

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

November 6, 2016

Directors Present: Alan Brodherson, Gary Clinton, Hal Hayes, Mike Hartstein, Jay Pagano, Tad Paul, Russell Saray, Eric Sawyer, Ed Schulhafer, and Bob Tortora

By Phone: Allan Baum, Greg Henniger, Hal Hayes, Chris Lovito

Absent: Henry Robin and Jim Vandernoth

Also Present: Ken Pollard (Director of Finance & Administration)

Meeting called to order by President Jay Pagano at 10:36 am in the Green Room at The Neighborhood Preservation Center, New York City.

Clinton motioned to approve the October board meeting minutes as amended. Paul seconded and the motion carried.

President's Report

Assembly Permits

- Pagano has been in touch with Patricia Ryan in the Brookhaven Town Clerk's office.
- Our Councilman, Neil Foley, receives a copy of all amusement permit applications in his district.
 - A letter has been sent to Foley asking that any permit application for events in the Pines be forwarded to FIPPOA for input.
 - Steve Norring has agreed to come up with a list of guidelines for events on the beach.
 - Once a permit has been issued, the Town Code still applies to sound, lighting etc.
- Once the FIMI project has been completed, there will be new regulations for events on the beach.

FIMI

- The Seaview dune reconstruction has been completed and construction has moved on to Ocean Beach, which is nearly finished
 - The Pines is in phase 3.B.1 and we expect sand to be on the beach in September, 2017.
 - Suffolk County reported that all applications for building permits have gone to the Town.
 - Town DEP review should be issued by the end of November.
- It has taken two years to get through the Department of the Interior, but they have agreed to allow tapers into the wilderness areas.
 - At the east and west end of the Pines the sand will gradually taper past the Pines instead of abruptly ending.

Harbor Contracts

- About ten days ago the contracts for Sayville Ferry and Coastline Freight were sent out for execution.
 - Sayville Ferry would not agree to the inflation clause discussed at the October board meeting.
- In order to institute a per passenger surcharge, Brookhaven would have to pass a local law which they are reluctant to do.

- Other income increases are being considered
 - Some of the ferries are \$2.00 more than what is charged by Sayville Ferry.
 - Ocean Beach was able to implement a surcharge because it is an incorporated village.
- The third-party landing fees for freight dock usage has not been adjusted in many years.
 - The goal is to increase income from third party carriers from the \$1,000 level of prior years
 - The harbor rule of prohibiting offloading at boat slips should be enforced and would result in more freight dock usage income

Paul motioned to raise the freight dock usage rate to \$125 per half hour from \$100 per half hour effective December 1st. Brodherson seconded and the motion carried.

Ferry Service

Eric Sawyer reported:

- A petition requesting additional ferry service in the fall was presented to Sayville Ferry Service.
 - The petition had 130 “in person” signatures and 500 online signatures
 - Sayville Ferry serves the Cherry Grove, the Pines and Water Island.
 - Cherry Grove residents would also like to get the fall schedule expanded.
 - We should do a survey of other ferry schedules like Patchogue and Bayshore.
 - Bayshore has year-round communities, so comparisons need to be appropriate.
 - On one of the Fall Thursdays where the last scheduled ferry was at 6:30, there were 5 specials that followed.
 - Sayville Ferry would not agree to additional service.
 - SFS has agreed to look at the schedule and will coordinate better with the LIRR in 2017.
 - Pagano will revisit the scheduling with SFS in the spring.

FEMA Reimbursement

Tad Paul reported:

- New York State worked to get FEMA reimbursement for damage to engineered beaches from previous storms (prior to Sandy)
 - The total amount of reimbursement between Islip and Brookhaven is slightly less than \$15M.
- The Fire Island Association (FIA) is taking the position that the money was spent by the communities and should go back to the communities.
 - The Pines share would be approximately \$4.6M.
 - The last big project was done in 2009 and paid for through tax dollars.
 - There are very complicated rules to get reimbursed for an “Alternate Project”.
 - The rebuilding of the south side of the harbor may be a good candidate.
 - Any project that already has plans and permits, such as the dolphin project, is a plausible candidate.
- Because the FIMI project is underway, the funds cannot be spent on the beach.
- For the Town to help us get the funds is work for them with no benefit, and worse, if the money does not go to us, it would otherwise go to the Town for equipment purchases.

Hartstein motioned for Paul to be authorized to spend up to \$5,000 to get the FEMA funds to pay for a project in the Pines. Brodherson seconded and the motion carried.

FIB Project

- Bill Santangelo, the first licensee of the Fire Island Boulevard Project, was issued a summons.
 - It is unclear if the summons was for the shed or the fence.
 - Many meetings have been held on this topic with the Building Department, the Law Department, Councilman Foley's office and the Fire Marshall.
 - The issue is now in the Town's Legal Department.
 - The western part of the project is on hold pending the resolution of this summons.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:09

Respectfully Submitted,
Ken Pollard
Director of Finance & Administration