

MANHATTAN PARK BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes
Hansen Community Center
397 South State Street, Manhattan IL
Date: May 9, 2024 Time 7:00 pm

Regular Scheduled Meeting

Call to Order: 7:01 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. **Election of Officers: Motion was made to maintain all current officer positions as a slate vote:**

Motion: Barbara Epps-First, Ed Ludwig-Second

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

Motion approved: 3-0

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Communications:** None

5. **Presidents Report:** President Hope congratulated staff on receiving the NFC Grant for \$40,000. She thanked staff for their efforts restoring the scoreboard at Central Park, stating it looks very nice. She also said the website updates on the website are very nice and great for the public.

6. **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:** Director Kelly stated that LWSRA is hosting a Meet and Greet with the new IPRA Director in May.

c. **Village Government Agency Meeting:** Director Kelly updated the Board on the status of Nick Palmer, Village Administrator, status of employment.

d. **Foundation Committee:** No report.

7. **Action and Motion requested: Move to approve the April 2024, Treasurer's Report including the payment of bills in the amount of \$103,546.98 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

8. Consent Agenda:

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

9. 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. Director Kelly recommended it to the Board and the Board agreed that with Mr. Palmer's resignation we will wait to see what the Village wants to do. He stated that a Girl Scout Group that is donating \$500 towards a bench at the Dog Park would like to attend a future meeting.
- 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. Director Kelly recommended it to the Board and the Board agreed that with Mr. Palmer's resignation we will wait to see what the Village wants to do.
- d. Prairie Trails Park Development:** Director Kelly provided the Board with an update on the progress of the Prairie Trails Park Development
- 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:** No Report
- g. Solar Lease at MPD Athletic Complex Update:** Director Kelly updated the Board on the recent proposals that were submitted for the Solar Lease.
- h. Presentation of the 2024-2025 Fiscal Budget and Appropriations Ordinance:** Director Kelly reviewed the final draft of the 2024-2025 Fiscal Budget stating that nothing has changed since the April meeting. He stated the Budget is balanced and that year end numbers for this current fiscal year are projected to be positive nearly \$40,000 combined. The Budget will be on public notice for 30 days and formally approved at the June 13, 2024, meeting.

10. New Business:

- a. Action and Motion requested: Motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 24-6
A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR AN OUTDOOR FITNESS COURT® AS PART OF THE 2024 NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN**

Motion: Ed Ludwig-First, Barbara Epps-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 NO. 24-7
A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE MANHATTAN PARK DISTRICT AND THE VILLAGE OF MANHATTAN FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF A DOG PARK

Motion was not called.

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

11. **Closed Session Action Items:** None

- a. **Action and Motion Requested:**

12. **Notable Dates:**

- a. **May 9/10, 2024:** Prairie Trails Park Community Build @ 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- b. **June 8, 2024:** Heritage Fest

13. **Next Meeting:** Regular meeting held, June 13, 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: 5 Nay: 0 Motion Passed 3-0
- Adjournment:** 8:28 p.m.