

BOARD APPROVED NOVEMBER 16, 2009
TE PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEE WORKSHOP
NOVEMBER 9, 2009
9:30 A.M.
SMALL HALL
1903 69TH AVENUE WEST
BRADENTON, FL 34281

The Workshop was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by John Vander Molen.

1. The issue of using a vocal tape recorder for workshops and board meetings was discussed. Though Gail felt it could be eliminated since the Video Club is taping minutes and we are creating a DVD of the meetings, Martha sent a memo containing what Gail felt was good information; thus, Gail chose not to pursue this issue at the moment. She will continue to use the vocal tape recorder for meetings.
2. Gail had planned to discuss the issue of office boundaries. She decided to table this issue until a later date. Though she feels the issue is very important and will bring it forward again, she felt discussing it today when Candidates Night is this evening night, despite her carefully chosen words, unfairly shift voters' opinions from or to one or more candidates. Gail felt that would be ethically wrong. Issue tabled.
3. Gail was asked by a resident to consider changing PP 2 to allow a more free-flowing Workshop meeting with residents being given the opportunity to share their feelings after each topic. For informational purposes, John read PP 2 as it now stands. Discussion followed. Joe feels we got good feedback when we did this two weeks ago, and doing it the new way doesn't take any more time. Pam felt people will be less likely to use their entire three minutes. Margot thought the camaraderie at the meeting two weeks ago was very apparent. Gail wondered if any restrictions should be added to a new PP 2. Joe said, "Why don't we try it; we can always make changes." Gail will write the motion to amend PP 2 and will bring it to the Nov. 16 board meeting.
4. John passed out to each board member a notice to pet owners that a resident would like placed on bulletin boards for owners to see. The notice speaks about where pets may and may not be in the park. John clarified the situation by looking at Deed Restriction #10. Joe said sometimes people who don't live in the park walk their animals through the park. Pam stated that the beach area and the post office are the biggest problems. The Board verbally agreed that it was fine to put the notice up. It will also be in the Tribune.
5. John discussed the loan applications. Bank of America will have an answer for us in 10 days. Regents said our request is in process. BB&T turned us down.
6. Update on 1803 Indiana: The sheriff was called by a resident due to continual barking by a pet. There is a report on file—case # 09-56676. It is still an open case. John sent a

memo in regards to the new developments in this case to the attorney. Pam said the person left the home and that is why the dog is barking. Fred went to investigate the situation while the sheriff was there. The owners refused to speak with the sheriff. Animal control came. The TV is running 24 hours a day so the dog won't bark. John has asked the attorney for assistance in this matter.

7. Joe was concerned about a change in the way Waste Management picks up our trash. A resident told him that WM goes up the street and then back down again, and Joe wondered if this costs us more. Joe has a call into WM. As an aside, John said that old phone books can be put into the roll-offs.

Joe has also investigated concerns in regards to the use of our kitchen in regards to licensing, permits and inspections. Having worked for years in the industry, Joe stated that the only time the Health Department got involved was when a new place opened. Mark Yawberg said he has never seen the health inspector at TE. Joe stated that we probably have the cleanest kitchen in Manatee County. Joe called the county about licensing and permits. They said that is handled by the state so Joe called the state. The state office told Joe that we don't need a permit or license as long as we serve residents and guests only. They also told him he can't get this information in writing because at the state level you speak with a different person every time. The ladies who work in the kitchen spoke with Joe. They called the Business and Professional Division and spoke with them. The ladies will put a sign on the tables saying that the food can only be provided to residents and guests. Joe recommends, based on his research, that we do what we have been doing all these years. We have never had one person get sick at TE in 25 years. John stated that the kitchen staff hired a professional to clean the kitchen.

8. Harry spoke about the DeSears fence. DeSears has been cited by the Citizens Action Group; but since DeSears has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, nothing will probably come of that.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS

Bev Lew, 2008 IL—Some have received no sample ballots and some ballots have been incorrectly addressed. She also stated that we are not a mobile home park but a government and that is why we lost our insurance. Gail replied that she herself had made the initial phone call to the insurance company. We did not lose our insurance because we are a mobile home park. The insurance company was told on the initial phone call that we are a government. Gail also stated that we are a special district mobile home park as well as a recreation district mobile home park.

Harry Splett, 2104 OH—Many voters will not receive the letters TE sent. After six months, mail is not forwarded and sits in the box for 30 days.

Flo Mallory, 6919 W. Bayou—She is happy about the change in the 3' rule at the Workshop.

Barbara Rajkowski, 2106 MN—She related, from her perspective, an incident that happened in the office in which she claims a secretary threatened to call 911. She also felt the office should not be closed for an hour at lunchtime. She stated she called John about that and he hung up on her.

Mary Huston, 1714 MN—She reminded golf cart drivers to cross only at Canada Blvd. and feels this should be put in the Tribune. She wondered how residents know what is in the PP's.

Sal Gaeta, 6618 Marina Drive—He wanted to know about mediation. He also stated that he received two sample ballots and wonders why we can't make labels on the computer.

Harry Splett, 2104 OH—feels it is a good idea for the secretary to make tape recordings.

RESPONSES TO RESIDENTS

We mail sample ballots to the owners of records. That is all we are required to do.

We are not changing the 3' minute rule only the way residents can respond at Workshops.

John read PP 58 about office procedures for handling difficult situations and stated that the office is closed for only a half hour and not an hour each day.

PP's are available in the office at \$.15 per copy.

Mediation is required by the judge and is presently scheduled for Jan. 13 and 14, 2010. Gail stated that even the Board knows very little about mediation. Due to the Sunshine Law, only one member of the Board can be involved in mediation.

In response to the incident in the office, Gail stated she was glad the resident brought her perspective forward but is often concerned when these things are made public and the other party is not present to give his/her side of the story. People often accept only one side then. Gail said her teaching experience taught her that there are two sides to every story and the truth is usually somewhere in between.

Harry asked if Board members can ask questions at Candidates Night tonight. The answer is "yes." Harry said that Barb stated her opinion well, but he believes our secretaries need a 30-minute lunch break because they are under as much stress as everyone else.

Pam made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Opper, Secretary

