

MANHATTAN PARK BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes
Hansen Community Center
397 South State Street, Manhattan IL
Date: June 15, 2023 Time 7:00 pm

Regular Scheduled Meeting

Call to Order:

Roll Call: Bridget Hope, President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Barbara Epps, Secretary, and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

Absent: Kristy Byers, Vice-President

Pledge of Allegiance:

1. Changes to the Agenda: None

2. Public Hearing:

a. Motion to Temporarily Adjourn to go into Public Hearing on the Budget and Appropriations:

Motion: Joe Farkas-First, Ed Ludwig-Second

Roll Call: Bridget Hope, President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Barbara Epps, Secretary, and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

Motion approved: 4-0

b. Call to Order of Public Hearing: 7:08 p.m.

c. Roll Call: Bridget Hope, President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Barbara Epps, Secretary, and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

d. Public Hearing on Budget and Appropriation Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for the Manhattan Park District

i. Statements by Staff: Director Kelly stated that nothing has changed within the budget since being on public notice for the last 30 days. He stated that the budget is balanced and thanked staff for their efforts.

ii. Visitors to be heard: None

iii. Any statements by Board: President Hope thanked staff for their efforts towards the budget.

e. Motion to Adjourn from Public Hearing and return to Regular Session

Motion: Barbara Epps-First, Joe Farkas-Second

Roll Call: Bridget Hope, President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Barbara Epps, Secretary, and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

Motion approved: 4-0 at 7:10 p.m.

3. Public Comment: None

4. Communications:

a. Memo regarding property tax appeal procedures

b. Director Kelly provided a letter from the DeCaprio Family thanking the Park District for the arrangement at the funeral.

5. **Presidents Report:** President Hope thanked staff for their efforts at Heritage Fest. It was a great day with lots of activities. She stated that all the staff worked very hard and it was good to see all the vendors at the fest.
6. **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.
 - b. **L-Way Special Rec:** Director Kelly updated the board that the resolution is being approved later in the agenda.
 - c. **Village Government Agency Meeting:** Updated info in the packet was provided
 - d. **Foundation Committee:** no report
7. **Action and Motion requested: Move to approve the May 2023, Treasurer's Report including the payment of bills in the amount of \$93,613.45 which may include lodging and travel expenses.**

Motion: Ed Ludwig-First, Joe Farkas-Second

Roll Call: Bridget Hope, President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Barbara Epps, Secretary, and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

Motion approved: 4-0

8. **Consent Agenda:**

- a. **Action and Motion requested: Move to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:**
 - i. **May 11, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes**
 - ii. **May 31, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Barbara Epps-First, Joe Farkas-Second

Roll Call: Bridget Hope, President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Barbara Epps, Secretary, and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

Motion approved: 4-0

9. **Old Business**

- a. **Action and Motion requested: Move to approve ORDINANCE 23-5 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS FOR THE MANHATTAN PARK DISTRICT, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY 2023 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL 2024**

Motion: Joe Farkas-First, Ed Ludwig-Second

Roll Call: Bridget Hope, President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Barbara Epps, Secretary, and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

Motion approved: 4-0

10. New Business:

- a. **Action and Motion Requested: Move to approve RESOLUTION 23-7 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE LINCOLNWAY SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION, THE CRETE PARK DISTRICT, THE FRANKFORT PARK DISTRICT, THE FRANKFORT SQUARE PARK DISTRICT, THE MANHATTAN PARK DISTRICT, THE MOKENA COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT, THE NEW LENOX COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT, THE PEOTONE PARK DISTRICT, AND THE WILMINGTON ISLAND PARK DISTRICT FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS TO THE LWSRA FACILITY**

Motion: Barbara Epps-First, Joe Farkas-Second

Roll Call: Bridget Hope, President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Barbara Epps, Secretary, and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

Motion approved: 4-0

- b. **Action and Motion Requested: Move to approve RESOLUTION 23-8 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MANHATTAN PARK DISTRICT TO APPROVE INTERVENTION IN CERTAIN TAX APPEAL CASES**

Motion: Ed Ludwig-First, Barbara Epps-Second

Roll Call: Bridget Hope, President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Barbara Epps, Secretary, and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

Motion approved: 4-0

- c. **Action and Motion Requested: Move to approve RESOLUTION 23-9 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MANHATTAN PARK DISTRICT TO SEEK FUNDING THROUGH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PARC GRANT**

Motion: Joe Farkas-First, Ed Ludwig-Second

Roll Call: Bridget Hope, President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Barbara Epps, Secretary, and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

Motion approved: 4-0

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

12. Closed Session Action Items: None

13. Next Meetings:

- a. **Decennial Committee Meeting: July 13, 2023 at the Hansen Community Center at 6:30 p.m.:** Discussion was had that the July 13, 2023 meeting will need to be moved due to low attendance. Director Kelly will email alternate dates.
- b. **Regular meeting held, July 13, 2023, at the Hansen Community Center at 7:00 p.m.** Discussion was had that the July 13, 2023 meeting will need to be moved due to low attendance. Director Kelly will email alternate dates.

14. Final Adjournment:

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

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

Adjournment: 7:52 p.m.