

MANHATTAN PARK BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes
Hansen Community Center
397 South State Street, Manhattan IL
Date: July 10, 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, and Nick Goodwin, Commissioner

Absent: Ed Ludwig, Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance:

Regular Meeting:

1. **Changes to the Agenda:** None
2. **Public Comment:** None
3. **Communications/Guests:** None
4. **Presidents Report:** President Hope thanked staff for their efforts towards the summer event line-up, specifically Heritage Fest and the Sip of Summer Concert Series.
5. **Staff and Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Executive Director: Presented by Shannon Forsythe:** Superintendent Forsythe updated the Board on the operations of the district. She included details on events, programs, concerns, and smaller projects underway throughout the district.
 - i. **L-Way Special Rec:** Superintendent Forsythe reported that the operations at LWSRA are going very well and that Keith Wallace, Executive Director, will be attending a district meeting soon.
 - ii. **Village Government Agency Meeting:** No Report
 - iii. **Foundation Committee:** No Report
6. **Action and Motion requested: Move to approve the June 2025, Treasurer's Report including the payment of bills in the amount of \$398,570.70 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, and Nick Goodwin, Commissioner

Motion approved: 4-0
7. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. **Action and Motion requested: Move to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:**
 - i. **June 12, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Joe Farkas-First, Kristy Byers-Second

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

Motion approved: 4-0

8. Old Business

- a. **Discussion: Project Updates:** Superintendent Forsythe provided updates on the following projects:

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

9. New Business:

- a. **Action and Motion requested:** Move to approve RESOLUTION 25-5 A
**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TERMS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF
THE MANHATTAN ROUND BARN PARTIAL INTERIOR BUILDOUT BY AND
BETWEEN JON STEVEN DITTER ARCHITECT PLLC AND THE MANHATTAN PARK
DISTRICT**

Motion: Nick Goodwin-First, Joe Farkas-Second

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

Motion approved: 4-0

- b. **Action and Motion requested:** Move to approve RESOLUTION 25-6 A
**RESOLUTION APPROVING A THREE-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
MANHATTAN PARK DISTRICT AND MCCANN INDUSTRIES INC. FOR A SKID STEER**

Motion: Joe Farkas-First, Kristy Byers-Second

Discussion: Discussion was held amongst the board regarding the budget for this purchase and the best option to finance it.

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

Motion approved: 4-0

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: July 23, 2025, 7:00 pm. @ Central Park**
- b. **Movie in the Park: July 25, 2025, 8:00 pm. @ Central Park**
- c. **Foam Day: August 2, 2025, 1:30 pm. @ Central Park**
- d. **Sip of Summer: August 6, 2025, 7:00 pm. @ Central Park**
- e. **Sip of Summer: August 13, 2025, 7:00 pm. @ Central Park**

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

15. Final Adjournment:

- a. Motion Requested:** Kristy Byers- First, Nick Goodwin- Second
- b. Vote:** Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Motion Passed 4-0
- c. Adjournment:** 7:18 p.m.