

MANHATTAN PARK BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes
Hansen Community Center
397 South State Street, Manhattan IL
Date: April 11, 2024 Time 7:00 pm

Regular Scheduled Meeting

Call to Order: 7:06 p.m.

Roll Call: Bridget Hope, President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Barbara Epps, Secretary, and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

Absent: Kristy Byers, Vice-President (Kristy Byers arrived at 7:09 p.m.)

Pledge of Allegiance:

Regular Scheduled Meeting

1. Changes to the Agenda: None

2. Public Comment: Becky DeGroate, 15922 Barrow Ct., Manhattan, stated that she would like to see portable restrooms closer to the field at Round Barn Farm stating that the current location is too far for little children. She also stated that the portable units at the Athletic Complex are located in an unsafe location for the T-Ball kids as they are across the parking lot that can be very busy at times.

3. Communications/Special Guest:

a. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation for Rebecca DeGroate: President Hope presented Becky DeGroate with a certificate of appreciation for her time volunteering for the Decennial Committee over the course of 2023 and early 2024.

4. Presidents Report: President Hope thanked staff for their success in securing volunteers across the board. It is proving to show an improved relationship with the community.

5. Staff and Committee Reports:

a. Executive Director: Director Kelly updated the board on the current operations of the district, covering Parks, Recreation, and Administration. Director Kelly included updates on projects, programs, and events.

b. L-Way Special Rec: Meeting to be held next week

c. Village Government Agency Meeting: No report

d. Foundation Committee: No Report

6. Action and Motion requested: Move to approve the March 2024, Treasurer's Report including the payment of bills in the amount of \$169,900.94 which may include lodging and travel expenses.

Motion: Joe Farkas-First, Barbara Epps-Second

Roll Call: Bridget Hope, President, Kristy Byers, Vice-President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Barbara Epps, Secretary, and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

Motion approved: 5-0

7. **Consent Agenda:**

- a. **Action and Motion requested: Move to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:**
 - i. **March 14, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Kristy Byers-First, Joe Farkas-Second

Roll Call: Bridget Hope, President, Kristy Byers, Vice-President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Barbara Epps, Secretary, and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

Motion approved: 5-0

8. **Old Business**

- a. **Hansen Community Center Project Update:** Director Kelly provided the Board with an update on the progress of the internal updates to the HCC.
- b. **Dog Park Update:** Director Kelly provided the Board with an update on the progress of the Dog Park development.
- c. **Round Barn Farm Annexation Agreement Update:** Director Kelly provided the Board with an update on the progress of the Annexation of Round Barn Farm into the Village.
- d. **Prairie Trails Park Development:** Director Kelly provided the Board with an update on the progress of the Prairie Trails Park Development. He stated the status of the community build on April 20th is in jeopardy due to weather.
- e. **Round Barn Farm Project Update:** Director Kelly provided the Board with an update on the progress of the demo project at Round Barn Farm.
- f. **Stonegate Park Development Update:** Director Kelly provided the Board with an update on the progress of the improvements at the future Stonegate Park.
- g. **Solar Lease at MPD Athletic Complex Update:** Director Kelly informed the board that the RFP for the Solar Field was due on April 5, 2024. He stated that we did not receive any proposals at that time, however one vendor contacted him later and asked if they could still submit.

9. **New Business:**

- a. **2024/2025 Annual Fiscal Budget Presentation-First Review:** Director Kelly reviewed the status of the 2023/2024 fiscal year numbers to date stating that fiscal year should end in a positive surplus. He then went on to review the first draft of the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Budget, outlining that Corp and Rec will not only balance, but will have approximately \$62,000 available to transfer to Capital. He stated that although near completion, a final review and fine tuning will occur prior to final presentation in May.
- b. **Action and Motion requested: Motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 24-5
A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN
PARK DISTRICT PROPERTY TO THE VILLAGE OF MANHATTAN PURSUANT TO
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROPERTY TRANSFER ACT (50 ILCS 605/0.01 ET SEQ.)**

Motion: Barbara Epps-First, Ed Ludwig-Second

Roll Call: Bridget Hope, President, Kristy Byers, Vice-President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Barbara Epps, Secretary, and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

Motion approved: 5-0

10. Motion to Adjourn for Executive Session for the following purpose: None

11. Closed Session Action Items:

- a. **Action and Motion Requested: Motion to report on Closed Meeting Minute Review**

Motion to table item 11: Joe Farkas-First, Kristy Byers-Second

Roll Call: Bridget Hope, President, Kristy Byers, Vice-President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Barbara Epps, Secretary, and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

Motion approved: 5-0

12. Notable Dates:

- a. **April 20, 2024: Prairie Trails Park Community Build @ 8 a.m.-4 p.m.**
b. **May 5, 2024: Dance Recital at Lincolnway Way West @ 2:00 p.m (ticket required)**

13. Next Meeting: Regular meeting held, May 9, 2024, at the Hansen Community Center at 7:00 p.m.

14. Final Adjournment:

- a. **Motion Requested: Kristy Byers, First, Joe Farkas-Second**

b. **Vote:** Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Motion Passed 5-0

Adjournment: 8:05 p.m.