

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MANHASSET PARK DISTRICT
CALL IN MEETING June 29, 2020

Meeting 20-13

The call in meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Manhasset Park District (MPD) convened via call in, open to the public, hosted by the MPD via Ring Central at 6:00P.M. Monday, June 29, 2020. On Call were Commissioners Mark S. Sauvigne, David Paterson, and Kenneth Weigand. In addition, Paul Pepper, MPD Legal Counsel, and Amanda Niewender, Secretary to the Board of Commissioners were also on call. The dial in information to call in was listed on the website.

Numerous communications addressed to the MPD pertaining to a wide array of matters were reviewed and discussed and eventually disposition was made to those, which warrant action.

1. Staff Updates

The staff has been working on the LIRR project. It is almost completed. Weekend watering will be scheduled for July/August. As projects have been backed up due to the pandemic and LIRR plantings, a list of projects will be prioritized for the staff. The parking lot remains relatively empty. The Commissioners will discuss long term effects on the budget, and possibly discuss opening more non-resident spaces.

2. VFW Request

The Commissioners discussed the cannon request. They have already heard the community response regarding the cannon. The Civic Association had discussed it at their meeting and there were no objections. The MPD put a notice in the press to invite the public to the meeting to discuss any objections and there were none. There have been no public objections to the proposed cannon. The Commissioners will allow the VFW to continue their plan to place a cannon at Patriots Park.

3. Staff Comp

The following was proposed:

WHEREAS, the rapid spread of the Coronavirus resulted in a declaration of a state of emergency by the Governor of the State of New York on March 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the MPD Board declared a local state of emergency on March 16, 2020 related to the Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID- 19 pandemic, the MPD employees were deemed "essential employees" by Governor Cuomo, and

WHEREAS, the MPD employees worked on a rotation, coming into work, for essential functions, and maintaining the properties as deemed necessary, and

WHEREAS, other local municipalities provided their employees compensatory time, or monetary sums for working during the pandemic,

THEN THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, each MPD employee will be entitled to 14 compensatory days to be used between July 1, 2020- December 31, 2021.

On a voice vote, this resolution was unanimously approved.

4. Annual Refunds

The Commissioners discussed refunds. Since we have always had a no refund policy, they would like to maintain that stance. In lieu of the COVID- 19 pandemic, they would like to accommodate annual holders somehow.

The following was proposed:

WHEREAS, Annuals were sold September 1, 2019 to expire on August 31, 2020, and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, most workers were non-essential and working from home, not utilizing the annual pass, and

WHEREAS, the MPD lots were always open, and a fee was always required, the Commissioners do not find a refund validated,

THEN THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, any Annual Pass Holder will have a courtesy extension to their pass. The current Annual Passes will now expire December 31, 2020.

On a voice vote, this resolution was unanimously approved.

5. Hillside Avenue

The Commissioners discussed closing Hillside Avenue to vehicles and creating a park atmosphere, with picnic tables. This will help local businesses with takeout, creating an additional area where people can go to eat outdoors.

The following was proposed

WHEREAS, Hillside Avenue is not being used as commuter parking due to the lack of commuter parking because of COVID,

WHEREAS, Local restaurants are only allowed to have half capacity inside, and many constituents are looking for outdoor places to eat, takeout,

THEN THEREFORE, be it resolved, the MPD will purchase the necessary items to transform the parking lot into a park atmosphere with picnic benches, greenery, etc not to exceed \$10,000.

On a voice vote, this resolution was unanimously approved.

Having no other items on the agenda, Motion was made by Kenneth Weigand, Chair to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mark Sauvigne and all voted "aye".

Meeting ended at 7:20P.M.

Subscribed in Manhasset, New York
On the ____ of August 2020

By: _____
Kenneth Weigand
Chair

Subscribed in Manhasset, New York
On the ____ of August 2020

By: _____
Mark Sauvigne
Treasurer

Subscribed in Manhasset, New York
On the ____ of August 2020

By: _____
David Paterson
Secretary