



ORDINANCE 816-2019

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING PARK BOARD MEETINGS

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 encourage public participation during District meetings of the Board of Commissioners of the Harrisburg Township Park District (the "Board") but to impose certain rules in order to ensure that such participation does not disrupt such meetings;

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 shall be, and they are hereby incorporated herein as if fully set forth within this Section One.

SECTION TWO: The following rules shall apply to public participation at meetings of the Board:

1. Public participation at Board meetings is encouraged. A period of time at each meeting of the Board shall be made available for public comments and shall be designated on each agenda as "COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC."
2. A person shall be permitted to speak upon being recognized by the Executive Director. The person shall stand (if possible), will be asked to state his/her name and address prior to making comments, and will limit his/her comments to no more than three (3) minutes, unless additional time is granted by the Executive Director. Each person will be permitted to speak only once.
3. All speakers shall address their comments to the Executive Director. The Executive Director may or may not request that a member of the Board or staff respond to the comment.
4. The Executive Director shall preserve order and decorum. The Executive Director shall decide all questions of order.
5. When addressing the Board, persons permitted to speak shall confine their remarks to the matter at hand and avoid personal remarks, the impugning of motives and merely contentious statements. If any person makes such remarks or otherwise engages in conduct injurious to the harmony of the Park Board and the meeting, the Executive Director may immediately terminate the person's opportunity to speak. This decision is at the discretion of the Executive Director or upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board Commissioners present. Any person, except a member of the Board, who engages in disorderly conduct during a meeting may be ejected from the meeting upon motion passed by a majority of the present, or in the event of an emergency, at the direction of the Executive Director.

SECTION THREE: The following shall be posted on the Park District's website and posted by the door of the meeting:

CITIZENS' GUIDE TO ADDRESSING THE PARK BOARD DURING COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Anyone wishing to speak under the agenda item entitled, "Comments from the Public" shall adhere to the following guidelines:

1. A person shall be permitted to speak upon being recognized by the Executive Director. Please stand (if possible), announce your name and address before commencing. All comments are limited three (3) minutes, and each person shall only be permitted to speak once.
2. All speakers shall address their comments to the Executive Director. The Executive Director may or may not request that a member of the Park Board or staff respond to the comment.
3. The Executive Director shall preserve order and decorum. The Executive Director shall decide all questions of order.
4. When addressing the Board, persons permitted to speak shall confine their remarks to the matter at hand and avoid personal remarks, the impugning of motives and merely contentious statements. If any person such remarks or otherwise engages in conduct injurious to the harmony of the Park Board and the meeting, the Executive Director may immediately terminate the opportunity to speak. The decision is at the discretion of the Executive Director or upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board Commissioners present. Any person who engages in disorderly conduct during a meeting may be ejected from the meeting upon motion passed by a majority of the commissioners present or the event of an emergency at the direction of the Executive Director.
5. Please do not repeat comments that have already been made by others.

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

PASSED THIS 16TH day of August, 2019.

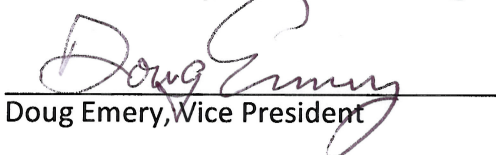
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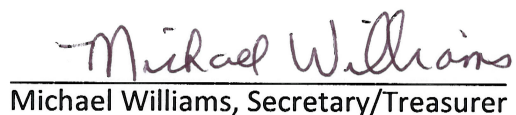
APPROVED THIS day of August 16, 2019.


Richard Rumsey, President


Doug Emery, Vice President

8/16/19
Date Signed

ATTEST:


Michael Williams, Secretary/Treasurer