The Harrisburg Township Park District Board of Commissioners met for a Special Board Meetings on Friday, June 26th at 8:00 a.m. and Monday, June 29th at 8:00 a.m. for the purpose of assessing the current COVID-19 circumstances and making decisions on the process of reopening park facilities. The following decisions were made by the Park Board of Commissioners at the meeting.

Concerns about the health and safety of patrons, employees, and all community members were at the forefront of all the decisions. Information from the Restore Illinois Plan Phase 4 was used as valuable guidance in making decisions. More general information on the Restore Illinois Guidelines can be found at https://dceocovid19resources.com/restore-illinois/restore-illinois-phase-4/

The following facilities will be open as described below:

Playgrounds will start to open the week of June 29th. Users should comply with Restore Illinois Guidelines of gathering limits of 50 people or fewer and social distancing requirements. Basketball courts will be opened as well and we ask users to allow for social distancing requirements and refrain from playing "pick-up" games. Please do not start using the playground facilities until it is clear that the facility is open (no more caution tape and/or temporary fence closures).

The Drew Blair Walking Path will remain open. Users should comply with social distancing requirements. The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) has tips for physical distancing in the park.
www.nrpa.org/contentassets/991084e170d241c29d4ca93ee3b04bbe/covid-19-one-pager-distance-in-parks.pdf

Fishing will continue to be allowed.

The Tennis and Pickleball Courts will remain open. Users should follow Restore Illinois Guidelines – Tennis Facility and Player Safety Guidance. No tennis lessons at this time.
https://dceocovid19resources.com/assets/Restore-Illinois/businessguidelines4/tennis.pdf

Shaw Street "practice fields" facility will remain open for use as an open space for general recreation purposes, but users should comply with all social distancing requirements. Team Practices will be allowed at this facility by Field Rental Reservation only. Users must follow the Restore Illinois Guidelines – Youth and Recreational Sports Guidelines as it pertains to practices and drills.
https://dceocovid19resources.com/restore-illinois/restore-illinois-phase-4/youth-and-recreational-sports-guidelines/

Gaskins City Field 4 will be available for Team Practices by Field Rental Reservation only. The remainder of the Gaskins City Complex will remain closed. There will be no games allowed until further notice. Users must follow the Restore Illinois Guidelines – Youth and Recreational Sports Guidelines as it pertains to practices and drills.
https://dceocovid19resources.com/restore-illinois/restore-illinois-phase-4/youth-and-recreational-sports-guidelines/

Bill Rice Memorial Soccer Complex will be available for Team Practices by Field Rental Reservation only. There will be no games allowed until further notice. Users must follow the Restore Illinois Guidelines – Youth and Recreational Sports Guidelines as it pertains to practices and drills.
https://dceocovid19resources.com/restore-illinois/restore-illinois-phase-4/youth-and-recreational-sports-guidelines/

Shelters will remain open for use. Users should comply with Restore Illinois Guidelines - Meetings and Social Events Guidance with gathering limits of 50 people or fewer and social distancing requirements. Reservations will begin Monday, June 29, 2020.

https://dceocovid19resources.com/restore-illinois/restore-illinois-phase-4/meetings-and-social-events/

The Bathroom facility located next to the Tennis/Pickleball/Basketball Courts will remain open. The Bathroom facilities located near the Kiwanis Shelter and at the Pool will now be open. Bathrooms that are opened will be available from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM each day. All other bathroom facilities will remain closed until further notice.

The Park District's Main Office and Community Room will open starting on Monday, June 29, 2020. You may also contact the office via phone 618-252-2111 during office hours (Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) or email office@harrisburgpark.net to schedule rental of the Community Room or Shelters.

Fitness Programs will start to resume outside at the Bandstand. Fitness Program users will need to call and make a reservation to attend their class as there will be a limited number of available spots. Users should comply with Restore Illinois Guidelines – Health and Fitness Centers Guidance and Restore Illinois Guidelines – Indoor and Outdoor Recreation.
https://dceocovid19resources.com/restore-illinois/restore-illinois-phase-4/health-and-fitness-centers/

https://dceocovid19resources.com/restore-illinois/restore-illinois-phase-4/indoor-and-outdoor-recreation/

Please call the Park Office 618-252-2111 (Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) to ask about any other Harrisburg Township Park District Programs/Activities.

The following restrictions are in place until further notice:

Bill Trees Memorial Park Pool will continue to remain closed for the 2020 Swim Season. Concerns regarding the health and safety of patrons and employees as well as several operational difficulties to overcome were the basis of the decision making process. We are disappointed that these measures must be taken, but we want to remind everyone of our commitment to the park pool and we look forward to having the pool open next year.

Gibbs Field and Centerfield baseball/softball fields and bathroom facilities are closed until further notice. Gaskins City Fields 1, 2, 3, and 5, the bathroom facilities, and the playground are closed until further notice.

Harrisburg Township Park District looks forward to when we can fully open all our facilities and programs. Thank you for your continued support of our park. We will continue to reassess the Restore Illinois Plan and any updated guidance, as it becomes available, in a timely manner.