

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

August 4, 2018

Directors Present: Allan Baum, Tami Hausman, Chris Lovito, Jay Pagano, Tad Paul, Henry Robin, Bob Tortora, Russell Saray, Eric Sawyer, Ed Schulhafer, Jim Vandernoth

On Phone: Gary Clinton, Greg Henniger, Garry Korr

Absent: Jeff Staadt

Also Present: Ken Pollard (Director of Finance & Administration), Matt Tague (2018 Nominations Chair)

Meeting called to order by President Jay Pagano at 10:40 am in Solstice Room, Whyte Hall, Fire Island Pines, NY.

Tad Paul Motioned to approve the July meeting minutes. Eric Sawyer seconded, and the motion carried.

President's Report

FIMI

- Nothing further to report on the FIMI project than what was in the [FIPPOA Newsletter Vol 12 No 8](#).

TRAP BAGS

- The Trap Bag Repair/Replace Project is moving along and will start in September.
 - A major concern is the source of sand.
 - A beach scraping will require 100 feet of beach at high tide.
 - Land Use, FIPPOA's consultant, will do a preliminary survey to see if any stretch of the beach will meet the criteria.
 - The Trap Bag RFP will only be out for three weeks.
 - Russ Riley originally installed the trap bags and is expected to bid on the repair/replace project.
- The Trap Bag and FIMI projects may be done concurrently and there is little that can be done to stop that.

Freight Dock

- The freight dock fence had to be removed to allow DRA and Pines Party trucks to disembark from the Coastline boat and exit the freight dock.
 - As currently configured, the freight boat cannot get far enough to the east to allow these boats to get off the dock.

FINS

- There are reports of Fire Island National Seashore park rangers that have been aggressive to nude sunbathers even when they are in front of the community, where nude sunbathing is allowed.
 - The rangers enforce the New York State law prohibiting nude sunbathing in park lands.
 - The Sandbook clearly states where nude sunbathing is allowed.

- The Carrington Tract is owned by the federal government and FINS rangers patrol the surrounding area, but do not seek people out.
 - The community needs to take into account that FINS, PCS and the general public walk through the woods connecting Cherry Grove and the Pines.
- Pagano met with the Acting FINS Superintendent and was assured that the policy had not changed.
 - Retired Superintendent Chris Soller and higher levels in the National Park Service have not been filled creating a chaotic situation.
 - There used to be 100 park rangers and now there are 50.

Financial Report

Henry Robin, Treasurer, reported:

- The Association and the Foundation are in a healthy financial position.
 - No significant red flags have arisen indicating a problem.
 - The combined budget is about \$500,000.
 - The current projection is that we will have a global surplus of about \$62,000 for 2018.

Pines Marina

- The Harbor is projected to net \$166,000 which unfortunately represents a downward trajectory as expenses have outpaced income.
- Seasonal Slips are expecting to be \$179,000 in income.
- The Harbor budget reflects \$190,000 in contractual income (Ferry, Freight, Garbage, Rolloff)
- Sale of Sand was projected at \$2000, but we are saving sand for potential use on the trap bag project.
- Freight Dock Usage is budgeted at \$6,000 and Harbormaster Dennis Murphy and his staff are monitoring the freight dock.
 - Freight Dock Usage has collected very little in fees mostly because Tommy Esposito has declared himself out of the freight business and is only the garbage contractor.
 - Shipments by Coastline freight are covered in their contract.
 - For safety, responsibility and insurance reasons it is still important to monitor the freight dock.

Membership

- Membership dues were budgeted at \$100,000 and has now surpassed that amount with \$105,500 collected (unaudited).
 - We have never seen such good numbers for membership.
 - Membership Co-Chairs Tami Hausman and Russell Saray have kept expenses about \$8,000 below budget.
- Directors should remain vigilant about expenses even if the financial position is currently bright.

Nominations

Matt Tague, Nominations Committee Chair, reported:

- The FIPPOA Board needs to act on the slate of candidates 45 days prior to the election.
 - The 2018 FIPPOA Election will be on September 22nd.
 - The four officer slots will have the following incumbents running unopposed:
 - Jay Pagano – President
 - Ed Schulhafer – Vice President
 - Rodman (Tad) Paul – Secretary
 - Henry Robin – Treasurer
 - The five director slots will have the following incumbent candidates running:

- Greg Henniger
 - Rodman (Tad) Paul
 - Henry Robin
 - Bob Tortora
 - Jim Vandernoeth
- To remain as officers Paul and Robin need to be elected as directors.
- To complete the lowering of directors from 20 to 15, the candidate with the 5th lowest votes will serve a one-year term.
 - This will put us into the [new cycle](#) of four directors running in three annual elections and three directors running in the fourth year as stipulated in the bylaws.

Sawyer motioned to approve the slate of candidates presented by Tague. Paul seconded, and the motion carried.

PAC

- Perry Gershon, who came to the FIPPOA Spring Meeting, won the NYS Democratic primary for Congressional District 1.
 - Gershon will face the incumbent Republican Congressman Lee Zeldon.
- A voter registration drive to residents would be beneficial here as voting on Long Island would carry a lot of weight.
- There will be a fundraiser for Senator Tami Baldwin hosted by Senator Kirsten Gillibrand at the home of Crayton Robey & Ed Schulhafer on August 18th.
- Chris Lovito attended fundraisers for Councilman Neil Foley and Highway Superintendent Dan Losquadro.

Adjourned at 12:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ken Pollard
Director of Finance & Administration