

**MEETING MINUTES  
HARRISBURG TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 20, 2023  
9:00 AM HARRISBURG PARK OFFICE**



Minutes of a regular public meeting of the Local Government Efficiency Committee 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 9:35 o'clock a.m., on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by the Executive Director, Blake Emery, at 9:35 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Upon the roll being called, Mike Williams – Board President and the following Park Commissioners, Doug Emery – Board Vice President, Ron Emery – Board Secretary/Treasurer, and Martin Rowe – Community Member, and Becky Williams – Community Member were physically present at said location 921 W. Poplar Street, Harrisburg, Illinois.

Park Staff Present: None

Visitors Present: None

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Executive Director announced that the Efficiency Committee is for the purpose of:

- a. The Harrisburg Township Park District (“Park District”) is required to form a Committee on Local Government Efficiency (“Efficiency Committee”) pursuant to 50 ILCS 70/1 et seq. (the Act); and
- b. Pursuant to the Act, the Efficiency Committee shall: (1) study the Park District’s governing statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services, intergovernmental agreements, and interrelationships with other governmental units and the State of Illinois, (2) collect data, research, and analysis as necessary to prepare a written report that includes recommendations with respect to increased accountability and efficiency, and (3) provide a written report to the administrative office of each county board of the county in which the governmental unit is located.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Written testimony concerning the Efficiency Committee was read into the record by the Executive Director: None

Whereupon the Executive Director asked for oral testimony or any public comments concerning the Efficiency Committee. Statements were made by the following: None

There was no one in physical attendance. 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 Efficiency Committee.

**BUSINESS**  
IAPD FAQ’s

The Executive Director presented the IAPD Frequently Asked Questions Document.

IAPD Fact Sheet            The Executive Director presented the IAPD Fact Sheet.

50 ILCS 70                 The Executive Director presented 50 ILCS 70 Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act.

IAPD Report                The Executive Director presented the IAPD Sample Efficiency Report. It was discussed that a Report of this format will be discussed and completed at the Second Efficiency Committee Meeting.

Whereupon the Executive Director asked for additional comments from the Efficiency Committee Members. It was discussed about the current format of Harrisburg Township Park District as its own governing body and having the ability run itself with the best interests of the park in mind. It was asked about the park budget and other forms of revenue including grants. The Executive Director informed the other committee members that many park documents regarding finances and policies are readily available on the park website.

The Executive Director will fill out the Efficiency Report and provide it to the other committee members prior to the next meeting. The next meeting will focus on the Efficiency Report and adding/revising as the committee sees fit.

**SURVEY/POLL**            The Executive Director polled all in attendance for any feedback. Statements were made by the following: None

**NEXT MEETING**           The Second Efficiency Committee Meeting will be held immediately following the December 15, 2023 Park Board Meeting (not to start before 9:30 a.m.) at the Harrisburg Township Park District Community Room.


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

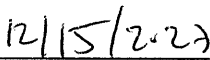
Upon the roll being called, the following voted AYE:  
Mike Williams, Doug Emery, Ron Emery, Martin Rowe, Becky Williams, and Blake Emery.

The following voted NAY: None

Whereupon the Executive Director declared the motion carried and the Meeting was finally adjourned.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

  
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Ron Emery, Secretary / Treasurer  
Blake Emery, Executive Director

  
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Date Signed