

**MANHATTAN PARK BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Hansen Community Center**  
**397 South State Street, Manhattan IL**  
Date: June 20, 2024                      Time 7:00 pm

**Regular Scheduled Meeting**

**Call to Order:**

**Roll Call:** Bridget Hope, President, Kristy Byers, Vice-President, and Joe Farkas, Treasurer

**Absent:** Barbara Epps, Secretary, and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

**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:** Joe Farkas-First, Kristy Byers-Second

**Roll Call:** Bridget Hope, President, Kristy Byers, Vice-President, and Joe Farkas, Treasurer

Motion approved: 3-0

b. **Call to Order of Public Hearing:** 7:07 p.m.

c. **Roll Call:** Bridget Hope, President, Kristy Byers, Vice-President, and Joe Farkas, Treasurer

d. **Public Hearing on Budget and Appropriation Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for the Manhattan Park District**

i. **Statements by Staff:** Director Kelly stated that nothing has changed within the budget since being on public notice for the last 30 days. He stated that the budget is balanced and thanked staff for their efforts.

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

iii. **Any statements by Board:** President Hope thanked staff for their efforts towards the budget.

e. **Motion to Adjourn from Public Hearing and return to Regular Session**

**Motion:** Kristy Byers-First, Joe Farkas-Second

**Roll Call:** Bridget Hope, President, Kristy Byers, Vice-President, and Joe Farkas, Treasurer

Motion approved: 3-0 7:09 p.m.

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Communications:** Director Kelly provided the Board with an IAPD report and a thank you letter from Matt Mowinski's family.

5. **Presidents Report:** President Hope thanked staff for their efforts for the planting day with the Girl Scouts. She also thanked Senator Joyce and Representative DeLuca for their efforts in securing funding towards the Round Barn restoration. She thanked staff for the consistent level of communication.

**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 events, programs, and general maintenance.
- b. **L-Way Special Rec:** Director Kelly updated the Board on the status of operations at LWSRA.
- c. **Village Government Agency Meeting:** Meeting will be next week.
- d. **Foundation Committee:** No report

**7. Action and Motion requested: Move to approve the May 2024, Treasurer's Report including the payment of bills in the amount of \$136,561.42 which may include lodging and travel expenses.**

**Motion:** Joe Farkas-First, Kristy Byers-Second

**Roll Call:** Bridget Hope, President, Kristy Byers, Vice-President, and Joe Farkas, Treasurer  
Motion approved: 3-0

**8. Consent Agenda:**

- a. **Action and Motion requested: Move to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:**
  - i. **May 9, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Kristy Byers-First, Joe Farkas-Second

**Roll Call:** Bridget Hope, President, Kristy Byers, Vice-President, and Joe Farkas, Treasurer  
Motion approved: 3-0

**9. Old Business**

- a. **Action and Motion requested: Move to approve ORDINANCE 24-6 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 2024 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL 2025**

**Motion:** Joe Farkas-First, Kristy Byers-Second

**Roll Call:** Bridget Hope, President, Kristy Byers, Vice-President, and Joe Farkas, Treasurer  
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:** Kristy Byers-First, Joe Farkas-Second

**Roll Call:** Bridget Hope, President, Kristy Byers, Vice-President, and Joe Farkas, Treasurer  
Motion approved: 3-0

- c. **Discussion: Project Updates:** Director Kelly provided updates on the projects below.
  - i. **Hansen Community Center Project Update**
  - ii. **Dog Park Update**
  - iii. **Round Barn Farm Annexation Agreement Update**
  - iv. **Prairie Trails Park Development**
  - v. **Round Barn Farm Project Update**
  - vi. **Stonegate Park Development Update**
  - vii. **Solar Lease at MPD Athletic Complex Update**

**10. New Business:**

- a. **Discussion: Round Barn Restoration Project:** Director Kelly provided information to the Board pertaining to the draft business plan for Round Barn Farm following restoration. Director Kelly also shared information on estimated costs on potential debt structures related to the project. Board agreed that Director Kelly move forward on seeking funding options.

**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. **June 19, 2024: Sip of Summer Concert**
- b. **July 10, 2024: Sip of Summer Concert**

**13. Next Meeting: Regular meeting held, July 11, 2024, at the Hansen Community Center at 7:00 p.m.**

**14. Final Adjournment:**

- a. **Motion Requested:** Kristy Byers- First, Joe Farkas- Second
  - b. **Vote:** Aye: 3 Nay: 0 Motion Passed 3-0
- Adjournment:** 7:57 p.m.