosta County Park Commission herewith promulgates and published the following rules for the use, protection and control of all park acreage and facilities under its management control.

A WORD ABOUT OUR PARKS:

The Mecosta County Parks are not supported by a yearly tax appropriation, but must rely instead on camping and vehicle permit fees.

A.D.A GUIDELINES:

Any questions or concerns about equal access for all visitors to our parks should be directed to the Administrative Office at (231) 832-3246.

MECOSTA COUNTY PARKS
RULES AND REGULATIONS

TABLE OF CONTENTS

PAGE SECTION

4.	SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS
5.	SECTION 2: APPLICATION OF ORDINANCE
5.	SECTION 3: HOURS
5.	SECTION 4: FEES AND CHARGES
5.	SECTION 5: PERMITS AND REGISTRATIONS
7.	SECTION 6: RESERVATIONS
7.	SECTION 7: CAMPING
9.	SECTION 8: FIRES
9.	SECTION 9: FIREWORKS
10.	SECTION 10: MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLES
10.	SECTION 11: MOTORCYCLES
11.	SECTION 12: PARKING IN PROHIBITED AREAS
11.	SECTION 13: BOATING
12.	SECTION 14: OPERATION OF BICYCLES
12.	SECTION 15: PEDDLING AND SOLICITING
12.	SECTION 16: LOUDSPEAKERS
13.	SECTION 17: LITTERING
13.	SECTION 18: PERSONAL CONDUCT
13.	SECTION 19: SWIMMING, BATHING AND WADING
14.	SECTION 20: DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY
14.	SECTION 21: DESTRUCTION OF PLANT LIFE & NATURAL SURROUNDINGS
15.	SECTION 22: HUNTING, FISHING & TRAPPING
15.	SECTION 23: FIREARMS
16.	SECTION 24: PETS
17.	SECTION 25: OPERATION OF REMOTE CONTROLLED TOYS
17.	SECTION 26: OPERATION OF BATTERY OPERATED RIDE ON TOYS
17.	SECTION 27: PARASAIL USE
17.	SECTION 28: PATIO CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION
18.	SECTION 29: EMERGENCY POWERS
18.	SECTION 30: VIOLATION OF RULES
19.	SECTION 31: REINSTATEMENT OF USER PRIVILEGE
19.	SECTION 32: SEPARABILITY
19.	SECTION 33: EFFECTIVE DATE

Section I: DEFINITIONS

1. "Commission" shall mean the Mecosta County Park Commission.
2. "Commission Property" shall mean all lands, waters, and property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Mecosta County Park Commission.
3. "Person" or "Person(s)" shall mean individuals, male or female, singular or plural; firms, corporations or any group of individuals.
4. "Camping" means the overnight lodging or sleeping of person or persons in a cabin, tent, trailer-tent, motor home, trailer-coach, vehicle camper, motor vehicle, or in any other conveyance erected, parked or placed on the premises within any park or recreation area administered by the Mecosta County Park Commission.
5. A "campsite" shall not consist of more than one (1) picnic table, one (1) fire pit, one (1) electric outlet (where available), one (1) water spigot (where available). Its boundaries shall be the distance between campsite marking posts on both sides, and a line formed by the electric box in the rear (if available). The size will be determined by the park manager.
6. "Quiet Hours" means a designated period of time during which all noise, conversation or activity shall be confined to the boundaries of the campsite.
7. "Day use" shall mean the use of the Commission property between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. by person or persons not registered to camp or visiting campers.
8. "Motor driven vehicle" means a vehicle, motor vehicle, or vehicle, operated or designed for operation upon a public highway by power other than muscular power, including motorcycles.
9. "Motorcycle" means a vehicle having a saddle or seat for the use of the rider, designed to travel on not more than 3 wheels in contact with the ground, which is equipped with a motor that exceeds 50 cubic centimeters piston displacement.
10. "Fireworks" means a device made from explosive or flammable composition used primarily for the purpose of producing a visible display or audible effect, or both, by combustion, deflagration, or detonation. Fireworks

includes, but is not limited to, firecrackers, roman candles, bottle rockets, flat paper caps, sparklers, cone fountains, toy snakes, blank cartridge pistols, toy guns in which explosives are used, or other fireworks of like construction.

Section 2: APPLICATION OF ORDINANCE

Sec.2.a The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to and regulate and control all lands, waters and property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Mecosta County Park Commission.

Section 3: HOURS

Sec.3.a No person shall remain upon Commission property between 10 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., except at designated camping areas. Said hours may be extended upon approval of the Commission. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter park lands or waters which have been designated as closed to public use or entry.

Section 4: FEES AND CHARGES

Sec.4.a No person shall use any facility, land or area for which a fee and charge has been established by the Commission without payment of such fee or charge.

Sec.4.b No person shall occupy a site for which a fee is charged until the entire fee has been paid.

Sec.4.c Refunding of any unused portion of the camping permit may be granted. The burden of proof is on the permittee to establish reasonable cause. All refund requests must be submitted to the Park Commission office. An administrative fee, as established by the Commission, shall be charged on each approved refund.

Section 5: PERMITS AND REGISTRATIONS

Sec.5.a Registration shall be by means of an official permit.

Sec.5.b The person registering must be at least 18 years or older and the minor persons using the permit must have a responsible adult immediately accessible in the area.

Sec.5.c An organized youth group camping with their leaders' shall be

registered on one permit.

Sec.5.d The person registering for a permit shall provide the names of the persons at the site, upon request.

Sec.5.e A permit holder shall only occupy a site assigned by a park officer.

Sec.5.f A person registering for a camping permit shall comply with the registration line-up procedures as posted at each park.

Sec.5g A valid daily or annual vehicle permit shall be permanently displayed in a location, clearly visible, on the inside lower right passenger side of the windshield of any vehicle entering upon Commission property requiring such a permit.

Sec.5.h A motor home traveling to the campground without an additional vehicle will be charged the normal fee for a vehicle permit sticker as it is assumed the motor home is their primary form of transportation.

A motor home traveling to the campground with an additional vehicle (tow or accompanying) will be charged the normal vehicle pass for the accompanying vehicle and will not be charged a fee for the motor home, provided the motor home does not leave the campground for the duration of their stay.

If at any time the motor home does leave the campground to be used as a form of motorized transportation in and out of the campground, the motor home will be charged a normal vehicle pass fee for the motor home. This fee will be charged for the duration of the stay, regardless of the number of days the vehicle was used for transportation.

Sec.5.i At Brower a camp permit may be used for a period not exceeding 21 days, with the exception of pre and post season, when camp permits may be used for a period not exceeding 31 days. Pre season being defined as when the park opens in the spring thru 3:00 p.m. the Sunday prior to the Memorial Day Weekend. Post season being defined as from 3:00 p.m. the Sunday of the Labor Day weekend, until the park closes for the season

Sec.5.j An extension of a camp permit must be obtained prior to 8:00 p.m. the night before the permit expires to remain on the same site.

Sec.5.k In the event an identified camper advises/ notifies park office staff of their lot abandonment, the lot shall become available.

In the event there is no advisement/ notification of abandonment, the lot shall be held for a 24 hour period, which shall constitute abandonment and the lot shall become available.

Sec.5.l Nothing contained herein shall exempt the users of the reserved facilities from full compliance with all laws, ordinances, and rules of the Commission relating to use and conduct on Commission property.

Section 6: RESERVATIONS

Sec.6.a Campsite reservations will be accepted at Brower, Merrill, School Section, and Paris Parks. Cabin reservations will be accepted at all parks.

Sec. 6.b The switching of camping units at Brower is permitted.

Sec 6.c At Brower, a person may register for a multiple number of sites. A camping unit must occupy each site upon registration and the registrant is responsible for each site the person registers.

Section 7: CAMPING

No Person Shall:

Sec.7.a Camp except in areas provided and designated for such use.

Sec.7.b Camp without a permit. In the event that a camping unit occupies a site for more than 24 hours after the camping permit expires, the Abandonment Policy will take effect. Once a camping unit has been abandoned, the Mecosta County Park Commission reserves the right to tow the camping unit at the expense of the permit holder and accepts no liability for the contents or safety of the camping unit. In addition, if the campsite occupied by the abandoned camping unit displaces the next reservation on the campsite the permit holder of the site occupied by the abandoned camping unit will be charged double for each night the campsite is occupied past the check out date on the camping permit.

- Sec.7.c Allow a campsite to be occupied by more than 8 individuals.
- Sec.7.d Allow minors to occupy a campsite without adult supervision.
- Sec.7.e Allow more than two motor driven vehicles, one primary camping unit and one trailer (boat or utility) to occupy a single campsite between the hours of 10 p.m. and 8 a.m.
- Sec.7.f Create a disturbance to disrupt the peace, quiet and tranquility of the camping area during quiet hours of 10 p.m. and 8 a.m.
- Sec.7.g As a non-camper visit campers, or as a camper allow non-camper visitors, between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- Sec.7.h Wash dishes at pumps or drinking fountains; fail to clean campsites daily; or discharge wastes of any type, except in designated containers, drains or dumping stations.
- Sec.7.i Occupy a campsite after checkout time (3 p.m.) on the last day covered by the permit.
- Sec.7.j Use lawn ornaments, sign posts, flag poles, name signs on posts, fences, windmills, antennas or flower plantings and pots unless solely attached to camping unit.
- Sec.7.k Have a satellite dish unattached from their camping unit, unless the satellite dish is under one yard in diameter and is moved when campsite maintenance or mowing is scheduled.
- Sec.7.l Use outside refrigeration equipment such as pop coolers, refrigeration, freezers, etc.
- Sec.7.m Store an excessive amount of items under the camper or in front of the tongue. Storage is limited to bikes, a grill and a wheelbarrow full of wood.
- Sec.7.n Place camping unit in a direction that is not tongue to the road which secures the campsite to ensure units may be moved without interference in case of emergency.
- Sec.7.o Water campsite lawns, vehicle units or roadways.

Sec.7.p Wash camping unit or personal equipment.

Sec.7.q Use the parks for permanent residence or business operations.

UPON VIOLATION OF CAMPING RULES, IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER REMEDY PROVIDED FOR, A PARK OFFICER MAY REVOKE THE PERMIT AND EXPEL THE OFFENDING PERSON(S) FROM THE PARK.

Section 8: FIRES

No Person Shall:

Sec.8.a Willfully set fire to or cause to be set fire to any tree, woodland, brush land, grassland or meadow.

Sec.8.b Build any fire except within receptacles approved and designated for such purposes. Fire receptacles shall not be relocated from existing placement.

Sec.8.c Drop, throw or scatter lighted matches, burning cigars, cigarettes, tobacco paper or other flammable material within or upon Commission property.

Sec.8.d Dispose of coals or ash except in designated areas provided for such purposes.

Sec.8.e Leave a fire unattended.

Sec.8.f Leave infants or children unattended near fires or hot receptacles.

Sec.8.g Build a fire of a size larger than that approved by a park manager, which size may be limited, or prohibited entirely, in the interests of fire safety based on existing conditions or circumstances.

Sec.8.h Relocate or make any changes to the fire pits.

Section 9: FIREWORKS

Sec.9.a No person shall offer for sale, sell at retail, expose for sale, possess, give furnish, transport, use, explode, or cause to explode fireworks on park property.

Section 10: MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLES (see additional rules for motorcycles)

No Person Shall:

- Sec.10.a Operate a motor driven vehicle of any kind or nature except on designated roads and parking areas.
- Sec.10.b Operate a motor driven vehicle on any park road at a speed exceeding 10miles per hour or at any speed greater than that posted.
- Sec.10.c Violate provisions of the Motor Vehicle Code Act #300 of the Public Acts of 1949, as amended.
- Sec.10.d Be allowed to operate motor driven vehicles in the impoundment areas at Paris Park without permission.
- Sec.10.e Form an obstruction to traffic upon any roadway or in any parking area.
- Sec.10.f Be allowed to ride in or on the bed, tailgate or outside portions of a motor vehicle (example: pickups or trucks, cars, etc.). Further, no person will be allowed to ride in or on towed equipment such as a utility or boat trailer, loaded or unloaded or any similar item with the exception of park sponsored activities.
- Sec.10.g Operate a vehicle that is not licensed for roadway use.
- Sec.10.h Operate an ORV (off road vehicle) on park commission property (with the exception of park owned vehicles).

Park maintenance vehicles, emergency vehicles, and motorized enabling vehicles are exempt from the above rules.

Section II: MOTORCYCLES

Motorcycles will be allowed in all of the Mecosta County Parks.

- Sec.II.a Appropriate vehicle stickers must be purchased and affixed to the motorcycle, as directed by the park officer.
- Sec.II.b In order to be admitted to the park the motorcycle must be licensed

for on road travel.

Sec.11.c Shall comply with all other rules and regulations governing motor driven vehicles, not inconsistent with this paragraph.

Section 12: PARKING IN PROHIBITED AREAS

No person shall stop, stand, or park:

Sec.12.a A motor driven vehicle in any place marked as a passenger or loading zone, other than for expeditious loading or unloading of passengers or for the unloading and delivery or pick up and loading of materials.

Sec.12.b A motor driven vehicle, or any trailer, boat, or other towed vehicle of any kind, upon any roadway or in any parking area in such manner as to form an obstruction to traffic thereon.

Section 13: BOATING

Sec.13.a No person shall bring into, launch, moor, use or navigate any boat, canoe, raft, or other watercraft upon any watercourse, lagoon, lake, pond or sloughs located within or upon Commission property, except at such time or place as may be provided or designated for such purpose. All such watercraft shall comply with all Federal And State laws and all rules and regulations governing the use and operation of watercraft.

Sec.13.b No person shall launch a watercraft from Commission property without paying appropriate launch fees, set by the Commission. Annual watercraft launching permits must be permanently affixed to the starboard (right) side of the watercraft in line with the registration numbers.

Sec.13.c Watercraft must be removed from the park and surrounding water when camping permit expires. A person must be a registered camper at the park to leave a boat overnight.

Sec.13.d Watercraft may only be moored or anchored in designated areas.

Sec.13.e Boat docks, including mooring or other tie down devices or structures may not be constructed or installed. Any of the above, not constructed by the Park Commission will be removed.

Sec.13.f For safety reasons no watercraft will be allowed within 100 feet of

designated swimming areas.

- Sec.13.g Day use watercraft trailers may be parked in designated parking areas only and must remain attached to tow vehicle.
- Sec.13.h Campers must keep their watercraft trailers on their campsite.
- Sec.13.i Motor driven vehicles, watercraft, trailers, and other property left on Commission property in violation of these rules are subject to removal and impoundment. The owner may reclaim possession of such property upon payment of the charges incurred on such property, for its removal and storage.
- Sec.13.j At Merrill Lake Park and School Section Lake Park, boats with motors larger than 10 h.p. will not be allowed to launch.

Section 14: OPERATION OF BICYCLES

Bicycles shall be operated as closely to the right-hand side of the path, trail or roadway as conditions permit and shall be ridden single file.

No Person Shall:

- Sec.14.a Operate a bicycle in a manner, which endangers pedestrians, oneself and other bicyclists.
- Sec.14.b Ride upon or carry any person upon a bicycle handlebar or frame.
- Sec.14.c Operate a bicycle between sunset and sunrise.
- Sec.14.d Operate a bicycle in the impoundment at Paris Park.

Section 15: PEDDLING AND SOLICITING

No person shall peddle or solicit business of any nature whatever, or distribute handbills, or other advertising matter, or post unauthorized signs on any lands, waters, structures, or property of the Commission, unless first authorized in writing by the Commission or its authorized agent.

Section 16: LOUDSPEAKERS

No person shall use a loudspeaker, public address system or amplified equipment within or upon Commission property without a written permit issued by the

Commission or its authorized agent.

Section 17: LITTERING

No Person Shall:

Sec.17.a Discard, or deposit refuse of any kind or nature except by placing said refuse in containers, provided for such purpose.

Sec.17.b Throw, lay, drop or discharge into or leave in lands or waters and substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid, which may or shall result in the pollution of said lands and waters.

Section 18: PERSONAL CONDUCT

No Person Shall:

Sec.18.a Be under the influence of intoxicants, narcotics, or other mind affecting drugs, unless prescribed by a physician.

Sec.18.b Bring alcoholic beverages onto Commission property except for personal consumption in moderate amounts in conjunctions with day use activities, camping and reserved group functions. The sale, furnishing, and/or distribution of alcoholic beverages in any manner whatsoever is prohibited. Additionally, no kegs or alcoholic beverages in bulk containers will be allowed. Bulk is defined by the MCPC as anything larger than a 12 oz. container for beer or a wine cooler and anything larger than 1 quart for any other alcoholic beverage.

Sec.18.c Engage in any violent, abusive, loud, boisterous, vulgar, lewd, wanton, obscene or otherwise disorderly conduct tending to create a breach of the peace, or disturb or annoy others, while in or on any Commission property.

Sec.18.d Conduct or participate in any form of gambling, lottery or game of chance upon Commission property except as permitted by state law and approved by the Commission.

Section 19: SWIMMING, BATHING, AND WADING

No Person Shall:

Sec.19.a Swim, bathe, wade, snorkel or scuba dive in any of the watercourses,

lakes, ponds or sloughs located within or upon Commission property except at such times and places as may be designated for such purposes.

- Sec.19.b Have glass containers on any beach area or in the water adjacent thereto.
- Sec.19.c Tamper with, remove, destroy or in any manner whatsoever, render useless equipment designated and situated for water rescue and safety purposes.
- Sec.19.d Use such equipment for any purpose other than water rescue or safety purposes.
- Sec. 19.e Bring a hot tub, portable hot tub and/or a portable pool into any campground at any time.

Section 20: DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

No Person Shall:

- Sec.20.a Willfully destroy, deface, alter, change or remove any monument, stone marker, bench mark, stake, post or blaze, marking or designating any boundary line, survey line, or reference point.
- Sec.20.b Cut, break, mark upon or otherwise injure any building, equipment, bridge, drain, wall, fountain, lamppost, fence, gate, hedge, or other structure.
- Sec.20.c Deface, destroy, or remove any placard, notice or sign, whether permanent or temporary, posted or exhibited within or upon Commission property.
- Sec.20.d Appropriate, excavate, injure, or destroy, any historic site or prehistoric site or any artifact, without permission of the Commission.

Section 21: DESTRUCTION OF PLANT LIFE AND NATURAL SURROUNDINGS

No Person Shall:

- Sec.21.a Cut, remove, chip, blaze, box, girdle, trim, pick, gather, uproot,

remove, deface, or destroy any flower, plant, grass, tree, sapling, seedling, bush or shrub.

Sec.21.b Remove or caused to be removed any sod, earth, humus, peat, boulders, gravel or sand, without written permission of the Commission.

PARK MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS ARE EXEMPT FROM THE ABOVE RULES.

Section 22: HUNTING, FISHING, TRAPPING

No Person Shall:

Sec.22.a Hunt, trap, catch, wound, kill or treat cruelly any bird or animal. Molest or rob, any nest, lair, den or burrow of any bird or animal in or upon any land or waters administered by the Commission.

Sec.22.b Fish, hunt or trap on lands and waters administered by the Commission, except in compliance with the laws of The State of Michigan and rules and regulations of the Department of Natural Resources, and only in areas designated for such purposes.

Section 23: FIREARMS

No Person Shall:

Sec.23.a Have in possession a firearm or bow unless properly licensed and only during the appropriate hunting season.

Sec.23.b Carry or have in possession a firearm unless unloaded in both barrel and magazine.

Sec.23.c Carry or have in possession a bow with an arrow in the release position.

Sec.23.d Carry or have in possession an uncased firearm or bow unless properly licensed and only during the appropriate hunting season and only while traveling to and from the hunting area.

Sec.23.e Store firearms and ammunition unless kept in locked cases and/or trigger guards attached when not in use.

Sec.23.f Discharge a weapon of any kind, including an air rifle, air pistol,

pellet gun, sling shot or crossbow, on Commission property except at times and in locations authorized by the Commission for such purpose.

Sec.23.g An exception to the above rules, will be made for peace officers.

Section 24: PETS

If you have a pet, you must abide by the following rules. Failure to comply shall subject you to any remedy provided for violation of these rules, including immediate eviction of the pet and owner.

Sec.24.a No pets shall be allowed in Brower Park or School Section Lake Park. Pets are allowed in Merrill Lake Park, Paris Park, Haymarsh and Tubbs Lake State Forest campgrounds.

Sec.24.b The only pets that are allowed are domesticated dogs, cats and small birds in cages.

Sec.24.c The park staff may allow a pet not specifically defined above if they find it to be similar in size, characteristics to a domestic dog or cat; however the following specifically are not allowable as pets:

- 1) Poisonous or potentially dangerous snakes and other reptiles, spiders or insects.
- 2) Birds of prey such as eagles, hawks, and owls.
- 3) Small fur bearing animals: Raccoons, Skunks, Squirrels, Monkeys, Minks.
- 4) Bobcat, Lynx, or Lions.
- 5) Wolf, Half Wolf or Coyote.
- 6) Large animals such as Bears or Livestock.

Sec.24.d The park staff may refuse to admit any domestic dog or cat which exhibits dangerous or vicious behavior which could be a hazard to other persons in the park.

Sec.24.e Any animal which serves as an enabling aid to a vision impaired or physically handicapped person shall be allowed as an exception to these rules, at any Mecosta County Park. Enabling animals must have proof or certification and must register the animal at the park office.

- Sec.24.f Never leave your pet unattended.
- Sec.24.g When your pet is on your campsite, your pet may be placed on a tie-out provided the length of rope does not exceed the campsite boundaries and that a responsible adult is present and in direct control of the animal. Portable crates created for the purpose of transporting your pet are also acceptable for restraining your pet on a campsite
- Sec. 24.h When removed from the confines of the individual campsite, your pet must be on a leash, not to exceed 6 feet in length.
- Sec. 24.i Pets are not allowed on the beach or in picnic areas.
- Sec.24.j Clean up after your pet!
- Sec.24.k All owners shall be responsible to keep their pets quiet.
- Sec.24.l There shall be only 2 pets allowed per campsite.
- Sec.24.m Your pet must have a current rabies shot, and/or usual and customary shots required for the type of pet. Proof may be required before entrance into the park.

Section 25: OPERATION OF REMOTE CONTROLLED TOYS:

No Person shall operate remote controlled toys such as cars or trucks unless in an area designated for their use.

Section 26: OPERATION OF BATTERY OPERATED RIDE ON TOYS:

No person shall use battery operated ride on toys in any campground at any time.

Section 27: PARASAIL USE

The landing and launching of parasails on Park Commission property is prohibited.

Section 28: PATIO CONSTRUCTION & INSTALLATION

Design of Patio must be approved by the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent, **PRIOR** to installation.

It has been determined that the installation of a Patio is to be subject to the following requirements:

1. Built at ground level only and shall follow the contour of the ground.
2. No footings or foundation are to be used.
3. No digging or trenching is to be done.
4. Size shall not exceed 8' x 20' (Ramp and/or steps included).
5. Patios shall be made in sections that are easily removed. (2x4 construction with an overlayment.)
6. No railings, benches, posts, fencing or facings, etc. are to be installed.
7. Walkways between Patios are not allowed.
8. If a special type of Patio is required, that is to be used as an enabling device by the physically challenged, that does not meet the listed requirements, a request should be made to the Superintendent or Asst. Superintendent for a special consideration permit.
9. Only one Patio per campsite.
10. Patio placement, materials used and the type of construction is subject to approval by the Superintendent or Asst. Superintendent.
11. If a Patio is found not to be in compliance it shall be removed or altered in order to meet the requirements.

Section 29: EMERGENCY POWERS

Nothing in these rules shall:

- Sec.29.a Prohibit or hinder any Commission employee or agent, or any peace officer from performing their official duties.
- Sec.29.b Prohibit the Commission from establishing emergency rules required to protect the health, welfare, and safety of park visitors; to protect park property; to maintain order.

Section 30: VIOLATION OF RULES

Sec. 30.a Upon a violation of any provision of the foregoing rules the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, a park manager, assistant manager, a member of the Mecosta County Park Board or law enforcement officer may revoke user privileges and order the offending person(s) to leave park property. Any person who has been evicted from park property pursuant to a violation of park rule(s) shall be deemed ineligible to use and/or be present on **any** Mecosta County Park property for the time limit given in writing up to and including a permanent eviction, based on the severity of the offense.

Section 31: REINSTATEMENT OF USER PRIVILEGE

Sec. 31.a Any person who has been evicted from park property pursuant to a violation of park rule(s), shall be deemed ineligible to use and/or be present on any Mecosta County Park Commission property. A written request is required, so that the requesting party can be given a time and date to come before the Park Board to be reinstated.

Section 32: SEPARABILITY

Sec.32.a The provisions of this ordinance are separable, and the invalidity of any phrase, clause or part of this ordinance shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of the ordinance.

Section 33: EFFECTIVE DATE

Sec.33.a This Ordinance shall become effective on the date that Notice of Adoption is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County. At the time this Ordinance takes effect, the existing Park rules promulgated under the authority of Public Act 261 of the State of Michigan (1965), as amended, are hereby repealed.