

111.1400 **PARKS, CAMPGROUNDS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS**

111.1401 Purpose. In order to preserve, protect and enhance the parks and recreation areas of Porter Township for present and future residents or visitors to the Township, designated recreational zones are assigned to their respective areas on the Zoning Map. Recreational sites serve important functions in the preservation of unique natural areas, conservation of outstanding examples of flora, fauna, water resources, historic significance and exceptional topographic features. Within this district other uses exist such as single family residences and farms. It is intended that such uses continue, but shall not be further developed into commercial uses not in keeping with the PURPOSE of this District. (Amended: No. 3-E, 3-11-86)

111.1402 Permitted uses; campground requirements. The following uses are permitted:

- (a) County and State lake access sites.
- (b) County and State public parks.
- (c) Private Campgrounds (i.e. church, Camp Fire Girls, Boy Scout, etc.)
- (d) Commercial Campgrounds (i.e. Willow Shores, Shady Rest Trailer park, etc.)
- (e) Single family residences, accessory buildings, and farm buildings.

Requirements for campgrounds:

- (a) All Campgrounds must meet the requirements of P. A. 368 of 1978 and as amended through 1989, and be licensed by the State of Michigan.
- (b) All camping units must remain mobile when parked.
- (c) In Campgrounds, all campsites must be designated and the boundary lines clearly marked. A diagram, drawn to scale, of the entire Campground with all campsites, roads, and permanent buildings marked must be available to the Zoning Administrator.
- (d) A minimum of 20 feet must separate all camping units (including temporary porches, cabanas, etc.) from adjacent units or buildings.
- (e) Any camping unit remaining on a campsite for more than six (6) consecutive months will be considered a permanent structure and must meet all requirements for residential buildings in the bordering district. See 111.1403 (c).
- (f) Utility buildings essential to the Campground such as offices, washrooms, toilets, recreation halls, concession stands, etc. must meet the Porter Township Building Code.

(Amended: No. 3-E, 3-11-86; No. 6-D, 9-12-89)

111.1403 Application for zoning approval.

- (a) **New developments and Additions to Existing Developments.** Application for zoning approval shall be referred to the Planning Commission and must be accompanied by a Site Development Plan, Letter of Intent, and a Timetable of Development. Additional information may be requested if necessary in making a decision. The Planning Commission will approve or

disapprove and may set special requirements. Disapproval's maybe appealed to the Township Board. (Amended 02-08-2000, 11/06, 07/10/2007)

(b) **Additions to existing developments.** New or enlarged structures to existing developments require zoning compliance approval, and will be issued by the Zoning Administrator, unless he/she judges the structure involved will change the overall function and use of the development, in which case it shall be treated as in item (a).

(c) **Residential property.** Residential property and farm residences will be treated the same as those in the bordering district having the longest common border. Zoning Compliance Permits will be issued by the Zoning Administrator, unless he/she judges the structure is not in keeping with the PURPOSE of this district, in which case it shall be treated as in item (a).

(Amended: No. 3-E, 3-11-86; No. 6-D, 9-12-89, 02-08-2000)

111.1404 Prohibited uses.

The following is prohibited:

(a) Any use which constitutes a health or safety hazard to the public, its lakes, streams, environment, or well being.

(b) Marinas. (Amended: 02-08-2000)