

MANHATTAN PARK BOARD AGENDA
Regular Meeting Minutes
Hansen Community Center
397 S. State St., Manhattan IL
Date: July 9, 2020 Time 7:00 pm

Regular Scheduled Meeting

Call to Order: 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call: Matt Kelly, Vice-President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Kristy Byers, Secretary and Ben Hecke, Commissioner

Absent: Bridget Hope, President,

Pledge of Allegiance:

1. Changes to the Agenda: None

2. Public Comment: 4 people spoke during public comment, one being resident Susan Eisenbrandt, others being from New Lenox, Peg Marke, Belinda Olszenski and Scott Lorenz. All four speakers shared concerns regarding LWSRA and specifically Executive Director, Keith Wallace. Ms. Eisenbrandt specifically pointed out what she believes is the mis-use of funds towards athletic trips overseas and the mis-use credit cards by staff. Ms. Marke reiterated the fact that she believes that there has been a mis-use of funds and asked the board encourage the LWSRA board to look into spending. Both Ms. Olszenski and Mr. Lorenz also encouraged the board to encourage better oversight of spending by LWSRA and the fact that Adaptive Sports programs are too costly in comparison to other programs.

Director Kelly responded to the group upon conclusion of everyone speaking explaining that the Manhattan Park District Board has been kept apprised of the LWSRA situation on a very high level as there is a lot of information and moving parts. He added that per legal counsel's advice, the situation has been addressed. He also noted that many changes have been made into internal controls regarding accounting and the use of credit cards and that the LWSRA Board sees every credit card transaction, check registers and Treasurer's Report.

3. Communications:

a. None

4. Presidents Report: None

5. Staff and Committee Reports:

a. **Executive Director:** Director Kelly updated the board on the overall operations of the park district. He discussed the start of programs such as camps, athletics and Pollywogs. He specifically pointed out that the Century East playground renovation is going well and that the splash pad is up and running. Secretary Byers asked about the timing at the pad and Director Kelly explained that the timers are fine and that signage will be installed to direct users to touch the sensor with hand or foot, shoes will not activate it.

- b. **Recreation:**
- c. **Parks**
- d. **Finance**
- e. **L-Way Special Rec:** Meeting is next week
- f. **Village Government Agency Meeting:** Director Kelly did not attend
- g. **Foundation Committee:** No update

6. **Action and Motion requested: Move to approve May 2020, Treasurer's Report including the payment of bills in the amount of \$139,768.93.**

Motion: Joe Farkas- First, Ben Hecke- Second

Roll Call: Vice-President, Matt Kelly, Treasurer, Joe Farkas, Secretary, Kristy Byers and Commissioner Ben Hecke

Motion approved 4-0.

7. **Consent Agenda: (Required Board Approval by Statute):**

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

- i. **June 18, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Joe Farkas- First, Kristy Byers- Second

Roll Call: Vice-President, Matt Kelly, Treasurer, Joe Farkas, Secretary, Kristy Byers and Commissioner Ben Hecke

Motion approved 4-0.

8. **Old Business**

- a. **Discussion: COVID-19 Update:** Director Kelly stated that he covered these details in his report.

9. **New Business:** None

10. **Next Meeting:** Regular meeting held, August 13, 2020 at the Manhattan Village Hall at 7:00 p.m.

11. **Motion to Adjourn for Executive Session:** None

13. **Final Adjournment:**

- a. **Motion Requested:** Ben Hecke-First, Joe Farkas-Second

- b. **Vote:** Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Motion passed Adjournment: 7:28 p.m.