

**WEST NORRITON TOWNSHIP  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION #19-1618**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
WEST NORRITON TOWNSHIP  
DESIGNATING TOWNSHIP PARKS AS TOBACCO-FREE ZONES**

**WHEREAS**, more than 858,000 young people in Pennsylvania are exposed to tobacco smoke pollution every day and the U.S. Surgeon General has stated that there is NO SAFE LEVEL OF EXPOSURE, whether indoors or outdoors, and that children's exposure to second-hand smoke causes increased risk of sudden infant death syndrome, respiratory infections, middle ear diseases, more severe asthma, respiratory symptoms, slowed lung growth and is responsible for the premature deaths of over 430,000 Americans each year from lung cancer, heart disease, respiratory illness and other diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, second-hand smoke is responsible for over 50,000 deaths among nonsmokers each year; and

**WHEREAS**, tobacco kills more Americans each year than alcohol, cocaine, heroin, homicide, suicide, accidents, fire and AIDS combined; and

**WHEREAS**, 80% of smokers started smoking before the age of 18, and the average initiation age is 12 years old; and

**WHEREAS**, everyday an estimated 3,900 young people under the age of 18 try their first cigarette and one-third of these children will die prematurely from tobacco-related illnesses; and

**WHEREAS**, to help role model non-smoking behavior to children and youth; to provide children, youth and their families with a safe, smoke-free environment;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners of West Norriton Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

1. That the areas in and around the children's playgrounds at Padden Park, Centennial Park, Firehouse Recreation Site, Betzwood Park, Squire Croft Part, Oxford Park and VanLandeghem Park shall be designated as tobacco-free;

2. Appropriate signage shall be posted to designate said tobacco-free areas;
3. The residents of West Norriton Township shall be notified of this Resolution and the designation of the tobacco-free zones as stated herein;
4. Any person in violation of this Resolution shall be asked to discontinue and refrain from any tobacco use or to immediately leave the tobacco-free area; and
5. The West Norriton Township Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes its elected and appointed officials to make periodic observations of tobacco-free areas to monitor compliance and promote awareness of this Resolution.

**RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** by Board of Commissioners of West Norriton Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.

Attest:

WEST NORRITON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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*Jason Bobst, Secretary*

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Martin Miller, President*