

MINUTES
FIRE ISLAND PINES PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

March 2, 2014

Directors Present: Alan Brodherson, Hal Hayes, Mike Hartstein, Greg Henniger, Chris Lovito, Jay Pagano, Tad Paul, Anthony Pietrangolare, Henry Robin, Paul Teixeira, Jon Wilner and Randy Wilson.

Present By Phone: Allan Baum, John Cassese, Russell Saray and Eric Sawyer.

Directors Absent: Garry Korr, Nicole LaFountaine, Ed Schulhafer and Jim Vandernoeth

Also Present: Ken Pollard (Director of Administration)

Meeting called to order at 10:30 by President Jay Pagano at the Neighborhood Preservation Center, 232 East 11th St, New York, NY.

Alan Brodherson motioned to approve the January 2nd minutes. Vandernoeth seconded and the motion carried.

President's Report

FIMP

- There has been a big advance on the FIMP project in that a decision has been made to do a project that only requires the less onerous Environmental Assessment (EA) as opposed to the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) required for the full project.
 - The Army Corps of Engineers will present the draft EA in March for a public comment period.
 - The EA contains issues for fish and wildlife such as the impact on endangered species such as the piping plover and amaranth grasses, as well as the impact of taking sand from the off shore borrow site.
 - The problem with this diminished project is that the long term funds for maintenance and repair of the project are in question.
 - The maintenance dollars are included in the larger project with the EIS.
 - Senator Schumer has advised not to worry and that the Army Corps does have maintenance funds.
 - By early June, Suffolk County will be ready to sign the Project Participation Agreement (PPA) to allow the project to proceed.
 - Gil Anderson from Suffolk County has been attending meetings and providing assistance
 - Brookhaven and Suffolk County have been very cooperative to do everything possible to move the project along.
- As a result of paying off the bonds that were floated for the last replenishment project, our 2015 real estate taxes will be reduced significantly.
- The New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program has \$3 million in grants to Fire Island to improve the island's ability to withstand future storms

- 10 priority development projects were presented last Tuesday and Jay, Tad and Bob Howard attended.
- One of the priorities is for freight and passenger dock repairs.
 - The Pines ferry dock may qualify for a grant of up to \$50,000 on a \$600,000 replacement project.

PAC

- Our elected officials, Congressman Bishop, Senators Gillibrand and Schumer have been very supportive of beach replenishment.
 - FIPPOA PAC will again be hosting fundraisers this summer.
 - Lee Zeldin has declared that he will be running against Tim Bishop this year.
 - For Senator Schumer to come to the Pines a substantial amount of money, like \$50,000 needs to be raised
 - Perhaps with a few heavy hitters and a Fire Island wide event, it could be done.
 - Gillibrand would appreciate donations to her new PAC whose mission is to help women win elected positions.

BOFFO

- The arts group BOFFO would like to do a presentation at the Spring Membership Meeting.
 - BOFFO has been in the Pines for three years.
 - Since FIPPOA has a history of allowing groups to do presentations, BOFFO's request has been approved.

Fire Island Boulevard

Paul reported:

- Suffolk County Police would like to build a shed/garage adjacent to the police booth.
 - The shed is for storage of an emergency vehicle that requires a climate controlled environment for medication.
 - The electricity needed to control the environment makes it more complex.
 - FIPPOA has a license agreement for this land which allows for sheds and fences.
 - The Brookhaven Building Department will require a permit for this construction.
 - Although SCPD would like the garage to be close to the police booth, there is the possibility of putting the garage on FIPFD property.
 - In a related issue, the co-op parking stalls have been underutilized.
 - Chris Lovito and Nikki LaFontaine are taking on the management of these stalls.
 - The parking stalls rent for \$600 per year.

Harbor

Hartstein reported:

- We have received copies of letters in favor of dredging the channel in the bay from Tony's Barge, Sayville Ferry Service and Coastline Freight.
- There is a two week window in which to dredge the harbor from May 15 to May 31.

- Due to the recovery following hurricane Sandy, contractors who have the equipment to dredge have been overwhelmed with work.
- There is approximately \$40,000 in dock district funds to pay for harbor dredging.
- The south dock needs to be rebuilt as this section was not done when the harbor was rebuilt a few years ago.
 - There is erosion of sand in the area of the cherry trees.
 - Research is still being done on implementing a surcharge on ferry tickets for the rebuilding of the ferry dock.
 - Ken Stein does not think this surcharge will ever be implemented.
 - FIPPOA needs to decide if it wants to pursue expanding the dock district to include the ferry dock.

Zoning

- Brookhaven is being overly aggressive on zoning issues and not just in the Pines
- The zoning code is reasonably clear but it is inconsistently applied and enforced.
 - If we want to adjust the zoning code or enforcement we should document our concerns and meet with FINS and FIA to form a consensus before approaching the Town.
- Zoning is a very serious issue that affects our property values.

There was then an Executive Session of the Board, during which a lengthy discussion followed regarding the property of a FIPPOA member. The Zoning Committee will review the matter and make a recommendation.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:18 pm.
 Respectfully Submitted,
 Ken Pollard
 Director of Administration