

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

June 8, 2013

Directors Present: Alan Brodherson, Jane Groveman, Mike Hartstein, Greg Henniger, Roger Kluge, Garry Korr, Nicole LaFontaine, Steve Norring, Jay Pagano, Henry Robin, Eric Sawyer, Ed Schulhafer, Paul Teixeira, Jim Vandernoeth, Jon Wilner, Randy Wilson and Lori Zeller.

Attending by Phone: John Cassese and Tad Paul.

Directors Absent: Alan Brockman.

Also Present: Ken Pollard (Director of Administration)

Meeting called to order by President Jay Pagano in the Solstice Room, Whyte Hall, Fire Island

60th Anniversary of the Pines

Henry Robin, Anniversary Party Chair, reported

- This community party will take place on June 22 at Whyte Hall.
 - We are expecting about 400 people not including the 25 volunteers.
 - There are about 139 tickets left and are priced at \$60 each.
- Over \$18,000 dollars were raised in individual sponsorships.
- The Pantry, The Pines Liquor Shop as well as the caterers have all donated their wares and services to the event.
- Tony Impavido has put together a fantastic video displaying the history of the Pines.
- Laura Hartstein has been an invaluable co-chair for the event and a fun party is expected.
- There are actually two celebrations for the 60th Anniversary the first on June 22 and then the Pines Party on July 27.

Whyte Hall

Verizon

- Pagano has been in negotiations with Verizon who want to install a cell phone pole, which they refer to as a Verizon pole, on Whyte Hall property.
- Verizon says they do not have adequate capacity in the Pines for the level of service they want to provide.
 - Verizon says that 70% of phone calls are wireless not land lines.
 - Verizon Wireless says that land lines are becoming obsolete.
 - One of the issues is that a lot of data is being streamed through the towers.
 - People streaming movies take up a lot of bandwidth.
- The tower will also serve Cherry Grove but will not reach Davis Park.
- Although they are also looking at an installation in Davis Park, Whyte Hall is the preferred site.
 - Verizon already has equipment installed at Whyte Hall that will be connected to the new tower.

- As per the FCC, these towers are required to allow other carriers to be installed which would result in even more income for the Foundation.
 - AT&T is interested in having a presence in the Pines but they will not be getting back to us until August.
- Placement in the harbor was ruled out due to the potential of flooding and Whyte Hall was not affected by Hurricane Sandy last fall.
 - All of FIPPOA property in the harbor had significant flooding.
- FIPPOA does not own the property on the north side of the building.
 - The Lepage Pavilion is on property that is leased from Brookhaven.
- The preferred place is to swap the tower into where the flag pole is currently located.
 - It is the easiest place for them to get their equipment in.
 - William Hayden, long time Pines resident and former director, donated the Whyte Hall Flag pole in honor of Ron McKenna.
 - Hayden is opposed to relocating or replacing the flag pole.
 - The Ron McKenna flag pole is 60 feet high; the proposed pole is 70 feet.
- Anyone interested can see a similar pole at Gilgo beach which is part of Jones' Beach.
- No financial negotiations have taken place as of now.
- Verizon already maintains generators on the roof of Whyte Hall and a platform 23 feet wide and 10 feet long under the Lepage Pavilion.
 - FIPPOA is not aware of any complaints regarding the existing equipment.
- Many people cannot work from the Pines because there is not adequate bandwidth.
- Nicole LaFontaine spoke as a 44 year resident with multiple rental properties.
 - The majority of homeowners and renters want the amenities.
 - Tenants want the city in their homes and the Pines outside.
 - Many are concerned that they will not be able to work from the Pines which makes the community less attractive.

There was a lengthy discussion between the board and a number of community residents who are opposed to a new tower. These concerns were based on health issues, aesthetics, noise, property values, risk of damage to adjacent properties in the event the pole should be knocked over versus the potential income and the detriment to cell phone service in the Pines should Verizon decide to locate the tower elsewhere. The contract between FIPPOA and Verizon will be up for renewal in the fall of 2014. Everyone had an opportunity to speak. Before any decision is made, there will be a public forum for the rest of the community to weigh in on the matter.

Verizon is going to arrange simulation photos as if the tower were placed in different locations on the premises of Whyte Hall.

Ed Schulhafer researched health concerns and presented the attached. Schulhafer found there to be no indication of health concerns due to the Verizon pole.

Pagano thanked all who attended the meeting and shared their concerns and that he was most struck by the comments about the aesthetics.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Pollard

Director of Administration