

**MANHATTAN PARK BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Hansen Community Center**  
**397 South State Street, Manhattan IL**  
**Date: June 16, 2022      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 Hearing:**

**a. Motion to Temporarily Adjourn to go into Public Hearing on the Budget and Appropriations:**

**Motion:** Barbara Epps-First, Ed Ludwig-Second

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

Motion approved 3-0

**b. Call to Order of Public Hearing:** 7:01 p.m.

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

Motion approved 3-0

**c. Public Hearing on Budget and Appropriation Fiscal Year 2022-2023 for the Manhattan Park District**

**i. Statements by Staff:** Director Kelly stated that nothing has changed within the budget

**ii. Visitors to be heard:** None

**iii. Any statements by Board:** None

**d. Motion to Adjourn from Public Hearing and go back into Regular Session**

**Motion:** Ed Ludwig-First, Barbara Epps-Second

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

Motion approved 3-0 7:02 p.m.

**3. Public Comment:** President Hope shared an anonymous letter stating that the author was not happy with the updated exterior of the building color scheme.

**4. Communications:** None

5. **Presidents Report:** President Hope thanks Bob and his staff on their continued efforts towards the HCC. Thanked all staff for the efforts and success of Round Barn Heritage Fest and first Sip of Summer Concert and with the summer camp prep and numbers.
6. **Staff and Committee Reports:**
  - a. **Executive Director:** Director Kelly outlined the operations of the district for the month. He included details from all areas of the organization. He specifically brought the board up to date on the status of open full-time positions, events, programs, and general maintenance. Director Kelly specifically discussed Hanover Estates Park coming online and the additional work that needs to be completed.
  - b. **L-Way Special Rec:** Director Kelly reminded the board of the update to the IGA with LWSRA regarding the capital dollars that were set aside for the rec center.
  - c. **Village Government Agency Meeting:** Director Kelly updated the board on the Villages intentions to engage with a consultant to look at an updated downtown masterplan/revitalization plan.
  - d. **Foundation Committee:**
7. **Action and Motion requested: Move to approve May 2022, Treasurer's Report including the payment of bills in the amount of \$302,472.50 which may include lodging and travel expenses.**
8. **Consent Agenda:**
  - a. **Action and Motion requested: Move to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:**
    - i. **May 12, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes**
    - ii. **May 12, 2022, Closed Session Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Ed Ludwig-First, Barbara Epps-Second  
**Roll Call:** Bridget Hope, President, Barbara Epps, Secretary and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner  
Motion approved 3-0
9. **Old Business**
  - a. **Hansen Community Center Updates:** Director Kelly provided a status update on the renovation project.
  - b. **Action and Motion requested: Move to approve ORDINANCE 22-3 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS FOR THE MANHATTAN PARK DISTRICT, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY 2022 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL 2023**

**Motion:** Ed Ludwig-First, Barbara Epps-Second  
**Roll Call:** Bridget Hope, President, Barbara Epps, Secretary and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner  
Motion approved 3-0

- c. **Discussion Item: Discussion on the potential collaboration with the Manhattan Fire District and Manhattan-Elwood Library District:** Director Kelly updated the Board on the status of the communications between the Manhattan Fire District and himself regarding the concept of the district purchasing Station 1. He also updated the board regarding the Manhattan-Elwood Library District inquiries and discussions on shared space and potential additions to the facility for library improvement and Route 52 exposure. Director Kelly presented Google Earth imagery that demonstrated how the Central Park Campus would come together in the future with these potential partnerships. The board agreed that Director Kelly should move forward with both discussions and keep them apprised.

**10. New Business:**

- a. **Action and Motion requested:** Move to approve RESOLUTION 22-3 A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$186,600, TO OAK LAWN BLACKTOP AND PAVING COMPANY, INC. FOR THE MANHATTAN PARK DISTRICT PAVING OF CENTRAL PARK AND HANSEN COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING LOTS

**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 22-4 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A NAMING OF PARKS, FACILITIES AND RECREATION AREAS POLICY

**Motion:** Ed Ludwig-First, Barbara Epps-Second

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

Motion approved 3-0

- c. **Discussion: Important Dates:** July 20, 2022- Central Park Pier Dedication  
July 23, 2022-Hanover Estates Dedication

**11. Motion to Adjourn for Executive Session for the following purposes:** None

**12. Next Meeting:** Regular meeting held, July 14, 2022, at the Hansen Community Center at 7:00 p.m.

**13. Final Adjournment:**

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

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

**Adjournment:** 8:14 p.m.