



**ORDINANCE 2023-0818**

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR COMMISSIONERS' ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE AT PARK BOARD MEETINGS.**

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/1 et seq.) (the "Act") authorizes electronic attendance at meetings of public bodies; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Harrisburg Township Park District, Saline County, Illinois (the "Park District"), hereby declares that it is in the best interests of the Park District to allow electronic attendance by Park Commissioners at Park Board meetings in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, before electronic attendance may be permitted, procedural rules must be adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HARRISBURG TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT, SALINE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated herein as if fully set forth within this Section One.

SECTION TWO: The following regulations shall apply to electronic attendance at meetings of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Harrisburg Township Park District (the "Board"):

1. If a quorum of the members of the Board is physically present as required by Section 2.01 of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2.01), the Board may allow a physically absent Park Commissioner to attend a Park District Board meeting by other means if the Park Commissioner is prevented from physically attending because of: (a) personal illness or disability; (b) employment purposes or the business of the park district; (c) a family or other emergency; or (d) unexpected childcare obligations; provided no Park Commissioner may attend a Board meeting by other means no more than four (4) times in any calendar year.
2. "Other means," as used in these regulations, shall mean by video or audio conference.
3. If a Park Commissioner wishes to attend a meeting by other means, the Park Commissioner must notify the Executive Director of the Park District within 48 hours before the meeting unless advance notice is impractical.
4. Park Commissioners may participate by other means at either an open meeting or a closed meeting of the Board.

5. Written minutes of all Board meetings, whether open or closed, shall include whether the Park Commissioners were physically present or present by means of audio or video conference.
6. As the first item of business, the Park Commissioners who are physically in attendance at a Park Board meeting shall determine, by majority vote, whether a Park Commissioner who is not physically in attendance may participate in that meeting by other means.
7. Once a park commissioner is authorized by the Board to attend the meeting by electronic means, the commissioner shall have the right to exercise all of the rights and privileges of a park commissioner attending in person.

SECTION THREE: Any and all policies, resolutions or ordinances of the Park District which may conflict with this ordinance shall be, and they are hereby, repealed.

SECTION FOUR: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

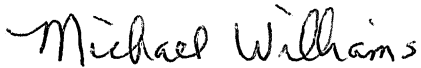
PASSED THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> day of August, 2023.

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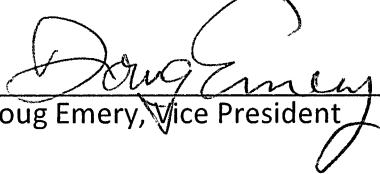
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ABSENT: 0

APPROVED THIS day of August 18, 2023.



Michael Williams, President

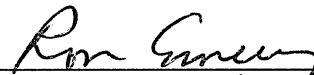


Doug Emery, Vice President

8/18/2023

Date Signed

ATTEST:



Ron Emery, Secretary/Treasurer