

CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. 3

Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Koessel, moved the adoption of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND CHAPTER 282, ARTICLE III, SECTION 282-24 ENTITLED "HUNTING."

CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment of Chapter 282 to Amend Article III, Section 282-24. That the Cascade Charter Township Code of Ordinances is amended to modify Chapter 282, Article III, Section 282-24 entitled "Hunting" as follows:

§ 282-24 **Hunting.**

- A. Only archery hunting shall be permitted. Firearm hunting is prohibited.
- B. All state hunting laws and regulations must be followed.
- C. The park will be open to nonhunters during hunting season.
- D. Every hunter must comply with all Administrative Rules for Hunting in Cascade Peace Park, attached as "Exhibit A," as may be amended from time to time by resolution of the Township Board.

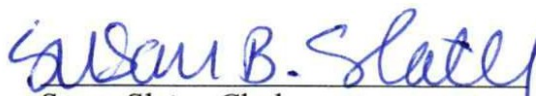
Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation or as otherwise provided by law.

YEAS: Koessel, Lesperance, McDonald, Noordhoek, Peirce, Shipley, Slater

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

ORDINANCE NO. 3 ADOPTED


Susan Slater, Clerk

I, Susan Slater, the Township Clerk for Cascade Charter Township hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of an ordinance adopted by the Township Board of Trustees for the Cascade Charter Township at a regular meeting held on September 14, 2022.

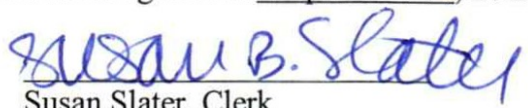

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EXHIBIT A: ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Administrative Policy

Policy No.: 2022-03

Date Originally Enacted: September 14, 2022

Revisions: None

SUBJECT: Hunting in Cascade Township's Peace Park

PURPOSE: To regulate the activity of hunting within Peace Park, to provide guidance and rules for safe, equitable, and enjoyable use of Peace Park by all Township residents, and to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of all Township residents.

POLICY: All rules or regulations implemented as part of this Administrative Policy (the "Policy") must conform to Michigan law in all respects. This Policy may be amended as necessary by resolution of the Cascade Township Board to conform to changes in local, state, or federal law or to respond to new or developing information.

1. **Hunting Periods.** There are three separate and distinct periods during which hunting will be permitted within Peace Park, collectively the "Peace Park Hunting Season." Hunting periods will be defined by the Township Manager or his/her designee each year, but will generally be three periods of three weeks, beginning on our around November 1st.
2. **Permits.** Every hunter within Peace Park must possess a Cascade Township permit ("Permit") for the Period in which the hunting occurs. All Permits are specific to a single Period and cannot be transferred to another Period, subsequent seasons, or any another hunter. A Permit to hunt in Peace Park are valid for a single Period per applicant per season. Permits will be issued pursuant to the application process described in Section 3 herein.
3. **Applications.** To receive a Permit, all eligible hunters must apply to the Township using a form available in the Township Hall or online. Only one application per eligible hunter may be submitted per season and must include proof of a valid Michigan hunting license for the upcoming season. Applications for a Permit must be submitted between September 1 and September 11. Within one

week of the application deadline, the Township will issue 15 permits, for each period, through lottery drawing of all timely-received applications. For the 2022 season only, applications will be accepted through October 20th. Additionally, for the 2022 season only, permits issued through the previous permit system will be honored if those permittees are not awarded a permit through the lottery system.

4. Eligibility. Only eligible hunters may apply for a Peace Park Hunting Permit. Eligibility requires the hunter to be at least 17 years of age and must possess an active license to hunt in the State of Michigan. Eligible hunters born after January 1, 1960, must also submit an active Hunter's Safety Certificate issued from the State of Michigan. Any animal for which a tag is required may not be hunted or killed unless the hunter possesses the appropriate tag in advance.
5. Only Archery Permitted. Only recurve bows, longbows, compound bows and crossbows may be discharged in Peace Park. Metal broadheads must be at least 7/8 of an inch wide and must be affixed to an arrow or bolt intended for the weapon from which it is being fired. Under no circumstance may any other type of weapon or projectile be discharged in Peace Park for any reason.
6. Firearms Prohibited. Firearms of any kind are expressly prohibited from use while hunting in Peace Park. Use of a prohibited weapon may invoke criminal penalties.
7. Prohibited Conduct. The following conduct is prohibited within Peace Park:
 - a. Trapping;
 - b. Setting up blinds more than 24 hours in advance of a hunt;
 - c. Permanently or semi-permanently affixing a blind to any tree;
 - d. Baiting of any kind;
 - e. Target practice or "sighting in" bows;
 - f. Utilizing motorized vehicles outside of designated roadways;
 - g. Using snowmobiles, ATV, UTV, four-wheeler, off-road bike, side-by-side or other similar vehicles anywhere within Peace Park;

- h. Littering, including but not limited to, leaving equipment, supplies, or trash behind;
 - i. Discharging a projectile in the direction of any other person, within 500 feet of a public roadway or an occupied structure, or without a safe backstop.
8. Negligence. Hunters must be aware of their surroundings at all times and must be cognizant of the location of all hiking trails, roadways, or obstacles in the path of any discharged projectile.
 9. Tags. Any animal harvested within Peace Park must be immediately affixed with a tag if Michigan law requires tagging for that particular animal.
 10. Processing. Any animal harvested within Peace Park must be processed and removed within 24 hours of the kill. All processing, except basic field dressing, must be completed off-site whenever possible.
 11. Equipment Regulations. Hunters in Peace Park must abide by all state and local equipment regulations, including apparel.
 12. Michigan Species Seasons, Size and Bag Limitations Apply. Only white-tailed deer Does may be harvested from Peace Park. Any size restrictions or bag limits which apply in the State of Michigan must be followed.
 13. Park Remains Open to Public. During the Peace Park Hunting Season, Peace Park will remain open for use by any and all Township residents. Hunters must respect the use and enjoyment of all park-users and may not harass, threaten, intimidate, or restrict movement of any park user.
 14. Revocation. Failure to adhere to this Administrative Policy may result in a civil penalty of up to \$500 and/or revocation of Permit rights. Some violations may result in criminal prosecution.
 15. Reporting. All Peace Park hunters are required to fill out the supplied post-hunt report each year. Failure to complete and return the post-hunt report will result in being ineligible for future Peace Park hunting permits.