

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

January 10, 2016

**Directors Present:** Allan Baum, Greg Henniger, Nicole LaFountaine, Chris Lovito, Jay Pagano, Tad Paul, Ed Schulhafer, Bob Tortora and Jim Vandernoth

**By Phone:** Mike Hartstein, Garry Korr, Henry Robin, Russell Saray, Eric Sawyer and Randy Wilson

**Absent:** Alan Brodherson and Hal Hayes

**Also Present:** Scott Ahlborn (Pines Conservation Society (PCS) President), Jordan Raphael (Fire Island National Seashore (FINS) Park Biologist) and Ken Pollard (Director of Finance & Administration)

Meeting called to order by President Jay Pagano at 10:43 am in the Green Room at The Neighborhood Preservation Center, New York City.

Tad Paul motioned to approve the December board meeting minutes. Jim Vandernoth seconded and the motion carried.

**Presidents Report**

Dolphins

- Bids for the dolphin project came in higher than expected, but the project is still on track.

Trap Bags

- The Trap Bag Project for repair/replacement of damaged bags had to be put out for another bid.
  - This project should take only a few weeks to accomplish.
    - Sand from the beach can be used.
  - The total cost will come in under \$50,000 for the 800 feet of bags needing repair.

Ferry Dock Rebuild

- Because of the focus on the dolphins and trap bags, the Ferry Dock Rebuild project has not had much movement.
  - The RFP for the project is still being reviewed by the Town's legal department.

**Pines Conservation Society (PCS)**

Scott Ahlborn, PCS President, introduced Jordan Raphael of the National Park Service.

- Raphael reported that The National Park Service ranks the Southern Pine Beetle as the number one priority, nationwide.
  - The Pines is being hard hit by this infestation.
  - The southern pine beetle can kill a tree within two to three months and can kill a great number of trees in short order.
    - If left alone, in two to three years the infestation could double.
    - The infestation can be best suppressed by cutting the infected tree in the winter while the beetles are hibernating.

- PCS has contracted with Bartlett Tree Experts, licensed arborists located on Long Island, for removal of infected trees in the public right of way for \$21,000.
  - The Pines businesses Flower Girls or Beachscapes were interested in removing trees in the Town right of way in the Pines.
  - Approximately 100 pine trees, all in the Town right of way, were identified as infested with the beetle.
    - PCS is planning to take down the infested trees and sell new pine trees in the Spring.
  - It is estimated that another 100 to 200 infected trees are on private property.
    - Although this needs to be a community effort, these trees must be removed by the individual homeowners.
      - If not done completely and properly it will re occur in a few years.
- PCS is prepared to pay one half of the \$21,000 cost of the removal.
  - Bartlett will adjust the cost if any trees have already been taken down.

Pagano motioned that FIPPOA approve a substantial contribution to this \$21,000 for this joint effort. Baum seconded. There was no objection to the concept.

- Pagano will confer with Ahlborn, Saray and Sawyer to decide on the appropriate amount.

### **Finance**

Henry Robin, Treasurer, reported:

- The 2015 Year End is not complete but showing an approximate profit of \$24,000.
- We ended the year with approximately \$25,000 in receivables, mostly from the garbage contract.
  - The outstanding balances are expected to be paid in January.
- Following the Brockman Endowment Plan and assuming an average balance of \$2,000,000 in the Brockman Endowment, \$75,000 will be accessible for the operations budget.
  - Insurance coverage is being reviewed due to the large endowment.

Adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Pollard

Director of Finance & Administration