

MANHATTAN PARK BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes
Hansen Community Center
397 South State Street, Manhattan IL
Date: September 14, 2023 Time 7:00 pm

Regular Scheduled Meeting

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Barbara Epps, Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

2. **Public Comment:** None

3. **Communications:**

a. **Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Annual Report:** Director Kelly presented the 2022-2023 Annual Report. Highlights of the report were the Mission, Pillars, the new Better Together campaign, program performance data, and financial data. Director Kelly thanked staff members Shannon Forsythe and Lacinda Shawver for their efforts in developing the report.

b. President Hope read aloud a thank you card from the Forsythe Family for the arrangement at a family funeral.

4. **Presidents Report:** President Hope stated that she attended the August Sip of Summer Concert and truly enjoyed the concert. While in attendance she observed and was pleased with teamwork and joy in the staff while working the event stating that the community sees positivity in the staff's 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.

b. **L-Way Special Rec:** Director Kelly updated the board on the status of the signed resolution regarding the capital money.

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

d. **Foundation Committee:** No report

6. **Action and Motion requested: Move to approve the August 2023, Treasurer's Report including the payment of bills in the amount of \$75,014.78 which may include lodging and travel expenses.**

Motion: Joe Farkas-First, Ed Ludwig-Second

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

Motion approved: 4-0

7. Consent Agenda:

- a. Action and Motion requested: Move to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:**
 - i. August 10, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Joe Farkas-First, Kristy Byers-Second

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

Motion approved: 4-0

8. Old Business

- a. Dog Park Update:** Director Kelly updated the board on the latest communication regarding the potential collaboration on a community Dog Park. It was determined that if a long-term lease was secured on the Metra Property, the most recent layout of the park.
- b. Round Barn Farm Annexation Agreement:** Director Kelly updated the board on the status of the Annexation of Round Barn Farm stating that he and Village staff are preparing the agreement for attorney review soon.
- c. RTP Grant for Round Barn Farm Trails:** Director Kelly announced to the Board that the district has been awarded a \$200,000 RTP Grant from the State of Illinois for nearly 1-Mile of new trail development at Round Barn Farm.
- d. State of Illinois Capital Funds:** Director Kelly stated that the capital money from the State of Illinois has been released and that he and staff are compiling a list of projects to utilize the \$80,000.

9. New Business:

- a. Action and Motion Requested: Move to approve RESOLUTION 23-12 A RESOLUTION FOR Agreement No. RTP 23-185 (GRANT AGREEMENT RTP 23-185 BETWEEN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, Natural Resources AND Manhattan Park District)**

Motion: Kristy Byers-First, Ed Ludwig-Second

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

Motion approved: 4-0

10. Motion to Adjourn for Executive Session for the following purpose: Not needed

11. Closed Session Action Items

- a. Action and Motion requested: Motion to Report of Closed Meeting Minutes:**

Motion: Joe Farkas-First, Ed Ludwig-Second

President Hope reported on the review of the Closed Meeting Minutes stating that there is still a need for confidentiality for the close session except for the following dates: 10/14/2021, 7/14/2022, 8/18/2022.

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

Motion approved: 4-0

- b. Action and Motion requested: Motion to approve RESOLUTION 23-13, A RESOLUTION APPROVING DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PARK DISTRICT CLOSED SESSION AUDIO RECORDINGS**

Motion: Joe Farkas-First, Ed Ludwig-Second

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

Motion approved: 4-0

12. Next Meeting:

- a. Regular meeting held, October 12, 2023, at the Hansen Community Center at 7:00 p.m.**

13. Final Adjournment:

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

- b. Vote:** Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Motion Passed 4-0

Adjournment: 8:28 p.m.