



## HARRISBURG TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION DEVICE (PTD) POLICY

The Harrisburg Township Park District is dedicated to providing all of its guests with equal enjoyment of its parks. The Harrisburg Township Park District (“the District”) has taken into consideration the use of personal transportation devices and factors such as impacts on other users, the safety of other users, and impacts on property and infrastructure.

### **I. DEFINITIONS**

The following words shall have the following meanings when used in this Policy.

“District” means HARRISBURG TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT.

“Executive Director” means the Executive Director of the District.

“Board” means the Board of Commissioners of the District.

“Employee” means any individual in the employ of the District.

“Policy” means this Personal Transportation Device Policy.

“Bicycle” means any vehicle propelled solely by human power applied to pedals upon which any person may ride having two tandem wheels or a tricycle.

“Go-Ped” or “Motorized Skateboard” or “Motorized Scooter” means any device that is designed to travel on at least two wheels with the deck or chassis of such device open and close to the ground, that has handlebars or a hand-controlled throttle or brake, that is designed to be stood or sat upon by the operator, and that is powered by a motor that is capable of propelling the device without human propulsion. Go-ped or motorized skateboard or motorized scooter shall not include any automobile or device that is included within the definitions of moped, motorcycle, off-highway vehicle (OHV), any type of tractor, tri-ped, motorized wheelchair, or electric personal assistive mobility device (EPAMD).

“Hoverboard” means a two-wheeled motorized board consisting of a platform for feet, battery-operated motor and steered by varying weight distribution.

“Personal Transportation Device (PTD)” means any vehicle manually or motor-driven not permitted to operate on limited-access federal highways. PTDs include, but are not limited to, bicycles, skateboards, roller skates/blades, mopeds, and hoverboards. Wheelchairs and electric personal assistive mobility devices (EPAMD) are excluded from this definition of PTDs.

“Segway® PT” means trademarked name of a two-wheeled motorized personal vehicle consisting of a platform for the feet mounted above an axle and an upright post surmounted by handles.

“Wheelchair” means a manually operated or power-driven device designed primarily for use by an individual with a mobility disability for the main purpose of indoor or both indoor and outdoor locomotion.

“Other Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD)” means any mobility device powered by batteries, fuel, or other engines – whether or not designed primarily for use by individuals with mobility disabilities – that is used by individuals with mobility disabilities for the purpose of locomotion, including golf carts/cars, electronic personal assistance mobility devices (EPAMDs), such as Segway® PT, or any mobility device designated to operate in areas without defined pedestrian routes, but that is not a wheelchair within the definition of this section.

## II. POLICY / PROCEDURES

### A. Guidelines

This policy addresses the use of Bicycles, Skateboards, Hoverboards, Segway® PT, Roller skates/Blades, Scooters, Go-Ped or Motorized Skateboards, collectively referred to as personal transportation devices (PTD) and applies to all members of the Harrisburg Township Park District Community, including but not limited to: patrons, employees, participants, and visitors.

The Harrisburg Township Park District requires safe, responsible and legal PTD use at their facilities. Users of PTDs are required to operate them on District property in a way to minimize injury to persons or damage to District property. The operator of any PTD on District property shall obey the lawful instruction of any law enforcement officer, District employee, official traffic signs or control devices appropriately placed and in accordance with provisions of these policies. Electronic or motorized Personal Transportation Devices, including electronic skateboards, hoverboards and other similar types of equipment (e.g. Segways ® PT) are prohibited from use on District property.

The exclusion of electric or motorized personal transportation devices is due to the following considerations:

- The sharing of the pathway with walkers/joggers and the risk it puts walkers /joggers in
- The wear-and-tear of the pathways and potential tire marks they make
- Weather conditions and how they affect the safety of those utilizing personal transportation devices
- The loud sounds of the motorized vehicle and how it could affect the public
- Are these devices being used in a reckless manner and putting users at risk
- How do motorized vehicles affect walkers/joggers and their dogs?

This policy does not apply to “Other Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD) which are used by individuals with mobility disabilities. See Other Power Driven Mobility Devices Policy for more information.

Due to varying conditions on Harrisburg Township Park District properties, and to ensure safety and/or natural resource protection, Harrisburg Township Park District recommends that personal transportation device users contact the park office at 618-252-2111 to confirm whether a personal transportation device is permitted on a particular path, trail, or walkway.

By adopting these guidelines, Harrisburg Township Park District is not representing that the Harrisburg Township Park District properties are safe for use by personal transportation



devices and does not assume any liability. Certain risks are inherent in the use of Harrisburg Township Park District properties and all users must exercise reasonable care.

#### B. PTD Operating Regulations

The following are guidelines for the use of Personal Transportation Devices (PTDs) by individuals in Harrisburg Township Park District managed properties:

- Must be aware of the surrounding environment and remain cautious.
- Shall practice courteous, defensive riding.
- Shall travel at safe speeds given the likely presence of pedestrians and must have their PTD under control at all times.
- Must yield to pedestrians at all times.
- Operating PTDs inside of buildings is prohibited.
- Roller-skating/blading, skateboarding, and scooter riding as a means of transportation are only permitted on trails, paths, and walkways when the operator does not create a hazard to themselves or others. Performing jumps or other stunts is strictly prohibited on District property.
- No motor vehicles, including motorcycles, motor-driven cycles or motorized skateboards, and Segway® PT, other than expressly authorized vehicles, shall be operated on any trail, path, walkway, or pedestrian corridor on District property. In such circumstances, where motor or battery-powered vehicles are operated on trails, paths, walkways, or pedestrian corridors, they shall yield the right of way to pedestrian and bicycle traffic.
- Electronic or motorized Personal Transportation Devices are prohibited from use on District property.

#### C. Bicycles

- When two or more persons in a group are operating bicycles, they shall not ride abreast, but shall ride in single file.
- No person shall cling or attached himself/herself or his/her bicycle to any other moving motor vehicle.
- No person operating a bicycle shall carry another person on the same bicycle. This restriction does not apply to tandem bicycles.
- Bicycles shall not, at any time, in any place, be indiscriminately parked by anyone in such a manner as to actually or possibly interfere with pedestrians or traffic, or with persons getting into or out of automobiles. No person shall leave a bicycle lying on the ground or pavement or set against trees or otherwise in a place other than a bicycle rack when such is provided and there is space available. No person shall move or in any manner interfere with, any bicycle which is properly parked, nor shall any person interfere with, or, in any manner, hinder any person from properly parking a bicycle.
- All bicycles, when operated on roadways, trails, or paths, shall be kept to the right and shall be operated as nearly as practicable at the right-hand edge of the roadway, trail, or path.
- No person shall operate a bicycle faster than is reasonable and proper, and every bicycle shall be operated with reasonable regard for the safety of the rider and of other persons and property.

D. Variances

The provisions of this policy shall not be construed to relate to emergency, police or fire department motor vehicles or transportation devices or any motor vehicle or transportation device owned by the District or a District employee displaying proper identification where the employee is duly authorized to operate such motor vehicle or transportation device at such location.

This policy does not apply to “Other Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD) which are used by individuals with mobility disabilities. See Other Power Driven Mobility Devices Policy for more information regarding accessibility and reasonable accommodation.

The Executive Director may grant a variance for programmed events. Applications for a variance must be received by the Executive Director at least 48 hours in advance of the relevant program, activity, or service to which is shall apply, or the first in a series thereof. Exemptions will be issued in writing.

E. Notice

The Harrisburg Township Park District accepts no responsibility for storage of any personal transportation device.

The Harrisburg Township Park District accepts no liability for damage to any personal transportation device, or injury to the operator, whether caused by the operator, another visitor to a District facility or site, the physical conditions of the District facility or site, or any other circumstance.

The Harrisburg Township Park District accepts no liability for damage caused by the operator of the personal transportation device or injury to others caused by the operator of the personal transportation device.

The Harrisburg Township Park District accepts no liability for any injuries or property damage, to either the operator or others, resulting from the District’s failure to enforce this policy or to supervise the operator of a personal transportation device.

The Harrisburg Township Park District reserves the right to change, modify, or amend this policy at any time.

### **III. AMENDMENTS**

This Policy may be amended by the District at any time. If the Policy is amended, the District shall file a written copy of the Policy, as amended, with the Board and shall also advise all District employees of the existence of the amended Policy. A copy of the amended Policy will be made available to District employees.



**IV. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Policy becomes effective AUGUST 21, 2020.

Richard Rumsey  
Richard Rumsey, President

Doug Emery  
Doug Emery, Vice President

8/21/2020  
Date Signed



ATTEST:

Michael Williams  
Michael Williams, Secretary / Treasurer