

**MEETING MINUTES
HARRISBURG TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2024
8:00 AM HARRISBURG PARK OFFICE**



Minutes of a regular public meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Harrisburg Township Park District, Saline County, Illinois, held in the District Office, 921 W. Poplar Street, Harrisburg, Illinois, in said Park District at 8:00 o'clock a.m., on the 15th day of November, 2024.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Doug Emery at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Upon the roll being called, Doug Emery – the President and the following Park Commissioners, Raymond Gunning – the Vice President and Ron Emery – the Secretary/Treasurer, were physically present at said location 921 W. Poplar Street, Harrisburg, Illinois.

Park Staff Present: Executive Director Blake Emery and Administrative Assistant Jill Marvel.

Visitors Present: None

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Executive Director announced that the next Agenda item for the Board of Park Commissioners was a Public Hearing (the "Hearing") to receive public comments concerning the intent of the Board of Park Commissioners of the District to sell \$679,000 General Obligation Park Bonds.

BOND:
Potential Projects Blake Emery presented to the Board a list of potential projects to be completed with the proposed Bond Funds. The list was discussed item by item. The reasons for the proposed issuance of the Bonds were as follows, but not limited to: ADA upgrades, land acquisition/development, Maintenance equipment, Gaskins City Complex improvements, Soccer Complex improvements, Paul Emery Park improvements, Recreation/Sport Court Area improvements, parking lot improvements, Shelter improvements, Pool improvements/repairs, Grant Project matching funds, and lagoon riprap/erosion improvements. Raymond Gunning made the motion to approve the above mentioned projects and that any other potential projects will be further discussed and decided upon at subsequent Regular Board Meetings and seconded by Ron Emery. All in favor 3-0 per voice vote.

Public Comments Written testimony concerning the proposed General Obligation Park Bonds was read into the record by the Executive Director: None

Whereupon the Executive Director asked for oral testimony or any public comments concerning the proposed General Obligation Park Bonds. Statements were made by the following: None

No one in physical attendance had a comment. There was no one present on the teleconference phone call.

The Executive Director then announced that all persons desiring to be heard have been given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed General Obligation Park Bonds.

Bond Funds Needed Blake Emery presented the Debt Limitations and Bond History for Harrisburg Township Park District as provided by Kings Financial. Current Debt Capacity is \$679,152. It was discussed to seek \$630,000 in Bond Funds to keep the tax impact on the community as close as possible to current. Ron Emery made the motion to issue bonds at \$630,000 with a three-year payout and it was seconded by Raymond Gunning, and approved unanimously with Doug Emery casting the final vote for approval.

NEXT MEETING Blake Emery announced that the next regular board meeting is scheduled to begin immediately following the current Public Hearing.

ADJOURNMENT Vice President Raymond Gunning moved and President Doug Emery seconded the motion that the Hearing be finally adjourned. After a full discussion thereof, the Executive Director directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion.

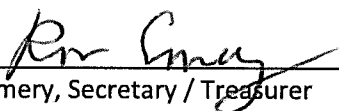
Upon the roll being called, the following Park Commissioners vote AYE:
President Doug Emery, Vice President Raymond Gunning, Secretary/Treasurer Ron Emery

The following Park Commissioners voted NAY: None

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and the Hearing was finally adjourned.

Other business not pertinent to the conduct of the Hearing was duly transacted at said meeting.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 a.m.



Ron Emery, Secretary / Treasurer

12/20/2024

Date Signed