# **BOROUGH OF WEST GROVE**

# CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

## **MEMORIAL & HARMONY PARKS**

#### **GUIDELINE STATEMENT**

The Borough of West Grove Parks and Recreation Tobacco-Free Policy, Young Lungs at Play, is designed to protect the health welfare and safety of our park patrons.

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

The Borough of West Grove is committed to providing a high quality of living for all residents. Therefore, we believe that:

- 1. Tobacco product use in proximity of children, youth, and adults engaging in or watching recreational activities is unhealthy and detrimental to the health of others.
- 2. Tobacco products once consumed in public spaces are often discarded on the ground, thus posing a risk of ingestion to toddlers and causing a litter problem.
- 3. As parents, leaders, coaches and officials, we are thought of as role models, and the use of tobacco products around youth has a negative effect on their lifestyle choices.

#### TOBACCO FREE FACILITIES

The Borough of West Grove does not allow the use of tobacco products on Borough of West Grove's owned park land, park facilities, and open space.

### **COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES**

The emphasis on enforcing the Tobacco-Free Park policy is through voluntary compliance:

- 1. Appropriate town owned park land, park facilities, open space or joint town/school district properties will post Young Lungs at Play signage.
- 2. The Borough of West Grove's staff will meet with activity organizations and/or leaders or coaches to discuss the policy and to distribute flyers with the "Tobacco-Free" regulations.
- 3. The Borough of West Grove's staff will make periodic observations of activity sites to monitor compliance and help to promote awareness of the tobacco-free policy.

This Policy is adopted on March 7, 2012.

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