

**DRAFT  
TRAILER ESTATES PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 2, 2009  
9:30 A.M.  
SMALL HALL  
1903 69<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE WEST  
BRADENTON, FL 34207**

Before the meeting, retiring members of the TE board of trustees were recognized for their dedicated service to the park. Peg Durham and Margo Cushman were in attendance to receive their awards as well as the thanks of the park. Joe Bigly, Mary Lou McNulty and Bruce Smith were not present but still received our thanks. Their plaques will be given to them.

The board meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

Trustees present: Martha Brauer, Pam Cole, Harry Fitzpatrick, Fred Hoch, Janet Jones, Gail Opper, Joe Salerno and John Vander Molen. Absent: Bob Durrin.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Pam made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 19, 2009, board meeting. John seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 8-0.

Joe made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 26, 2009, workshop. Janet seconded the motion. Four corrections to the minutes were made by Martha: Page 2, add "public records" to the last paragraph. Page 3, paragraph 1, add "approximately" to 62 percent; and, in the area of page 3 where it states "Martha felt," add the words "for future contracts" after the word "withdrawal." On page 4, paragraph 5, change "to board" to "the board." The minutes were approved with corrections 8-0.

### **Correspondence**

The board was advised by our attorneys not to read correspondence. All correspondence is available in the office as a public record in the categories of miscellaneous, office, letters from attorneys and trustee correspondence.

### **Report of Treasurer**

The amount of \$6,170.47 will be transferred to the money market account today. The value of our CD is \$303,169.57 and the value of the money market is \$757,214.22. Pam stated that the budget performance for the month of January is available at the back table and in the office.

### **Approval of Bills**

Pam received no bills over \$1,500.

### **Informational Reports from Trustees**

Martha informed the trustees that though we, as the board, will not be reading letters at the meetings, any trustee is welcome to read letters at any time.

Pam: We received a certificate of appreciation from Share Florida. She reported that \$600 worth of food was sold in January and 26 people placed orders for February.

Joe: The Saturday dance brought in \$720 and 50/50 brought in \$106. About 400 people will be at the Feb. 5 dance.

Harry: Announced that he has received no response to the request for someone to take over coffee break. He then read aloud the last paragraph of Tom Featheringill's recent letter. Harry stated that nothing any board member has done in our park was ever done for any reason except for the good of the park. We have a good park and, in his opinion, Mr. Featheringill's letter should lead residents to shun those who write such letters or in other ways hurt the park.

John: The marina sign is on hold. It will be placed in front of the "No Parking" area; but for safety's sake, it must be parallel.

Gail: The 2009 TE Park Directory was ready to be sent to the printer until TJ realized that there are some problems with post office boxes in the directory. She has been unable to make all of the corrections necessary because she and Jane were busy making copies and/or performing other duties for Sharon Denson, Mary Lou Smith and their attorney in regards to the pending lawsuit. It is our hope that the directory can be sent to the publisher later this week. Gail also discussed the bulletin boards at the post office. She stated that every job has its drawbacks; and being the bulletin board police officer is a part of the job she doesn't care for. For the first three weeks of January, Gail removed nothing from the boards, only observed. The three-panel boards on the east side of the post office each state clearly that only 3 x 5 cards can be placed on those boards. She feels that 85 to 90 percent of our residents are following the 3 x 5 rule; but, the last week in January, she began removing anything that was not on a 3 x 5 card. The bulletin board on the west wall of the post office clearly indicates that items posted must have the signature of a trustee. Gail counted 17 items, all worthwhile to the park, without signatures. For the month of January, she simply signed all of them; but, she wants residents to know that she will now remove any item without a signature as well as items not placed on 3 x 5 cards simply because that is her job.

Fred: He and Bob are still working on the electrical pedestals. There is a lot of work to do on these and the men need help. Regarding standing water on the roads in the park, Fred stated that a friend of Virgil Reinig's can help and they may have to form a committee. Martha reminded Fred that if the committee is not simply fact finding, there must be a public meeting with minutes taken.

Janet: For the month of January, Health and Welfare sent 10 get well and 7 sympathy cards.

Fred then asked John what is happening at 2012 Iowa. John stated that on Jan. 22, he was a witness in the case, with owner Darlene Beasley testifying via telephone. The judge issued an order evicting the people 10 working days after the judgment. That date is Feb. 5. If the people have not moved out, the Sheriff's Department will evict them on Tuesday, Feb. 10. John will have a locksmith there. Darlene Beasley called to thank us.

Martha: Stated that 15 pages are done on the Web site. The home page is up as well as February's activities. They are working on putting the old records on. At the most, the Web site will be up and running 10 days from now. Business meetings will also be on the site.

Gail then asked if she could share something regarding the Web site. On Tuesday, Jan. 27, she had seen a segment on Fox News in which an analyst discussed a pending lawsuit in regards to Internet content. A dentist has sued a patient who placed disparaging information about the dentist on the Internet. The analyst feels the outcome of this case may change the way the Internet is used. She warned people to be very careful what they put on the Internet. It was stated that "first amendment rights are not an absolute." Gail stated that, like other board members, she wants our Web site to have utmost integrity and we must be careful what we put on the Web.

Martha asked if there is anything the board wants to see before it appears on the Web site. "Do you want me to bring it to you?" John stated that the things we are putting on the site are just fact pages. No one can add anything to it; but, in such a case, the board should be involved.

Martha reminded clubs and organizations to get their activities for March to the office by Feb. 10. By Feb. 15, these activities will be on the TE Web site for March.

Martha then distributed and discussed the results of the questionnaire that was sent with the budget. Joe had, in particular, asked about recreation. Martha went over the results for the hiking trail, miniature golf, Wii room and putting green as well as comments. She also discussed the swimming pool, laundry and exercise room. This form is available in our public records. She stated that the survey has a 98 percent reliability—meaning that the person who entered the data was accurate. 387 forms were received; one was thrown out and another may be. Martha explained that a code was added to the survey so the board could see if the paper had been copied.

### **Reports of Standing Committees**

John stated that ARC met on Jan. 23. Eight permits were approved, two were delayed for more information and two were rejected. The next meeting is Feb. 13, and the meeting time has been changed from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

## **Residents Comments**

Flo Mallory, 6919 West Bayou: Was concerned about the demographics on the survey that was sent with the budget.

Catherine Farrell, 1915 Illinois: Because the answers of males and females are not the same, she wonders how an evaluation can be made.

Martha explained that the purpose of the survey was not to get demographics but simply a “snapshot” of interests so that new board members could see what is important to our residents.

Lonny Stanley, 6620 New Jersey: Thanked Harry for the comments he made about Mr. Featheringill’s letter. He believes Harry’s comments represent those of most of the park and needed to be said.

Virgil Reinig, 2113 Minnesota: Is concerned about who will shut off the utilities at 2012 Iowa, about the standing water on our roads, about parking on both sides of the street blocking an emergency situation and about speeding on American Way.

Martha stated that she will call the county about parking and about speeding on American Way. Virgil feels everyone should call.

## **Old Business**

There was no old business.

## **New Business**

A motion was made by Martha and seconded by Pam to increase hours of secretary/office staff to 30 hours per week, not to include benefits. Pam stated that she found nothing about benefits for full and part time workers in our manual and feels we should go over the entire manual and consider revision so that we can better identify full and part time workers. She said that in Indiana, you could work 32 hours and still be part time. John said part time is more than 40 hours but less than 80 hours in a two-week period. Janet wondered if we should have a numbering system in the office because

it is so busy, but John felt there isn't anyone objecting to waiting. Martha called for a vote and the motion passed 8-0.

A motion was made by Martha and seconded by John to amend Satellite RV Antenna Dish PP 29. There was no discussion and the motion passed 8-0.

A motion was made by Martha and seconded by Joe to amend Storage Lot Lease PP 27—second space rented on an annual basis. There was no discussion and the motion passed 8-0.

A motion was made by Gail and seconded by Martha to approve revised PP 42 Function Reservation Form requiring a one-week advance notice for requests for reservations. There was no discussion and the motion passed 8-0.

A motion was made by John and seconded by Joe to install 3 Vac Alert 2000 VRS for the spa by Galaxy Pools for \$2,451. Ken's had returned a bid of \$3,260. With no further discussion, a vote was called for and passed 8-0.

A motion to approve a laundry survey was withdrawn by Joe.

### **Reports of Clubs and Organizations**

Peg Durham, 6908 Tarpon Lane: A church luncheon will be held at noon on Saturday, Feb. 28. Tickets will be on sale Feb. 15 and 22 after church and at the Post Office. Cook's Night Out will be at the Feb. 5 dance.

Martha wanted the residents to know that concerns they brought forward are being checked, such as Channel 95, the Tribune, bulletin boards, use of facilities, use of the kitchen, etc. We are gathering information and finding out the requirements so we can abide by them.

A motion for adjournment was made by Joe and seconded by John.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Gail Opper, Secretary

