

The Honorable Janetta Dunnigan
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CLERK CIRCUIT COURT
MANATEE CO. FLORIDA

Re: Mary Lou Smith and Sharon Denson vs. Trailer Estates Park and Recreation District
Janet Jones, John Vander Molen, Joseph Salerno, and Mary Lou McNulty,
Case Number CA 11315

Your Honor,

I have been a property owner in Trailer Estates since 1994. Trailer Estates is a 55 plus park consisting mostly of retirees living on a fixed income. The Trustees charged with governing the Park & Recreation District are volunteers who receive no compensation for the many hours they devote to overseeing the District's business.

If the Trustees have violated any law, it is my firm belief, it has not been intentional, malicious nor has any Trustee, to my knowledge, benefited financially.

One short year ago our park enjoyed a reserved of \$533,663 with annual park fees of \$746. Our park fees for the coming fiscal year will be \$915. The increase in fees is simply to help pay the \$250,000.00 expense generated thus far for the defense of the Board and no end is in sight. Currently the reserve is almost gone, the Park is now looking into taking out a sizable bank loan just to pay for our attorney fees, and the Court has not yet ruled on how much, if any, the Plaintiffs attorneys will receive. All of this stems from some politically motivated charges by a few disgruntled residents.

It is my hope Your Honor will give the residents some relief by expediting this case and finding the defendants not guilty.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



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