

**MANHATTAN PARK BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Hansen Community Center**  
**397 South State Street, Manhattan IL**  
**Date: August 14, 2025      Time 7:00 pm**

**Regular Scheduled Meeting**

**Call to Order:** 7:04 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Bridget Hope, President, Kristy Byers, Vice President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Ed Ludwig, Secretary and Nick Goodwin, Commissioner

**Absent:**

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Regular Meeting:**

1. **Changes to the Agenda:** None
2. **Public Comment:** None
3. **Communications/Guests:** None
4. **Presidents Report:** President Hope staff for their efforts over the summer months in growing healthy programs and events in the community. She also stated that progress at the barn looks great and thanked staff again.
5. **Staff and Committee Reports:**
  - a. **Executive Director:** Director Kelly updated the Board on the operations of the district. He included details on events and programs, specifically camp registration numbers and The Den registration numbers, and smaller projects underway throughout the district.
    - i. **L-Way Special Rec:** Director Kelly stated that operations at LWSRA have been going well.
    - ii. **Village Government Agency Meeting:** No report from last meeting was provided, however a meeting was held with no substantial updates.
    - iii. **Foundation Committee:** Foundation continues to promote fundraiser.
6. **Action and Motion requested: Move to approve the July 2025, Treasurer's Report including the payment of bills in the amount of \$396,878.46 which may include lodging and travel expenses.**

**Motion:** Joe Farkas-First, Nick Goodwin-Second

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

**Motion approved:** 5-0

**7. Consent Agenda:**

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

- i. July 10, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Kristy Byers-First, Ed Ludwig-Second

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

Motion approved: 5-0

**8. Old Business**

- a. Discussion: Project Updates:** Director Kelly provided updates on the following projects:

- i. Hansen Community Center**
- ii. Ivanhoe Park**
- iii. Dog Park Update**
- iv. Prairie Trails Park Development**
- v. Round Barn Farm Park**
- vi. White Feather Land**

**9. New Business:**

- a. Action and Motion requested: Move to approve ORDINANCE 25-7 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF LAND DEDICATION FROM CORE GROUP INVESTMENTS, LLC**

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

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

Motion approved: 5-0

- b. Action and Motion requested: Move to approve ORDINANCE 25-8 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF LAND DEDICATION FROM CALATLANTIC GROUP, LLC**

**Motion:** Kristy Byers-First, Nick Goodwin-Second

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

Motion approved: 5-0

- c. Action and Motion requested: Move to approve ORDINANCE 25-9 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNEXATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MANHATTAN PARK DISTRICT AND THE VILLAGE OF MANHATTAN**

**Motion:** Joe Farkas-First, Ed Ludwig-Second

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

Motion approved: 5-0

- d. **Action and Motion requested:** Move to approve RESOLUTION 25-7 A RESOLUTION DECLARING AGREEMENT WITH JON STEVEN DITTER ARCHITECT PLLC NULL AND VOID, AND APPROVING THE TERMS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE ROUND BARN FARM PARTIAL INTERIOR BUILDOUT PROPOSAL BY AND BETWEEN ARETE DESIGN STUDIO, LTD. AND THE MANHATTAN PARK DISTRICT

**Motion:** Nick Goodwin-First, Joe Farkas-Second

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

Motion approved: 5-0

- e. **Action and Motion requested:** Move to approve RESOLUTION 25-8 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TERMS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPT SITE PLAN FEE PROPOSAL BY AND BETWEEN ARETE DESIGN STUDIO, LTD. AND THE MANHATTAN PARK DISTRICT

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

Discussion was held among the Board and Director Kelly regarding the responsibility of paying the proposed site plan whether it should be the Park District, the developer, or split between the two entities.

**Roll Call:** Bridget Hope, President-Yes, Kristy Byers, Vice-President-No, Joe Farkas, Treasurer-No, Ed Ludwig, Secretary-Abstain, and Nick Goodwin, Commissioner-Yes

Motion Did not pass: 2-2-1

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

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

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

13. **Notable Dates:**

- a. **Sip of Summer: August 20, 2025, 7:00 p.m. @ Central Park**

14. **Next Meeting: Regular meeting held, September 11, 2025, at the Hansen Community Center at 7:00 p.m.**

15. **Final Adjournment:**

- a. **Motion Requested:** Ed Ludwig- First, Joe Farkas- Second

- b. **Vote:** Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Motion Passed 5-0

- c. **Adjournment:** 8:27 p.m.