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Board of Commissioners Policy

Use of Town Parks

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Facilities covered

- *Town Park* located at 415 Health Center Dr.
- *Harvey Sound Access Site* located at 6912 S. Croatan Hwy.
- *Whalebone Park* located at 7300 S. Va. Dare Trail
- *Nags Head Skate Park* located at 3000 S. Croatan Hwy.

Principles of use

- The Town has priority in the use of the Parks and reserves the right to cancel the non-Town use of these facilities.
- The Town expects users to respect the Parks and to leave them in good condition, clean and ready for use when they leave.
- There is to be no alcohol at the Parks, except as otherwise permitted as part of a Town authorized event.
- Smoking or use of tobacco products are strictly prohibited.
- Hours of operation. The parks shall be open daily from an hour before sunrise to an hour after sunset.
- Grills are not to be used under any pavilion or structure.
- At Town Park, Whalebone Park, and the Harvey Sound Access, reservations guarantee the use of the pavilion and grills only. The restrooms, playground area, soccer field area and sound access area will remain open for public use. No other facilities may be reserved at any of the parks.
- At Town Park, staking of equipment in the soccer field, i.e., tents, soccer goals is prohibited; equipment must be weighted to prevent damage to irrigation lines.
- Fireworks (including sparklers) are prohibited in town parks.

- Firearms, concealed or otherwise, are prohibited in town parks.
- Pets must be on a leash at all times. Owners must clean up after pets.
- Balloons are prohibited from being released in any of the parks.
- Available power consists of one ground-fault interrupter receptacle on a stand-alone 15-amp circuit (there are two double outlets controlled by one GFIR on a 20-amp circuit at the Harvey Site).

These facilities are not intended to accommodate large groups for weddings or receptions. Therefore parks cannot be reserved for weddings or receptions. This does not prohibit weddings/receptions. However, no portion of the park may be restricted for use by members of the public not associated with an event being held at one of the parks.

Priority of use

- Town of Nags Head Board of Commissioners.
- Town Boards and Committees.
- Town staff.
- Non-Town related individuals and groups with reservations and other non-Town related individuals and groups.

Approval, scheduling, and associated issues

- Groups not associated with the Town may reserve a Park up to 60 days in advance of the use date. Reservations require a usage fee and deposit in accordance with the consolidated fee schedule.
- No "for profit" uses will be permitted at any of the facilities covered by this policy.
- The Town Manager or their designee must approve all reservations.
- The Manager's decision may be appealed to the Board of Commissioners at their next regularly scheduled meeting.