

**MINUTES OF MEETING March 13, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc. (GC) was held at 7:30pm on March 13, 2019 at Town Hall Supervisor Conference Room with Andrew Schwenk serving as Chair and Jennifer DeSena volunteered as Recording Secretary. The following persons were in attendance:

**Officers Present:**

1<sup>st</sup> VP Andrew Schwenk (S.Strathmore)  
Treasurer Bill D'Antonio (MP)

**Guests Present:**

Veronica Lurvey, TNH Councilperson Dist 4  
Romina Tehrany, TNH Legis. Aide

**Members Present:**

Jennifer DeSena, N Strathmore CA  
Chuck Jettmar, N Strathmore CA  
Mark Sauvigne, MLWD, MPD  
David Paterson, MPD  
Barbara Donno, Plandome Manor  
Lucas Lau, Shorehaven CA  
John Minogue, CA  
Donald O'Brien, Manhasset Park CA

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Andrew Schwenk

1. **Review of TNH Open Items:** Veronica Lurvey

**Plandome Road:** The vision project has been dormant. The last grant would have required highway grade asphalt over cement base, which increased the cost more than the available grant funds. There had been a "Safe Schools" grant but the project didn't meet the criteria. The TNH took responsibility for Plandome Road from Nassau County. It was repaved, but everything else was too much. We should try to hit singles instead of a grand slam – need a realistic wish list.

**Plandome Rd LIRR Bridge:** Romina reported that the hole is being patched by DPW. The LIRR and TNH will determine what further repairs should be made. Repairs will require railroad service outages. The "No Stopping" sign is missing from the bridge.

**Webster Ave Bridge** The low hanging sign over the might be a problem when snow plows go out, but it might be replaced during phase two.

**Bayview Ave Waterfront project.** There is no update available.

**Illegal parking enforcement efforts:** Background was provided. The Park District purchases some properties to be used for additional merchant parking to benefit stores. Several properties continue commercial parking. Property with grandfathered permits for renting parking spaces it increases property commercial value. When those properties are sold, the parking spaces should no longer be grandfathered or be at the #spaces the initial permit was approved for. They apply to BZA for a variance and get it. 279 Plandome Road (Pace) had 45 cars valet parked and don't follow Town code – ie: no handicapped spots. The stores with rental parking spots do not comply with rules about space size. There is more illegal parking in Manhasset than legal. GC asked for more enforcement and code changes to improve ability to enforce.

**Manhasset Valley Park update:** Nassau County offered a lot near the gas station but it would require a retaining wall, is not feasible. Veronica has another appointment with Nassau County to discuss.

**Leeds Pond Culvert** work will resume in summer.

**Leafblower regulation** Town approved gas ban; implementation starts Jan 2020.

**Tree Removal Permits:** Town now sends GC eMails for tree removal applications. Ivy is killing trees along the bay. TNH owns the property and is getting a price to remove the ivy.

**111 Northern Blvd (Mobil):** Permits re-application will rebuilding gas station with 24 hr convenience store as previously planned. Underway.

**Crosswalk at Park Ave /Nassau**, the traffic designer is proposing a re-design.

People wait in the street to avoid getting an \$85 ticket for double parking in the train lot. In Park District: they are allowed to wait at the side of the lot, but cannot block the middle.

**Carvel:** Rumored that application was pulled. Concern that Town's building permit process simply takes too long and just one of the reasons we have empty stores.

**MJ Davies Green:** Playground soft pavement awaiting warmer weather install; No opening date known yet. Gazebo has to be cleaned.

The 11 spots that had been opened for residents using the playground were leased to Douglas Elliman for the year for \$775 (each?) The Town Clerk was responsible for this action. No signs were posted saying they are leased and residents were ticketed for parking there. The next morning Romina reported 6 of the spaces were reclaimed by Town.

**Plandome Pond Park:** Town's planned treatment method to eradicate the curly pond weed was recently newly banned by NYS-DEC; Town now exploring additional options.

2. **Secretary's Report:** Minutes that had been posted on website Approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** we have \$3,805.31 in the business account and \$2,478.06 in the savings account for a total of \$6,283.37.
4. **Manhasset Water District Update:** Long Island doesn't have an ample supply. Increased aquifer pumping increases salt water intrusion. 14 Dioxide is a chemical in the water. A new state standard will be higher. In 2 or 3 years the standard will impact 85 wells on Long Island. Manhasset Lakeville has 14 wells. Two will be over the new standard. It will cost \$1 million to change each well. Water rates or taxes will be going up. A water quality report comes out every April. 50% of water used on Long Island is for irrigation. We have no enforcement for sprinkler use. Mark offered pills that can be put into toilets to find leaks.
5. **Manhasset Park District:** Prior lease with LIRR for small portion of lot nearest stationhouse technically expired, but terms allow continuation of prior terms until new lease is in place.
6. **Marijuana:** Laura Curran recommended Nassau legislature opt out of NYS legalization plan.
7. **Civic Report Roundtable:** waived due to lack of time.
8. **New Business**  
FYI- Library vote upcoming April 10<sup>th</sup>. Two are running for an open trustee spot.
9. **Adjournment:** With no further business, Andrew Schwenk moved and Jennifer DeSena seconded:  
**Motion:** to Adjourn Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:  
Jennifer DeSena, Recording Secretary