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## **Mayor Donchez Announces New Initiatives at Saucon Park**

**(Bethlehem, PA May 4, 2015)** — Mayor Bob Donchez announced this afternoon a new set of regulations and practices to help take back Saucon Park.

Earlier this year the City of Bethlehem held a public meeting with neighbors and concerned citizens regarding Saucon Park. Many of the issues that have occurred in recent years have been caused by out of state visitors who overrun the park, creating unsatisfactory conditions preventing Bethlehem citizens from enjoying this space. Mayor Donchez reported, “After holding a public meeting, and in an effort to take back Saucon Park, new rules, regulations, and practices will be put in place starting May 9 to make this a safe and enjoyable area once again.” Those new initiatives include:

- New rules signs have been posted in both English and Spanish
- Two police officers will patrol from 8:30am – 4:30 pm to address excessively loud music, parking issues, littering, and other concerns
- Increased no-parking signs in grass areas to prevent illegal parking
- Placed barriers along Fire Lane to prevent illegal parking
- Identified nine parking spots for Pavilion Permit Holders ONLY
- Realigned fencing and naturalized parts of the park to cut down on illegal gatherings
- And finally, gated the Bethlehem Saints Football lot

With these new practices in place, the City of Bethlehem hopes to return this park to a safe, fun, and usable recreation space for all. Mayor Donchez concluded by saying, “I’d like to thank the residents for their help in addressing these issues, the city Parks and Public Property Department for their hard work, and the Police for their ongoing efforts at Saucon Park. I would also like to thank the Recreation Commission, Councilman Eric Evans, and City Council for their support of this endeavor.”

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