

MANHATTAN PARK BOARD AGENDA

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: January 14, 2021 Time 7:00 pm

NOTICE. MEETING MODIFICATION DUE TO COVID-19

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders, the Governor has made a disaster declaration in response to COVID-19. In accordance with 5 ILCS 120/7(e), the head of the public body has determined that an in-person meeting of all of the individual Board members under the Open Meetings Act is not practical or prudent. Per the statutory requirements, at least one member of the body or chief administrative officer will be physically present, unless unfeasible. Further, physical attendance at the regular meeting location by the public is not feasible. Therefore, the meeting will be held virtually with contemporaneous attendance available for members of the public by the Zoom platform. Public comments can be emailed directly to the Executive Director, Jay Kelly at jkelly@manhattanparks.org. Please note that comments provided via email must be received at least two hours before the Board meeting is scheduled to begin. A board representative may read comments submitted via email or it may be entered into the record.

Regular Scheduled Meeting

Call to Order: 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call: Bridget Hope, President, Matt Kelly, Vice-President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Kristy Byers, Secretary and Ben Hecke, Commissioner

Absent:

Pledge of Allegiance:

1. **Changes to the Agenda:** None
2. **Public Comment:** None
3. **Communications:** None
4. **Presidents Report:** President Hope thanked staff for their efforts in offering quality and safe programs and offered that she hopes that in person programming will resume soon.
5. **Staff and Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Executive Director:** Director Kelly updated the board on the overall operations of the district including, Recreation Programming, Park Maintenance and Administrative operations. Specifically, he highlighted The Den Before and After School Program, HCC renovation contract status, and update on the Century East Park Signage. Director Kelly updated the board on the status of the year's budget. He also updated the board on the Holiday event at Round Barn Farm and the status of the Ice Rink.
 - b. **L-Way Special Rec:** Director Kelly stated that the meeting is next week
 - c. **Village Government Agency Meeting:** No meeting last month due to holidays
 - d. **Foundation Committee:** No meeting

6. **Action and Motion requested:** Move to approve December 2020, Treasurer's Report including the payment of bills in the amount of \$64,499.55.

7. **Consent Agenda:**

a. **Action and Motion requested:** Move to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

i. December 10, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

ii. December 10, 2020 Closed Session Meeting Minutes

Motion: Kristy Byers-First, Matt Kelly-Second

Roll Call: Bridget Hope, President, Matt Kelly, Vice-President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Kristy Byers, Secretary and Ben Hecke, Commissioner

Motion approved 5-0

8. **Old Business**

a. None

9. **New Business:**

a. **Action and Motion requested:** Motion to approve ORDINANCE 21-1 abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2020 to pay the principal of and interest on \$700,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2017, of the Manhattan Park District, Will County, Illinois.

Motion: Matt Kelly-First, Ben Hecke-Second

Roll Call: Bridget Hope, President, Matt Kelly, Vice-President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Kristy Byers, Secretary and Ben Hecke, Commissioner

Motion approved 5-0

b. **Action and Motion requested:** Motion to approve ORDINANCE 21-2 abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2020 to pay the principal of and interest on \$2,695,000 General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2019, of the Manhattan Park District, Will County, Illinois.

Motion: Kristy Byers-First, Matt Kelly-Second

Roll Call: Bridget Hope, President, Matt Kelly, Vice-President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Kristy Byers, Secretary and Ben Hecke, Commissioner

Motion approved 5-0

10. **Next Meeting:** Regular meeting held, February 11, 2021 at the Hansen Community Center or via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

11. **Motion to Adjourn for Executive Session: (if needed)**

12. Executive Session:

- 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.**
 - (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.**

13. Reconvene for action on items discussed in Executive Session (if needed)

14. Final Adjournment:

- a. **Motion Requested:** Matt Kelly-First, Joe Farkas-Second
 - b. **Vote:** Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Motion Passed 5-0
- Adjournment:** 7:28 p.m.

Public Participation Instructions:

-Computer access: Join the Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83202312483>

-Meeting ID: 832 0231 2483

-Phone access: Audio participation for Chicago Region: Dial 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 832 0231 2483

-Android phones/tablets, iPad, iPhone: Download the “Zoom Cloud Meeting” app through the Google Play Store or Apple Store. Open the app on your device. Meeting ID: 832 0231 2483

-Important: As you install the Zoom software, it will prompt you to enter your name. **Please be sure to use your legal name.** Any use of inappropriate names will result in ejection from the meeting. Plan to join the meeting at least 5 minutes prior to start of meeting.

-Everyone is automatically muted. If you wish to speak during “Public Comment”, use the “Chat” function to type a message to the host indicating you would like to speak. You will then be unmuted to speak. Comments for Open Forum may also be emailed to jkelly@manhattanparks.org by 2:30pm on 1/14/2021 to be read at the meeting.