

TRAILER ESTATES PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
OCTOBER 5, 2009  
9:30 A.M.  
SMALL HALL  
1903 69th AVENUE WEST  
BRADENTON, FL 34207

REGULAR MEETING

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE LED BY JANET JONES

Call to order: John Vander Molen called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Martha Brauer absent, Pam Cole present, Margo Cushman present, Harry Fitzpatrick absent, Fred Hoch present, Janet Jones present, Gail Opper absent, Joe Salerno absent, John Vander Molen present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 24, special meeting. Margo moved to approve. Under old business, Fred Hoch was not listed and Fred was present. Pam seconded. All approved as corrected.

September 21, workshop. John made the motion to accept, Janet seconded and there were no additions or corrections. All approved.

September 21, meeting. John made the motion to accept, Janet seconded. Correction on Trustee report concerning maintenance. All approved as corrected.

August 17 meeting. John moved to approve, Margo seconded. No correction or additions. All approve.

May 28, workshop. John moved to approve, Pam seconded. No corrections or additions. All approve.

TREASURER REPORT:

Pam reported that the August balance was \$1,987.20, CD \$310,065.37, Money Market \$77,580.40. There is no report for September due to computer being down all last week. The balance today is around \$324,000. Checks to be paid amount to \$34,000 leaving a balance of approximately \$390,000. There are no litigation expenses included. Outstanding attorney bill to Pinkerton is \$65,605.62. A new bill brings it to \$105,000. Martha has negotiated with all attorneys to pay a certain amount and not pay again until the tax money comes in.

Pam reported on the banks who had been contacted concerning a loan. Bank of America said that they had no loans to fit our needs but would consider line of credit and guaranteed money. RBC makes loans only for sewer and water projects. BB&T feels that there is a collateral concern and do not know how much we would need to borrow. The end of September our cost is close to \$500,000 and if we lose the lawsuit it could come to \$1,750,000. BB&T would want an appraisal of our community owned property to secure the loan. BB&T does not want to use our assessment because it goes to the county and is not in our control. Pam will follow up. They would want the total number of open lots, houses for sale and other conditions. Pam said that Butch reported 48 homes for sale on his list. Normally there are around 50. John feels that we should not do the appraisal now. He stated that there is a Special District Act where the state helps districts. John stated that there was \$260,000 litigation expenses budgeted for 2009. He also stated that in a best case scenario the plaintiffs would pay our bills, worse case scenario would be we pay their costs. There was discussion working out a payment plan with Bright House and Waste Management. John will contact Waste Management and Pam will contact Bright house. Pam recommends that we find a company, not an individual, to service our computers for more availability.

There were 5 bills approved:

Mathews, Eastmoore, Carroll, Hardy, Crauwels, and Garcia. Motion made by Pam to make a first payment of \$6,600 towards the total of \$44,850.04. Seconded by Margo. All in favor and motion passed.

Daniel E. Scott: Pam made a motion to make a first payment of \$6,277.54 towards the total of \$26,947.54.

Seconded by Margo. All in favor and motion passed.

Robert Turffs: Pam made a motion to make a first payment of \$2,430 towards the total of \$12,150. Seconded by Janet. All in favor and motion passed.

Dye, Detrich, Petruff & St. Paul. Pam made a motion to make a first payment of \$5,634 towards the total of \$28,170. Janet seconded. All in favor and motion passed.

Kirk Pinkerton: Pam made a motion to make a payment of \$6,000 towards the total of \$65,605.52. Margo seconded. All in favor and motion passed.

All of the first payments total \$26,741.54.

John stated that we look forward to taxes coming in December and January with large sums coming in February and March.

To cut back other outstanding bills, John will ask maintenance to hold off on overtime especially in the office. Marina sign and mangrove trimming is still to be paid.

John explained that we still have the 72 paragraphs of the 3 amended charges. Mediation ordered by the judge is hanging . It is not set up yet. The lawyers have to make decisions.

#### TRUSTEE INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

Janet read a thank you from the family of Jerry Cartier. Health and Welfare sent out 13 cards and there were 3 deaths.

Margo announced October 21<sup>st</sup> Pot Luck at 5 P.M, October 17<sup>th</sup> Coffee Break, October 24<sup>th</sup> dance with Harmony. Bingo had 370 players in September with an average of 41 players. \$1,838 was taken in and \$1,838 paid out.

Pam stated that she had been questioned about the Directors Insurance. She contacted Pam Osborn concerning coverage. She tried to explain to her that we were a government entity. Pam sent her our bylaws, charter and other information. Pam requested an answer as to if we were covered. The letter she received said that we have very nice coverage but did address Pam's specific question. Pam read the list of coverage. Pam will call again and ask to speak to a supervisor.

John addressed the digging at the east end of the park. Some people were concerned over hazards for walkers.. John called Mike Forrester, 941-737-1902, and expressed our concerns for sight impaired walkers. He requested that residents keep an eye out for hazards and to call Mr. Forrester to report concerns. It is a 9 month project. They have placed orange flags and videotaped places where they might dig.

John remarked on how nice it was to have Clay and Mitch Cochran attend Cooks Night Out. A guide dog was sponsored Cooks Night out and the Bingo Kitchen Group. This was the 7<sup>th</sup> guide dog that they have sponsored. When these groups sponsored the first dogs the cost was \$1,200. The cost is now \$1,800. The dogs handler surprised the Cochrans with a guide dog named Clay in honor of Mr. Cochran's 102<sup>nd</sup> year.

John read the minutes of the ARC meeting of 9/25. The next meeting will be October 9 in the large hall and other meetings will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month.

#### RESIDENTS COMMENTS;

Bev Lew, 2008 Illinois brought up the following issues:

How much are we paying in overtime?

Why are we mowing county property?

Can we afford the benefits paid to our employees?

Why are all the depositions not in the office?

We could save money having trash pick up once a week.

We have always known that the state makes loans to districts.

What are the interest rates that we are paying?

Mary Houston stated that Edna Miller named the guide dog, Clay.

John answered resident questions:

Pam will pull out overtime.

Cutting the county lot is done during regular work time.

Checking benefits—we have checked with county.

All the depositions made available from the court are available in the office.

A trash renewal will be coming up and we can consider changing to once a week pick up.

We are not paying any interest to the legal teams. We can't get an interest rate with the banks until and would have to pay what they charge.

We could cut some part-time employee costs by doing our own setups. Layoff list needs to be considered.

NEW BUSINESS;

John made a motion as follows: To approve Job Classification and Pay Plan for Maintenance Dept., Part-time/temporary positions. Margo seconded. Pam voted no, Fred, John, Margo and Janet voted yes and motion carried. There might be more work at a workshop on this.

Reports by Clubs and Organizations:

Flo Mallery started to speak on other issues and John stated that this should have come up at residents comments.

Fred moved to adjourn and seconded by Janet.

Respectfully submitted by Connie Zack, Acting Recording Secretary