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### Article I. PARK COMMITTEE

#### **Sec. 1. CREATION**

Park Committee is hereby created including a Chairman, secretary, and other members appointed by the Village President and approved by the Board of Trustees.

#### **Sec. 2. MEMBERS**

The members of Park Committee shall be volunteers interested in maintaining and improving Downs parks' facilities and in providing recreational opportunities for the community.

#### **Sec. 3. DUTIES**

Park Committee shall carry out their duties subject to the approval and advice of the Village Board of Trustees. They shall

1. Oversee the upkeep, maintenance, and improvements of Downs Parks
2. Declare a program of recreation and rules on the use of the parks
3. Advise the Village Board on all matters pertaining to the parks
4. Declare rules for the use of the Pavilion and require a Pavilion reservation fee as determined by the Village of Downs Park Committee.
5. Perform such other duties in relation to parks as may be delegated to said Committee from time to time by the Village Board of Trustees.

#### **Sec. 4. COMPENSATION**

Park Committee shall serve without compensation, salary or expenses unless specifically authorized by the Village Board of Trustees.

#### **Sec. 5. EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

A member of the Village Board of Trustees shall be an ex-officio member of said Park Committee without voting privileges, and appointed by the Village Board of Trustees annually, effective May 1st of each year.

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### **Sec. 6. REQUIRED REPORT**

Park Committee shall file a written report of its activities, recommendations, and rules on the use of the parks monthly with the Village Board of Trustees for appropriate action. Park Committee shall publish a monthly report for the Village of Downs Board of Trustees meeting and monthly newsletter article(s) informing the public of activities, rules, and changes approved by the Village Board of Trustees. Park Committee shall keep a written record of the minutes of all meetings. Once meeting minutes are approved by the Park Committee, they shall be forwarded to the Village Clerk to be published.

### **Sec. 7. MEETINGS**

The Park Committee shall meet based on the scheduled at such time and place designated by the Parks Committee and approved by the Village Board of Trustees at the beginning of each fiscal year.

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### Article II. PARKS USE RULES

#### ***Sec. 1. RULES AND REGULATIONS***

Regulations and rules regarding use of the parks and recreation areas owned or administered by the Village of Downs, and being considered as Ordinances in effect unless appealed in the proper manner:

1. Park hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Friday through Saturday.
2. No unauthorized vehicles on grass.
3. Speed limit is **10 mph**.
4. No unleashed pets
5. No alcoholic beverages in park.
6. No dumping or littering.
7. No open fires except in designated areas.
8. No hunting.
9. Damage, cutting, trimming, or any other misuse of trees or shrubs in any park or recreational area is prohibited.
10. Individuals are not allowed to plant trees, bushes, shrubs, or flowers in parks, without prior approval.
11. Village of Downs is not responsible for accidents.

#### ***Sec. 2. CLOSING***

All parks and recreation areas owned and administered by the Village of Downs will be open and closed per Article II, Section 1.1 unless special arrangements and permits are made in advance with the Chairperson of the Village of Downs Park Committee or by approval of the Village Board of Trustees.

#### ***Sec. 3. PARK FEES***

The park pavilion rental fees will be determined by the Village of Downs Park Committee, subject to approval by the Village of Downs Board of Trustees. A signed reservation form with appropriate payment must be on file in the Village of Downs office. A signed clean-up checklist must be returned to the Park Committee at the end of the reservation.

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### ***Sec. 4. PENALTY***

Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this article may be fined seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for each occurrence.

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