

**MANHATTAN PARK BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Hansen Community Center**  
**397 South State Street, Manhattan IL**  
**Date: July 14, 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 Barbara Epps, Secretary

**Absent:** Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Regular Scheduled Meeting**

1. **Changes to the Agenda:** None
  
2. **Public Comment:** None
  
3. **Communications:** Director Kelly introduced Evan Vogt, the newest member of the Recreation Team.
  
4. **Presidents Report:** President Hope thanked staff for the quick response to the outbreak of graffiti over the past couple of weeks. She went on to say that between the hate speech, racial slurs, etc. included in the graffiti, along with the social media discussion regarding the July 3<sup>rd</sup> parade, that something needs to be done via the leadership of our community. She asked the other members of the board if they were in support of her representing the district and attending other taxing body board meetings to start the conversation of working together in making changes in our community collectively. Discussion was had on forming a committee representing all taxing bodies and the board agreed that this would be a great step in the right direction.
  
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 open full-time positions, events, programs, and general maintenance. Director Kelly specifically discussed program enrollment for camps and youth athletics.
  - b. **L-Way Special Rec:** Director Kelly provided the board information on the IGA update with LWSRA regarding the capital dollars that were set aside for the rec center.
  - c. **Village Government Agency Meeting:** Nothing to report
  - d. **Park Foundation:** Director Kelly reported that the Foundation is changing the time of Winefest to 2-8 p.m. He stated they are in good shape for the event. He noted that they are having a quarterly meeting next week. Director Kelly also stated that the taxes for the past two years have not been completed and that the Foundation will be creating a fiscal year, budget and putting all financials on a software such as QuickBooks.

6. **Action and Motion requested: Move to approve June 2022, Treasurer's Report including the payment of bills in the amount of \$189,551.51, which may include lodging and travel expenses.**  
**Motion:** Joe Farkas-First, Barbara Epps-Second  
**Roll Call:** Bridget Hope, President, Kristy Byers, Vice-President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer and Barbara Epps, Secretary  
Motion approved 4-0
  
7. **Consent Agenda:**
  - a. **Action and Motion requested: Move to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:**
    - i. **June 16, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**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
  
8. **Old Business**
  - a. **Hansen Community Center Updates:** Director Kelly provided a status update on the renovation project.
  
9. **New Business:**
  - a. **Discussion: Discussion Item:**
    - i. **Leighlinbridge Park pond fountain**
    - ii. **Important Dates: July 20, 2022- Central Park Pier Dedication  
July 23, 2022-Hanover Estates Park Dedication**  
Director Kelly reminded the board of the dates coming up in which attendance would be appreciated. He also added that August 23, 2022, would be the Century East Park Party as well.
  
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 8:17 p.m.
  
12. **Next Meeting: Regular meeting held, August 11, 2022, at the Hansen Community Center at 7:00 p.m.**
  
13. **Final Adjournment:**
  - a. **Motion Requested:** Barbara Epps- First, Kristy Byers-Second
  - b. **Vote:** Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Motion Passed 4-0

**Adjournment 8:52 p.m.**