

**MEETING MINUTES
HARRISBURG TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2021
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 17th day of September, 2021.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Richard Rumsey at 8:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Upon the roll being called, Richard Rumsey – the President and the following Park Commissioners, Doug Emery – the Vice President and Mike Williams – the secretary, were physically present at said location 921 W. Poplar Street, Harrisburg, Illinois.

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

Visitors Present: Ron Emery, Tim King (Kings Financial), Brent Flota (Kings Financial)

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 \$620,000 General Obligation Park Bonds and to receive public comments on the proposed Ordinance 2021-0917 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year July 2021 through June 2022 (the “Ordinance”). The meeting was opened for public comments.

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: ADA upgrades, land acquisition, Maintenance equipment, Mulch/Dirt/Turface, Security Cameras, Parking lot upgrades, Trees, Shelter Upgrades, Lighting, Dog Park, Shade Structures, Splashpad, Pool Improvements, Grills, Sport Court Surface, Fencing, Concession Renovation, Bandstand Canopy, Digital Sign, Gaga Ball Pit, and Pond Fountain. Mike Williams asked to consider shade structures over the bleachers at Gaskins City. Richard Rumsey made the motion that the items on the potential projects list will be further discussed and decided upon at subsequent Regular Board Meetings and seconded by Mike Williams. All in favor 3-0 per voice vote.

Public Comments Written testimony concerning the proposed Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 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 Tim King, from Kings Financial, presented the Debt Limitations and Bond History for Harrisburg Township Park District. Current Debt Capacity is \$616,358. It was discussed that the intent is to keep the annual payment consistent with the past few bonds. Richard Rumsey made the motion to issue bonds at \$616,300 with a three year payout and it was seconded by Mike Williams, and approved unanimously with Doug Emery casting the final vote for approval.

ORDINANCE:

Public Comments Written testimony concerning the proposed Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 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 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. 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 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

Budget The Executive Director opened the discussion and explained that the proposed Budget and Appropriation Ordinance would have formal action taken during the Regular Meeting of the Park Board of Commissioners immediately following the current Public Hearing.

Blake Emery presented the Ordinance and explained all modifications to the previously presented tentative version of the Ordinance based on the recently received Tax Computation Report.

Whereupon the Executive Director asked for additional comments from the Park Commissioners.

Additional comments were made by the following: None

Ordinance Mike Williams made the motion that action be taken on Ordinance 2021-0917 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance in the Regular Meeting immediately following the Public Hearing and seconded by Richard Rumsey. All in favor 3-0 per voice vote.

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

ADJOURNMENT President Richard Rumsey moved and Secretary Mike Williams 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 Richard Rumsey, Vice President Doug Emery, Secretary/Treasurer Mike Williams

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 8:41 a.m.

Michael Williams

Michael Williams, Secretary / Treasurer

9/17/2021

Date Signed