

**BOARD APPROVED 3/17/08**  
**TRAILER ESTATES PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT WORKSHOP**  
**SMALL HALL**

**March 10, 2008**

Janet Jones called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Announcements by John Vander Molen:

(1) Featured speaker, Mr. Simon from Ademero's, is grounded in Atlanta and he will be unable to give the 10:30 A.M. presentation today. Will reschedule at a later date.

(2) Weekend pool opener position has been filled by Richard Fletcher, 6621 Dakota. He will begin in three weeks.

(3) Beautification Committee is going to install rock and decorative stone for golf cart parking at back of large hall. The project will cost \$1779.00 and will be paid for out of the Beautification Fund.

**AGENDA**

Item Number One: Presentation of budget for 2008-2009 by Pam Cole. Rounded the figures. Treadmill only item left in Capital Outlay. Assessment increase of \$16.00 per year. Only change from 3/03/08 presentation.

Discussion on doing pool deck in approximately two years. Comments by Joe Salerno, John Vander Molen and Peg Durham.

Discussion on Fund Balance and need for increase in park assessment. Comments by Joe Salerno, Pam Cole, John Vander Molen, Mary Lou McNulty, Margo Cushman, Janet Jones, and Bruce Smith.

After discussion Board decided to change legal from a contingency item to a budget expenditure. Comments by Joe Salerno, Mary Lou McNulty, John Vander Molen.

Pam Cole stated Waste Management increase is \$674.00 per month instead of \$1000.00 per month as previously reported.

After discussion Board consensus was to keep assessment at 2007-2008 amount of \$746.00 per year. Any shortfall to be taken out of Fund Reserve.

**RESIDENTS COMMENTS**

Harry Splett, 2104 Ohio

Supports not increasing the park assessment. Discussed Fund balance. Thinks marina dredging should be done next year.

Sharon Denson, 1613 Illinois

Thinks the reserves are too large. Stated all committees must come to board for money. All trustees considered equal under the Charter so they must all be allowed to contact the attorney.

Bill Secraw, 1803 New York

Discussed the Reserve amount. Read Florida Statute 189.418 and gave his interpretation of the statute. Discussed maintenance costs. Thinks some capital outlay expenditures could be covered by bank loans.

Beverly Lew, 2207 Michigan

Discussed the issue of leases. Discussed cost cutting of expenses. Thinks the marina needs dredged. Thinks safety issues need discussed. Wants the park assessment to remain the same for 2009. In her opinion work schedule of current employees should be readjusted instead of hiring a new employee for weekends.

Gail Opper 1915 Minnesota

Agrees with Bruce Smith that legal fees need cut but because of the underlying inferences of misdoing it has become necessary to consult an attorney on many issues. Stated that it seems when inquires are answered no one will accept the answers.

Bill Mallory 6919 West Bayou

Believes a visual aid would help the public and the Board to understand the budget and the Fund balance.

Questioned the change in Fund balance for year ended 9/30/08. Believes there should be a firm commitment from Board on the use of monies set aside for future capital outlays.

Discussion between John Vander Molen and Joe Salerno on projected spending for maintenance in the 5 year maintenance budget.

Harry Splett, 2104 Ohio

Prepared a proposal for dredging and recommends doing only the channels. Passed out a handout to Board. Asked if there is a legal threat to the Park.

Janet Jones replied the attorney has received inquires from Mary Lou Smith's attorney which need to be answered.

Does not think items he complains about are petty things.

Gail Opper, 1915 Minnesota

Did not name anyone specifically as making underlying threats.

Florence Mallory 6919 West Bayou

Thinks the open budget discussions are informative. Thinks there should be a clear understanding between residents and Board of goals and priorities for the park.

Robert Durrin, 6517 Washington

Thinks Board has been faced with challenge after challenge .Board members are stewards and acting in the best interests of the park residents. Thinks the Policy and Procedure Committee is being unduly criticized and as a member of the committee does not think the committee has done anything improper or inappropriate.

Janet Jones, Chairman

Would like to keep the park assessment for 2008-2009 the same as 2007-2008.

Bruce Smith, Trustee

Questioned whether the park could terminate the contract with the laundry vendor since we are not receiving any income from the facility.

Joe Salerno, Trustee

Asked when the five year Trustee Budget plans will be discussed.

Pam Cole, Trustee

Five year plan will be discussed after budget for 2008-2009 has been approved. Will schedule a night meeting for 2/26/09 if space is available. Peg Durham to check availability.

Mary Lou McNulty, Trustee

The 3/24/08 workshop will be on disaster planning.

Janet Jones, Chairman, adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Durham, Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peg Durham".