Freedom of Information Act

In accordance with 5 ILCS 140/1, Freedom of Information Act, the Harrisburg Township Park District shall make available to any person for inspection or copying all public records, except as otherwise provided in Section 7 of this Act.

The Board of Commissioners has designated the following Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officers for the Harrisburg Township Park District:

- Blake Emery – Executive Director
- Haley McPheron – Administrative Assistant

Freedom of Information requests may be submitted to the Harrisburg Township Park District in writing. Requests will be accepted via mail, fax, personal delivery, and/or email. Fees may be assessed under the Freedom of Information Act on all requests involving such services as record search, duplication, and reviews. FOIA Request Forms can be found online at www.harrisburgpark.net/open-government

Please submit FOIA Requests to:
Harrisburg Township Park District
921 W. Poplar Street
Harrisburg, IL 62946
Fax: (618) 253-4511
Email: office@harrisburgpark.net or bemery@harrisburgpark.net

Fee Schedule:
Letter Page – one sided (First 50 Pages Free) – Above 50 pages $0.15/page
Certified Copy - $2.00/page
Electronic Records (Free if E-mailed) – Otherwise cost of USB Drive

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PURPOSE

The Harrisburg Township Park District (HTPD) was established on February 13, 1934. The mission of HTPD is to enhance the quality of community life by ensuring recreational programming and services to all people regardless of their age, sex, race, religion, socioeconomic status and level of physical or mental ability.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Park District is governed by three elected residents of Harrisburg who voluntarily give their services to the Community.

The Park Board holds it regular meetings on the third Friday of each month at 8:00 a.m. at the Harrisburg Park Office, 921 W. Poplar Street. The public is invited to attend and is welcome to make comments during the Comments From the Public item on the Meeting Agenda.

Board of Commissioners:
Doug Emery – President
Raymond Gunning – Vice President
Ron Emery – Secretary/Treas.

PROFILE

Population

Harrisburg Township population per www.censusreport.org is estimated at 9,838 per 2024 data.

Assessed Valuation

The rate setting equalized assessed valuation for Saline County real estate for 2025 is $139,382,286.

Tax Rate

The property tax rate for 2025 is 0.592690 per $100 of assessed value.

Current Budget

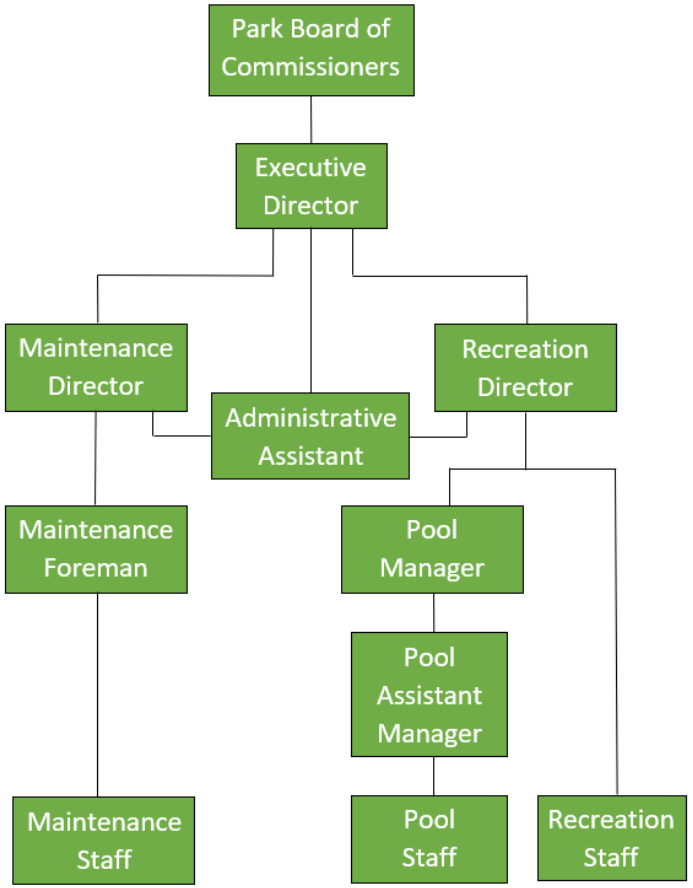
The operating budget for FY2026 is $1,091,737.40. The fiscal year begins July 1, 2025 and ends June 30, 2026.

Staff

The Park District has an appointed Executive Director responsible for the administration of the Park District. The Park District employs 5 to 6 full-time staff. During peak season, the HTPD employs an additional 25 temporary/seasonal workers to provide the needed support for park operations and recreation programs.

Executive Director Information
Blake Emery
bemery@harrisburgpark.net

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



ACCESSIBILITY

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Harrisburg Township Park District will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities. The Harrisburg Township Park District will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities.