

MANHATTAN PARK BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes
Hansen Community Center
397 South State Street, Manhattan IL
Date: February 12, 2024 **Time 7:00 pm**

Regular Scheduled Meeting

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Kristy Byers, Vice-President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer

Pledge of Allegiance:

Regular Scheduled Meeting

1. **Changes to the Agenda:** None

2. **Public Comment:** None

3. **Communications:** President Hope read aloud a letter addressed to Director Kelly from Representative DeLuca congratulating the District on receiving the 2024 OSLAD Grant.

4. **Presidents Report:** President Hope thanked the Board and Staff for their flexibility in rescheduling the meeting so quickly. She additionally thanked staff for all their efforts.

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. Director Kelly went into specifics on the status of the Firehouse Parking Lot, 2024 OSLAD Grant and plan for development, PR and Marketing, and safety.

b. **L-Way Special Rec:** No Report

c. **Village Government Agency Meeting:** Report included in packet

d. **Foundation Committee:** Director Kelly stated that the plans for the Irish Breakfast are all set after needing to find a new food vendor.

6. **Action and Motion requested:** **Move to approve the January 2024, Treasurer's Report including the payment of bills in the amount of \$103,040.63 which may include lodging and travel expenses.**

Motion: Ed Ludwig-First, Barbara Epps-Second

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

Motion approved: 3-0

7. **Consent Agenda:**

- a. **Action and Motion requested: Move to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:**
 - i. **January 11, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Barbara Epps-First, Ed Ludwig-Second

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

Motion approved: 3-0

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 an update on the status of the park development including the potential for a significant donor. Discussion was held on whether the donor's name could be used as the park name based on a significant donation. The consensus among the board was that the use of the donor's name would be acceptable.
- c. **Century East Well House Update:** Director Kelly provided an update on the location of the new water treatment well-house. Director Kelly stated that after he met with Village officials, there is nothing they can do about the location, however adaptations have been made to the plan to benefit the future use of the park. The Board agreed that the location is not ideal, however there is not much they can do and appreciate the items that will enhance the park.
- d. **Round Barn Farm Annexation Agreement Update:** Jeyser Claudio, legal counsel, provided an update on the annexation agreement stating that there has been communication between attorneys and the next step will be a meeting to discuss the current draft.
- e. **Ivanhoe Park Development:** Director Kelly discussed the plan of attack for the park development stating that there will be a 2-year window once the state contract is awarded. The goal will be to maximize the window of time for completion with current projects in line.
- f. **Prairie Trails Park Development:** Director Kelly updated the Board on the plans for the Spring development for this park.
- g. **Round Barn Farm Project Update:** Director Kelly provided an update on the timeline for the upcoming projects at Round Barn Farm Park.
- h. **Discussion on opportunity for Solar Lease at MPD Athletic Complex:** Director Kelly presented the Board with a potential opportunity for a energy company to utilize land at the Manhattan Athletic Complex for a solar field. The lease could generate significant revenue and have minimal impact to the use of the land f. The consensus of the Board was to continue to investigate the opportunity and negotiate lease terms.

9. New Business:

- a. **Action and Motion requested:** Motion to approve Resolution 24-1 approving the amendment to lease agreement between the Manhattan Park District and the Manhattan Fire Protection District.

Motion: Barbara Epps-First, Ed Ludwig-Second

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

Motion approved: 3-0

- b. **Action and Motion requested:** Motion to approve Resolution 24-2 approving the Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the Manhattan Park District and the Manhattan-Elwood Public Library District for the exterior maintenance services at 240 Whitson Street, Manhattan, Illinois.

Motion: Ed Ludwig-First, Barbara Epps-Second

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

Motion approved: 3-0

- c. **Action and Motion requested:** Motion to approve Resolution 24-3 authorizing Manhattan Park District to approve intervention in certain tax appeal cases.

Motion: Barbara Epps-First, Ed Ludwig-Second

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

Motion approved: 3-0

10. Motion to Adjourn for Executive Session for the following purpose: If Needed

- a. **Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) for the purpose of discussing:**
- (1) The employment, discipline, and performance of specific employees.
 - (2) Collective negotiating matters.
 - (5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired
 - (6) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property.
 - (11) Pending or probable litigation.
 - (21) Approval or semi-annual review of closed meeting minutes.

11. Closed Session Action Items: None

12. Notable Dates:

- a. **March 23, 2024: Easter Egg Hunt @ 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.**

13. Next Meeting: Regular meeting held, March 14, 2024, at the Hansen Community Center at 7:00 p.m.

14. Final Adjournment:

a. **Motion Requested:** Ed Ludwig, First, Barbara Epps-Second

b. **Vote:** Aye: 3 Nay: 0 Motion Passed 3-0

Adjournment: 8:08 p.m.