

**PATTON TOWNSHIP
CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 633

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PATTON AMENDING CHAPTER 110
OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION AREAS OF THE CODE OF PATTON TOWNSHIP**

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Patton Township, Centre County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1: Section 110-2 Applicability is hereby amended as follows:

A. This chapter shall establish rules and regulations for conduct on tracts of land that have been acquired by the Township for open space preservation and/or designated by the Board of Supervisors as recreation areas. This chapter establishes rules and regulations for conduct for:

- (1) Haugh Family Preserve
- (2) Patton Woods Natural Recreation Area
- (3) Patton Township Gray's Woods Preserve
- (4) Toftrees Rails to Trails and conservation easements
- (5) Marjorie D. Seward Property

B. In addition to general rules and regulations for conduct for Township open space or recreation areas, property-specific rules and regulations may be promulgated by the Patton Township Board of Supervisors. In instances of conflict between general rules and regulations and property-specific rules and regulations, the application of this chapter shall be in accordance with the property-specific rules and regulations, excepting that the lack of a prohibition of an activity within the property-specific rules and regulations shall not be construed to permit said activity if prohibited elsewhere in this chapter. Property-specific rules and regulations are provided herein for:

- (1) Haugh Family Preserve
- (2) Patton Woods Natural Recreation Area
- (3) Patton Township Gray's Woods Preserve
- (4) Toftrees Rails to Trails and conservation easements

(5) Marjorie D. Seward Property

C. In addition to general and property specific rules and regulations contained herein, certain lands may be subject to additional restrictions or conditions of use in accordance with a conservation easement or other instrument. In instances of conflict between general rules and regulations, property-specific rules and regulations, and restrictions or conditions of use in accordance with a conservation easement or other instrument, the application of this chapter shall be in accordance with the conservation easement or other instrument, excepting that the lack of a prohibition of an activity within a conservation easement or other instrument shall not be construed to permit said activity if prohibited elsewhere in this chapter. The following properties are governed by a conservation easement or other instrument:

(1) Haugh Family Preserve: Conservation easement recorded at Book 1912, Pages 0707 to 0722, Centre County Recorder of Deeds.

SECTION 2: Section 110-6 Treatment of Township Open Space or Recreation Areas is hereby amended as follows:

A. No person shall:

(3) Construct, place, maintain, occupy, use, leave or abandon any structures or other tangible property, except that portable hunting stands may be used subject to the following restrictions:

(a.) Use may not cause any damage to trees.

(b) Portable hunting stands may be placed out not more than two weeks before the first and must be removed no later than two weeks after the final deer season in that area. Placing a portable hunting stand does not reserve the area for its owner.

(c) Ownership/Contact information shall be applied to tree stand.

SECTION 3: Section 110-9 Haugh Family Preserve is hereby amended as follows:

A. Permitted activities:

(1) Hunting in compliance with state game regulations

(2) Agricultural use by lease from the Township

(3) Walking, horseback riding on trails, cross country skiing on trails, nature study, bird watching, fishing and hunting, and bicycling (no trail obstructions)

(4) Other educational or scientific activities consistent with and in furtherance of the conservation objectives contained within the conservation easement

(5) Maintenance and improvement activities undertaken or approved by the Township and in accordance with the conservation stewardship plan

(6) Dogs off leash but under owner/custodian control

(7) Twenty-four hour usage, except camping

B. Prohibited activities:

(1) ATV, snowmobile, dirt bike and other motorized off-road vehicles

(2) Disturbance or removal of soil, rock and vegetative resources except in accordance with the conservation stewardship plan

(3) Disturbance, removal or damage of agricultural crops

SECTION 4: Section 110-10 Patton Woods Natural Recreation Area is hereby amended as follows:

A. Permitted activities

(1) Hunting in compliance with state game regulations from September 16 to January 31

(2) Carrying unloaded weapons with safety engaged by hunters to and from the adjacent State Game Lands 176 and the Haugh Family Preserve from February 1 to September 15

(3) Removing game taken in compliance with state game regulations on the adjacent State Game Lands 176 and the Haugh Family Preserve

SECTION 5: Section 110-13 is hereby added as follows:

Section 110-13 Marjorie D. Seward Property

A. Permitted activities

(1) Hunting in compliance with state game regulations

(2) Dogs off leash but under owner/custodial control

(3) Twenty-four hour usage, except camping

B. Prohibited activities

(1) ATV, snowmobile, dirt bike and other motorized off-road vehicles

(2) Disturbance or removal of soil, rock and vegetative resources

SECTION 6: In all other respects Chapter 110 and the Code of Patton Township remain in full force and effect, and are not in any way affected or modified by this amendment.

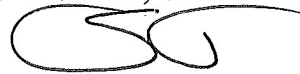
SECTION 7: This change shall become effective upon approval.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED as an ordinance by the Township of Patton this the 24th day of January 2024.

PATTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Pamela Robb, Chair



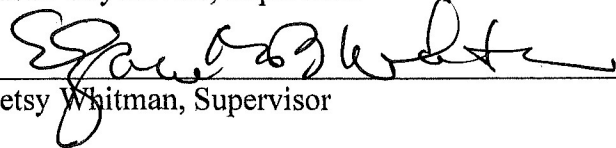
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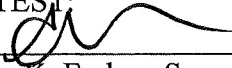


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