

**MANHATTAN PARK BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Hansen Community Center**  
**397 South State Street, Manhattan IL**  
**Date: August 18, 2022**                      **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:**

**Regular Scheduled Meeting**

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

**2. Public Comment:** None

**3. Communications:**

**a. Legal documents from Tressler:** Director Kelly informed the board on the provided communications from Tressler.

**4. Presidents Report:** President Hope updated the board on her visit to the Village of Manhattan board meeting last month. She stated that the board was receptive to taking steps in improving the overall culture of Manhattan as it relates to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. One of the items discussed was a Equity Action Committee that would consist of members from each municipal taxing body. She invited members of the board to join her and Barbara in future meetings with other taxing bodies as they continue to reach out.

**5. 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. Director Kelly specifically discussed a meeting with Aeropress regarding a shared Rt. 52 entrance to improve safety and traffic flow in Central Park. He also updated the board on upcoming continuing education opportunities staff will be participating in and the status of the Central Park Shade structure.

**b. L-Way Special Rec:** Director Kelly informed the board that Crete Park District will be joining LWSRA if voted in at next month's meeting.

**c. Village Government Agency Meeting:** No Report

**d. Foundation Committee:** Director Kelly updated the board on the status of Winefest and overall Foundation operations.

6. **Action and Motion requested:** Move to approve July 2022, Treasurer's Report including the payment of bills in the amount of \$110,087.59, which may include lodging and travel expenses.

**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

7. **Consent Agenda:**

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

- i. July 14, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes
- ii. July 14, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes Closed Session

**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

8. **Old Business**

- a. **Hansen Community Center Updates:** Director Kelly provided a status update on the renovation project.
- b. **Hanover Estates Park Dedication Re-Schedule Date: September 8 @ 6:00 p.m.?:** Discussion was had amongst the board regarding the rescheduling of the Hanover Park Dedication that was rained out. There was consensus of the board to have it on September 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. prior to the regular board meeting.
- c. **Important Dates:**
  - i. August 23, 2022: Central Park Party/Dedication
  - ii. August 26, 2022: Drive-In Movie @ Round Barn Farm
  - iii. September 17, 2022: Run for the Round Barn
  - iv. September 17, 2022: Winefest

9. **New Business:**

- a. **Action and Motion requested:** Move to approve RESOLUTION 22-5 A RESOLUTION DEDICATING CENTRAL PARK PIER IN HONOR OF WILLIAM H. DELANEY

**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

**b. Action and Motion requested: Move to approve RESOLUTION 22-6 A  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MANHATTAN PARK DISTRICT TO APPROVE  
INTERVENTION IN CERTAIN TAX APPEAL CASES**

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

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

Motion approved 4-0

**c. Action and Motion requested: Move to approve the authorization of the  
Executive Director to purchase a dump truck in the amount not to exceed  
\$85,000 as an emergency purchase as defined by Illinois Park Code**

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

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

Motion approved 4-0

**d. Discussion Item: OSLAD Grant Application: Stonegate/Ivanhoe Park:** Director Kelly informed the board that the OSLAD Grant was released, and that the application is due on September 23, 2022. He explained that although Stonegate Park would be the priority based on percent of buildout compared to Ivanhoe Park, we don't own the land therefore are not eligible to submit for Stonegate. Discussion was had regarding the perception of the residents of Stonegate, and it was agreed on that staff would communicate appropriately with residents the timeline on the park to be installed potentially going for another OSLAD in 2023 for that park. It was also agreed that the district would submit for the 2022 OSLAD for Ivanhoe Park.

**10. Motion to Adjourn for Executive Session pursuant to item 5, The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.**

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

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

Motion approved 4-0 at 8:09 p.m.

**12. Next Meeting: Regular meeting held, September 8, 2022, at the Hansen Community Center at 7:00 p.m.**

**13. Final Adjournment:**

**a. Motion Requested:** Kristy Byers- First, Ed Ludwig-Second

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

**Adjournment** 8:55 p.m.