**Town of Schroeppel-Owned Outdoor Recreational Facilities at William J. Farley Jr. Community Park**

**Tobacco/Drug-Free Policy**

 September 8, 2016

**WHEREAS,** the town of Schroeppel believes that smoking, tobacco and/or illicit drug use in the proximity of children and adults engaging in or watching outdoor recreational activities at town owned or operated parks and playgrounds is detrimental to their health and can be offensive to those using such facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Schroeppel has a unique opportunity to create and sustain an environment that supports a no smoking/drug use standard through a smoking/drug-free policy, rule enforcement, and adult-peer role modeling on Town-owned parks and playgrounds in collaboration with town affiliated programs that use the grounds.

**WHEREAS**, cigarettes, once consumed in public spaces, are often discarded on the ground, causing additional maintenance expenses, diminishing the beauty of the Town of Schroeppel recreational facilities, and posing a risk to toddlers due to ingestion; drug related items are illegal and pose a health and safety risk to children and adults; and

**WHEREAS,** the implementation of this policy by the Town of Schroeppel serves to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizen; and the enforcement of this policy will be through voluntary compliance with appropriate signage to be placed on in the designated areas which will be smoke/drug-free.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town of Schroeppel does herby establish a smoking/drug-free policy wherein smoking/drug use will be prohibited in all Town parks and playgrounds; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that smoking/drug use shall be defined to mean inhaling of, exhaling of, or carry any lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (“e-cigs”), weed or other plant intended for inhalation in any manner or in any form; any and all illicit drug use, sale or possession; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that appropriate signage will be placed designating the park and playground to be smoke/drug-free and that the Town of Schroeppel will communicate with their employees, officials, community organizers leaders and coaches to discuss the policy and distribute information to promote awareness of this policy.

**The policy will be enforced as follows.**

1. Appropriate signs shall be posted in the above-specified areas.

2. The community, especially facility users and staff, will be notified about this policy.

3. Staff will make periodic observations of recreational facilities to monitor for compliance, as per its existing protocols for enforcement of other rules and codes of conduct.

4. Any person found violating this policy will be politely reminded of the policy and asked to cease using tobacco products while on the grounds. Appropriate authorities will be called in the case of illicit drug use.

5. Persons refusing to comply with staff tobacco-free directives will be asked to leave. If an individual(s) refuses to leave, he/she may be charged with trespassing.

6. Individuals on Town of Schroeppel parks property and violating the above stated tobacco/drug-free policy may be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

This policy is effective October 1st, 2016