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TE PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2009
9:30 a.m.
SMALL HALL
1903 69TH AVENUE WEST
BRADENTON, FL 34281

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Nov. 2, Meeting: A motion was made by Pam and seconded by Joe to accept the minutes. Corrections: On page 2, second paragraph from the bottom, it should say that the Wii game meeting is Nov. 19 not Nov. 15. On page 3, paragraph 2, line 3, it should read following the word “treasurer”: “to make inquiries, changes, etc., to the account.” The minutes were accepted with corrections, 7-0.

Nov. 9, Workshop: A motion was made by Joe and seconded by Pam to accept the minutes. As there were no corrections, the motion passed 7-0.

TREASURER’S REPORT—None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Pam had several bills from attorneys in regards to the lawsuit. A decision was made to hold the bills until a clarification is given as to how the bills should be paid. Pam will ask TJ about this and then will contact Martha.

Pam said we received a collection call from Bright House this morning. She was told that they cannot cut off our service. Pam has let them know we have a problem. Pam also called Waste Management and left a message but has received no return call.

Pam asked about the loan. John said he had heard nothing and will be gone for the next 1 ½ or 2 weeks. He stated that he will notify Regency Bank that he will be gone.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Janet—None

Fred—None

Gail—She wanted to clarify a couple of things said at Candidates Night. First, we never considered not videotaping the Board meetings and workshops. It was the small voice recorder that was discussed. Videotaping of Board meetings and workshops will continue as usual. Gail was also concerned about statements made that we should move on mediation. She stated that she feels it would be wrong for us as a Board to run to the courthouse and demand that we mediate. We do not run the court. The judge has appointed a mediator who has established a mediation date, which we will abide by. A resident asked Gail to announce that the disposal of electronic equipment—TV's, computers, cell phones, printers, etc.—will take place Saturday, Nov. 21. Residents are to call Toni Gaeta, who is in charge of the project, with a list of items to be disposed of. Residents are to bring their unwanted items to the TE Fire Department at 9:30 a.m. on the 21st. Per the county, the items must have a label on them with the address from which they are coming. Gail cautioned the residents to remove all microchips before disposing of anything electronic to prevent someone from obtaining one's personal information.

Margo—None

Joe—The Nov. 11 dance made \$365; the Nov. 14 dance made \$250; 50/50 on Nov. 7 brought in \$39; 50/50 on Nov. 14 brought in \$35; Showtime revenue was \$188. Joe reported that Two of Us will play 50's and 60's music Nov. 21. He is trying this per the requests of residents. The Wii game will be available at the Nov. 19 meeting. The next Showtime is Thursday, Dec. 3. The Christmas party for residents and guests will be held Dec. 19. There is no charge. Tickets are available in the office. New Years Eve tickets will be sold on Dec. 7. Joe announced that a man from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation in Tallahassee inspected our kitchen last week. We passed the inspection and were told that we do not need a license or permits for food preparation or service. Joe said he is working on finding sponsors for Showtime and will bring the information to an upcoming workshop.

Pam—The Share menu is on display. Residents will have to go to Bayshore Community Church on 26th Street to place an order. Pam also reminded everyone that Sal Gaeta has information for residents about energy savings.

John—None

STANDING COMMITTEES:

John reported that ARC met and permits were approved. There were questions from visitors. ARC has decided to go back to using the standard permit form instead of the short form. They will delay adding to the ARC Committee until after the election. The next meeting is Nov. 20. The meeting has been moved up because of Thanksgiving.

Margo reported that the Beautification Committee would like to add Dottie Dvorak to the committee. John suggested Margo make that motion under New Business. There will be a meeting of the Beautification Committee today at 3 p.m. in the Heron Room.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS:

Harry Splett, 2104 Ohio—Submitted a list of ideas he feels will improve Candidates Night. He also supports the changes proposed to PP 2.

Bev Lew, 2008 IL—Registered complaints about Candidates Night and chastised the Board for not speaking up when PP 59 was not followed. She stated that she believes incorrect information was given to the state kitchen inspector and will wait to hear from him herself before she feels the kitchen is cleared. She feels we should check with the state of FL and investigate their interest rates in regards to the loan.

Peg Durham, 6908 Tarpon Lane—Stated she is very concerned about the harassment in the office of our employees. There have been five incident papers filed on one resident since July 9. Peg believes residents should take a stand. She asked if we really need someone on the Board who supports the lawsuit.

Lenora Neal, 6619 CA—Is confused by something on Channel 95 and wondered if there is another Candidates Night. She feels she learned a lot from Candidates Night as it was presented and has concluded that Channel 95 is speaking of the Candidates Night that is not sponsored by the park.

Nan Bradshaw, 1611 WI—Thanked the Board for the card she and the kitchen staff received. She stated that she does not use the tax card for the park in purchases made for the kitchen and is paid only through donations. She is tired of all the harassment regarding the kitchen. She stated that they have donated \$27,000 worth of things to beautify the kitchen and when the opposition raises that kind of money, they can “toot their horns.”

Flo Mallory, 6919 W. Bayou—Was asked by a resident to give her appreciation to Pam Cole for the letter Pam wrote to the auditor. The resident wants to know if helpful information has been given to Pam. Flo also stated that she supports the proposed changes to PP 2.

Joe Langton, 2107 Ohio—Said he is very pleased with our employees and volunteers and is pleased with the Board. He said that if the lawsuit is going to be settled, it needs to be settled/dropped by the Plaintiffs.

RESPONSES TO RESIDENTS' COMMENTS:

1. John said PP's can always be adjusted and PP 59 should be looked at before the election of 2010. Gail stated that she felt it would have been highly inappropriate for any Board member to stand up at Candidates Night and seemingly take over that event. A moderator was selected and the Board was not the moderator.

2. Pam's response to Flo—The auditor told Pam to call the attorney with her concerns. Pam believes the attorney has already been notified but is busy with the lawsuit and may not be paying close attention to the day-to-day activities in the park.

3. Joe responds to Bev Lew—Joe stated there is a sign now up that TE can serve residents only. He wondered why there are continual questions to a topic once a decision has been rendered.

OLD BUSINESS—None

NEW BUSINESS:

Gail made a motion, seconded by Pam, to change PP 2 to permit residents to speak after each topic rather than at the end, while still maintaining the three-minute limit. During discussion of the motion, Janet said remarks should be constructive. Trustees felt it was up to the chairman to see that that happens. John felt the motion should include a reference to the fact that this change applies only to Workshops. All trustees agreed so the motion was withdrawn by Gail and the second was withdrawn by Pam.

A new motion was made by Gail and seconded by Joe to permit residents to speak at Workshops after each topic rather than at the end, while still maintaining the three-minute limit. With that change, the motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Margo and seconded by Janet to add Dottie Dvorak to the Beautification Committee. The motion passed 7-0.

REPORTS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

Peg Durham announced that the Christmas Parade will be held Dec. 12. Refreshments and entertainment will be available. Lineup is at 11 a.m. The parade starts at noon and will begin on the north side of the canal and will then continue down Oregon. Signup for the parade in the office. Late entries will be placed at the end.

Joe announced that the Bocci Club will be the servers at Coffee Break this Saturday. Be at the Large Hall at 8:30 a.m.

Bev Lew stated that the Christmas dinner she sponsors will not be held this year due to liability factors. Joe said, "You have no liability. People like the dinner." Bev said she is concerned about the liability and, thus, the dinner will not be given by her.

John announced that our annual election will be held on Dec. 8 from 12-8 p.m. in the Small Hall. Absentee ballots are available from the Supervisor of Elections office.

Margo stated that Coffee Break will be this Saturday at 9 a.m. in the Large Hall. So far there is no speaker so it will be just a good opportunity to socialize.

Pam made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Opper, Secretary