

MINUTES
THE PINES FOUNDATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

March 12, 2017

Directors Present: Alan Brodherson, Gary Clinton, Greg Henniger, Chris Lovito, Jay Pagano, Tad Paul, Henry Robin, Eric Sawyer, Ed Schulhafer

By Phone: Allan Baum, Hal Hayes, Mike Hartstein

Absent: Garry Korr, Russell Saray, Bob Tortora, Jim Vandernoth

Also Present: Ken Pollard (Director of Finance & Administration), Damian Todaro (Director of External Operations)

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

Brockman Estate

- Peter Valente, the executor of Alan Brockman's estate, has advised that the final stages of the process are underway.
 - The Pines Foundation should receive the final accounting by the end of March.
 - Upon the Pines Foundation sign off, the final accounting is forwarded to the New York State Attorney General's office for approval.
 - The Pines Foundation should receive the distribution later in the spring.

Pest Control

Ed Schulhafer reported:

- The Foundation has historically underwritten the cost of rodent control.
 - More funds were raised for DAMMINIX than were spent and the excess funds were applied to rodent control.
 - In recent years, DAMMINIX fundraising has fallen short of its goals.
 - Starting in 2013, businesses in the commercial district were solicited and donated to help offset the cost of rodent control.
 - For this season, the major player in the commercial district has developed their own plans for rodent and pest control.
 - Only one business contributed to rodent control for 2016.
 - Some alternative means of decreasing the expense to The Foundation are being researched.
 - One option is to roll the rodent control expenses into the garbage district.
 - Another option is to have Vector Control take on these additional health threats in addition to the mosquito control program.
 - Negotiating a single contract with the commercial district could also decrease expenses and produce savings due to economies of scale.
 - Both the Foundation and the commercial district are using Advance Pest Control.

- A few years ago, The Foundation engaged Team Pest Control and incurred additional expenses for new metal bait stations.
 - Team Pet Control said the metal stations were required by new state regulations.
 - Metal stations turned out NOT to be a requirement of New York State and Advance Pest Control was brought back.
- The bait stations are only filled in the off season.
 - There is less food available in the winter and the rats are more apt to eat the poisonous bait.
 - Rats are a year-round problem and control efforts should be expanded to reflect their year-round presence.
 - They burrow under garbage sheds and if residents used hard containers instead of just garbage bags it would help allay the infestation.
- Schulhafer distributed an [article about the dangers of the rat population](#).

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ken Pollard
Director of Finance & Administration