

RESOLUTION 2024-87

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WEST BRANCH
PARK & RECREATION RULES OF BEHAVIOR POLICY**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the West Branch Parks & Recreation Department to control the use of recreation facilities, parks and sport fields, to protect these resources and to allow usage to individuals, groups and organizations based on availability and priority; and

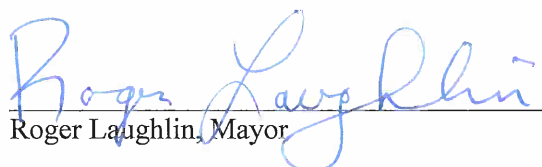
WHEREAS, it the intent of the City of West Branch to promote wellness, recreation, and positive participation and sportsmanship in all Park & Recreation activities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and staff desires to be supportive and continue providing recreation activities to its residents and provide a safe and welcoming experience for all participants, volunteers and staff; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to approve said policy and resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of West Branch, Iowa, that the aforementioned Rules of Behavior Policy is hereby approved. Further, the Mayor is directed to execute the policy on behalf of the City.

Passed and approved this 5th day of August, 2024.


Roger Laughlin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Leslie Brick, City Clerk



Rules of Behavior

The purpose of the West Branch Parks & Recreation (P&R) Rules of Behavior is to maintain a safe and pleasant environment for all those participating in and observing P&R activities. It also ensures access to P&R facilities, the safety of users and staff, and the protection of P&R equipment and facilities.

Behavior expected of all P&R volunteers and registrants includes but is not limited to:

- Respect for other registrants, volunteers, and observers
- Appropriate use of P&R equipment and facilities

Prohibited conduct includes any illegal activity and may include, but is not limited to:

- Verbally abusing staff, volunteers, other registrants, or observers
- Cursing
- Repeated failure to follow directions
- Putting other's safety at risk
- Improper use of equipment
- Violence of any kind
- Vandalism
- Theft of property
- Using any electronic device in an inappropriate manner
- Failing to exit an activity or facility as directed by P&R staff or volunteers in charge

Any patron purposely causing a disturbance and/or engaging in illegal activities will be asked to leave the event or facility. If a patron does not leave and continues to disrupt others, local law enforcement officers will be called. Failure to comply with the West Branch Park & Recreation Rules of Behavior may result in loss of privileges to participate in future P&R activities or use facilities and equipment. The decision and terms of the loss of privileges will be determined by the Parks & Recreation Director.

Appeals for such decisions may be made at any regularly scheduled Parks & Recreation Commission meeting. A written letter of appeal must be received by the Parks & Recreation Commission chairperson or P&R Director at least 1 month before the scheduled meeting. A loss of privileges for a minor must be appealed by a parent or legal guardian.