

Policy on Regulated Communicative Activities at Park District Facilities

This Policy is enacted by the Board of Commissioners of the Great Neck Park District to establish reasonable time, place and manner restrictions on certain activities which enjoy protection under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. The Board respects the rights that all citizens have under the First Amendment, and strives through this Policy to embrace those rights while establishing reasonable guidelines to minimize potential adverse impact from the activities regulated herein by users of our parks and other facilities.

(a) The circulation of petitions, the handing out or dispensing of written materials, including, without limitation, flyers, the collecting of signatures, and formal speech-making to an assembly of more than three persons, are collectively referred to herein as “Regulated Communicative Activity.”

Regulated Communicative Activity shall be allowed without prior permit, in any areas where Park District residents are freely allowed (i.e., not special facilities and not during special events) subject to conduct satisfying general rules governing Park District Use, including, without limitation, the Park District General Ordinance (e.g., no unreasonable interference with use and enjoyment of parks).

(b) Regulated Communicative Activity shall not be allowed at any time within any Park District building or facility that is a restricted area, or that is an area to which the public is allowed for focused activity, including, without limitation: Parkwood Pool Deck Area; Parkwood Ice Rink Surface; Great Neck House; Parkwood Indoor Tennis Facility; Outdoor Tennis Facilities; any enclosed buildings; Steppingstone Dock and Dock Entrance Area. Furthermore, Regulated Communicative Activity shall not be allowed at any Park District park or facility, or, if applicable, a portion of any park or facility, at which a concert or other similar event is scheduled, at any time commencing 30 minutes prior to, and ending at the conclusion of, such scheduled concert or other event. Notwithstanding the foregoing, persons desiring to engage in Regulated Communicative Activity may set up stations outside of any such facilities, for such purposes, provided that: (i) the location is not disruptive of users of any Park District facility; and (ii) if table or chairs or other equipment is desired, a prior permit will be required.

(c) Regulated Communicative Activity shall not be allowed at any time in, or within 10’ of, parking areas or roadways, or steps, or pathways, or otherwise obstructing free passage of persons.

(d) Regulated Communicative Activity shall not be allowed at any time in areas reserved for use by groups, without consent of the group representative designated on the relevant group reservation permit application.

(e) No unattended signs shall be allowed anywhere on Park District property without a prior written permit; signs of reasonable size may be used at stations permitted for Regulated

Communicative Activity, so long as all are removed immediately at conclusion of active use of station; furthermore, any person who distributes or circulates written materials on Park District property in the course of Restricted Communicative Activity shall use all reasonable efforts to ensure that same or deposited in appropriate receptacles at the conclusion of such Restricted Communicative Activity.

(f) All Park District General Ordinance provisions must be followed by persons at all times while engaging in Regulated Communicative Activity.

(g) Nothing herein shall be deemed to restrict persons from engaging any other person in orderly conversation, or from utilizing any Park District facility for which he or she has obtained a permit, subject in each case to compliance with all General Ordinance provisions, and, with respect to activity under a permit, to compliance with the terms and conditions of such permit.