

**MEETING MINUTES
HARRISBURG TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2021
8:00 AM HARRISBURG PARK OFFICE**



CALL TO ORDER: President Richard Rumsey called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL: The following members of the Board of Commissioners were present: President Richard Rumsey, Vice President Doug Emery, and Secretary/Treasurer Mike Williams.

Park Staff Present: Executive Director Blake Emery and Maintenance Director TA Sullivan.
Park Staff Absent: Administrative Assistant Jill Marvel

Members of the Public Present: Stanley Rowlen and Greg McCulloch

SPECIAL AGENDA:

Inclusive Playground

Blake Emery announced that Harrisburg Township Park District qualifies as a “Distressed Community” as part of the OSLAD Grant and could potentially receive up to 90% of a project cost with grant funds. Blake Emery provided a handout with the Project Site Plan and Project Narrative included.

The proposed project consists of an Inclusive Playground area, ADA Accessible Bleachers, and Walking Path (Trail) extension of approximately (~) 0.29 miles at the Bill Rice Memorial Soccer Complex (Soccer Complex) of Harrisburg Township Park District (HTPD).

HTPD has undergone recent projects at the Soccer Complex to help make the site more accessible. Handicap Parking has been installed as well as a partial walking path (0.2 miles) providing access into the site. The goal of the improvements is to develop the Soccer Complex into more than just soccer fields, but an accessible park facility that can be enjoyed year round from sunrise to sunset and benefit everyone in the community. Recent upgrades have been funded with General Obligation Bond Funds. The remainder of the proposed project would be funded in the same manner.

The Inclusive Playground would be placed directly alongside the accessible Walking Path. It would have unitary accessible surfacing, benches, shade, and fencing incorporated. The extensions of the existing path would provide persons access to reach all the soccer fields at the Soccer Complex as well as the ability to walk or use a mobility device along a loop. The East Extension would be ~ 0.15 miles and provide an ~0.25 mile loop. The West Extension would be ~0.10 miles and provide an ~0.15 mile loop. The overall large loop would be ~0.33 miles. There would also be a section of path (~0.04 miles) constructed to access the existing Restrooms/Concession Stand Building. ADA bleachers would be installed at the main field.

Inclusive Playgrounds acknowledge more than providing an accessible piece of equipment. They go a step further, creating and designing a playset that all persons can enjoy. Inclusive playground options are favored because they provide multiple uses of

equipment for persons of different abilities, skills, and conditions. A project of this scope, focusing on accessibility, helps support the Mission of HTPD.

Public Comments

Blake Emery opened the Meeting for Public Comments.

Stanley Rowlen – Said this was emotional project for him as he has disability needs. He loves that soccer complex will be a place that anyone can be able to access and he is much appreciative of the work the park is doing.

Greg McCulloch, President of Saline Youth Soccer Association – SYSA currently has 325 registered for Fall Soccer. SYSA serves the surrounding communities of Harrisburg as well. They see this project as supporting many people and give support to the park. SYSA is appreciative of all the park is doing at the soccer complex.

Ron Emery – Was unable to attend but submitted a Letter of Support.

Project Approval

Blake Emery presented to the Board the opportunity to discuss and ask questions regarding the proposed project and OSLAD Grant. Richard Rumsey made the motion to approve submitting an Application for OSLAD Grand Funds to construct an Inclusive Playground and complete the Walking Path at the Soccer Complex and shown in the Site Plan and described in the Project Narrative and seconded by Mike Williams. All in favor 3-0 per voice vote.

Form OS/Doc-2A

Blake Emery presented to the Board Form OS/Doc-2A OSLAD Grant Program Acquisition History & Certification. The Soccer Complex property, Parcel 06-1-095-03, was purchased from Town & Country Lions Club on August 16, 2017 at the negotiated price of \$50,000.00. At the time of its acquisition, no planning had been initiated or contemplated by Harrisburg Township Park District to obtain State OSLAD development grant assistance. Richard Rumsey made the motion to approve the Acquisition Certification and seconded by Mike Williams. All in favor 3-0 per voice vote.

Form OS/Doc-3

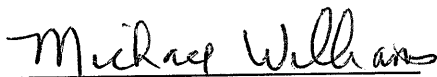
Blake Emery presented to the Board Form OS/Doc-3 OSLAD Grant Program Resolution of Authorization. Mike Williams made the motion to approve the Resolution of Authorization and seconded by Richard Rumsey. All in favor 3-0 per voice vote.

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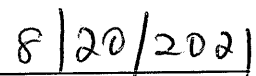
Blake Emery announced that the next regularly scheduled board meeting is today, immediately following the conclusion of this Special Public Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Richard Rumsey moved to adjourn, seconded by Doug Emery. All in favor 3-0 per voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 a.m.



Michael Williams, Secretary / Treasurer



Date Signed