

BOARD APPROVED 11/5/2007
TRAILER ESTATES PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING

October 15, 2007

9:30 a.m.

Janet Jones gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Janet Jones called the meeting to order.

Trustees present were: Pam Cole, Margo Cushman, Peg Durham, Janet Jones, Mary Lou McNulty, Bruce Smith, John Vander Molen, Joe Bigley and Tom Featheringill.

Janet Jones asked for approval of the minutes of October 1, 2007 Board of Trustees Meeting. Pam Cole made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2007 Board of Trustees Meeting. Seconded by Mary Lou McNulty

John Vander Molen said on page 3 under Standing Committee there were 5 approved permits and 2 denied.

Tom Featheringill asked Janet about a letter from Toni Geata not being read. Janet said it was out of order now. Tom said he would bring it up under old business.

Motion passed 8-1 to approve the minutes as corrected.

Margo Cushman made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 8, 2007 Workshop Meeting. Seconded by Mary Lou McNulty and passed 9-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Peg Durham read a letter from Marilyn Sue Lemmon of 1908 Iowa.

Peg Durham read a letter from the Supervisor of Elections in reference to the election to take place December 4, 2007. The Candidates are: Pam Cole, Sharon Denson, Robert Durrin, Tom Featheringill, Janet Jones, Joseph Michael Salerno and John C. Vander Molen.

Peg Durham read a memo from the Office Manager TJ Miller to clarify a statement made by Sharon Denson at the October 8, 2007 Workshop Meeting regarding having a retention schedule for records.

Peg Durham read a letter concerning the Phase V residents pre-construction meeting to be held Friday, October 18, 2007 in the front of the Large Hall.

REPORT OF TREASURER: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

None above the pre-approved amount.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS FROM TRUSTEES:

Pam Cole said she has been working on the Public Records. If we have a Workshop there will be information we received when TJ and she went to the Seminar. Pam also said we have auditors right now.

John Vander Molen explained where the Phase V Water Project would be, from California west to Marina north of Florida Blvd.
The Wayne Hamblen sign is up at the pavilion.
The curtains ordered for the pavilion are to be put up today.

Mary Lou McNulty said the Website Committee wants to know if they have to post information as to what they want for the Website and do they have to get three bids?

Margo Cushman said Pot Luck is this Wednesday night at 5:00 p.m. Coffee break is Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. and there will be two speakers – one on hearing and the other on health facilities available to us. The last summer dance will be the last Saturday of October.

Janet Jones and Kay Killian visited Tri-Par Trustees on Friday, October 12, 2007. They have a new Florida Chapter #720.305, which allows them fines for Deed Restriction violations in their park. They also recently installed keyless, computerized, security system for \$36,000.00 Reissuing keys alone would have cost them \$18,000.00. They have a cable agreement with Comcast. They also have a policy of giving their Trustees on the job training with copies of their Charter, By-Laws, Trustee description of duties the same as Trailer Estates does.

Janet said the official Candidates Night will be November 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the large hall. Absentee ballots can be obtained by calling the Supervisor of Elections Office at 741-3832.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEE:

Mary Lou McNulty – Future Planning Committee held their meeting in the small hall October 3, 2007 with 6 members present and 4 guests. They would like to see the office get e-mail. Questions brought up about moving an old trailer to a vacant lot, taxing and Restrictions Committee. How can Chet Force get his website become an office website?

John Vander Molen – ARC Committee - he was asked by the Deed Restriction Committee to make a report. Met and dealt with the set up of the ARC Committee set up. They will be handing out copies of Bare Foot Bay and Tri-Par Deed Restrictions. They will meet again on October 25, 2007.

The ARC Committee met October 10, 2007, read a letter from Mr. Barnebey on setback requirements.

Letter read from Toni Smith regarding her not hearing from them on her request to be on the ARC Committee board.

4 permits received – 2110 Minnesota – replace old A/C and add new wall - approved 4-0.

2110 Ohio – replace existing windows – approved 4-0.

2204 Ohio – replace awning – approved 4-0.

6515 Nebraska – corner carport – approved 4-0.

The ARC form for building permit applications will be discussed at the next meeting on October 24, 2007 in the small hall. The November 14, 2007 meeting will be held on November 13, 2007 due to the Flu Clinic.

Each meeting will be posted on the bulletin board. We need more bulletin boards for standing committees.

Flo Mallory – Future Planning Committee – will meet November 7, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. in the small hall. We will review how minutes are to be posted, clarify term “Website” and “Communication Committee”, are they interchangeable?

RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Bob Gentner – 2108 Illinois – asked what are the restrictions on two story buildings? Palm Harbor has three models that are two stories high. John Vander Molen asked are they mobile homes or modular homes? John said check with the County.

Sharon Denson – 1613 Illinois – is confused about the memo that was read from TJ Miller. She had asked to see the Tribune file and there were only two unsigned documents and copies of articles for four months.

Dorothy Naugle – 2110 Minnesota – traffic signal is now available at Canada and Florida Blvd. A verbal announcement comes on and you only have seven seconds to cross and pedestrians have the right-of-way, so please be very careful driving. She handed out a paper on Partial Vision Loss.

There will be an educational video tomorrow morning so please have people show up. A mobility specialist from Manatee Light House will be part of this video and anyone who is visually impaired can contact them for answers.

Toni Smith – 2316 New York – read her letter dated October 1, 2007 for the ARC Committee. She questioned the reason not to have more than five people on the ARC Committee.

Mary Lou Smith – 6907 Tarpon Ln. – the lawyer said you can decide whether or not to read correspondence as a board. You can refer to the letter and say we got a letter from so and so, so everyone knows that a letter does exist and they can go to the office and read them. She said pick and choose letters you read, you need to do it one-way or the other.

She then turned to the audience and read a lengthy letter pertaining to her agenda, as she put it to tell what has been withheld, censored, or altered by the Board and wants the residents to know the whole truth.

Mary Huston – 1718 Minnesota – asked could the Deed Restriction Committee be recorded? She asked if past Trustees were going to get a plaque after they passed or even before they pass away?

Toni Gaeta – 6618 Marina Dr. – asked how you decide what letters are read? The public should be aware of what has been written. Who was the Judge that decided we should go to arbitrators?

John Vander Molen said it is a matter of Public Record and anyone can get the information.

If and when we redo our Deed Restrictions do we get to vote on it? Will this cost about \$35,000.00? No, it will be a mail-out for all residents to vote on.

The last Board meeting John said there were no problems with the ARC Committee, but before you said someone came from out of town and you could not hold a meeting. Then

there was a problem. Why not have more people on the ARC Committee? She gave everyone a paper.

Sharon Denson – 1613 Illinois – Florida Special District if for all Special Districts. She gave a synopsis of the advantages of belonging to the Florida Special Districts. She feels we need this for several reasons, especially training.

Bev Lew – 2008 Illinois – would like to see the ARC Committee, Deed Restriction Committee and Future Planning Committee on TV. She feels we had to go to court because the ARC Committee did not follow the rules, you have to treat everyone the same and follow the rules.

Flo Mallory – 6919 West Bayou – properties without a building or a vacant lot have no usage rights. No vacant property is assessed by the district.

Pam Cole said there are 8 empty lots and we have one that does pay the assessment. Flo said a member of the crew working on the sewer line helped a resident in the park.

Toni Gaeta – 6618 Marina Dr. – said people are not following rules and people do not want to sign complaints. Could we get a Committee to do this?

OLD BUSINESS:

Tom Featheringill said the fee's for the attorney cost \$13,000.00. He said the attorney said we could either sue or sign a waiver but we decided to sue and spend money. If we do not pursue these deed restriction violations we might as well throw out the deed restrictions. Everyone must follow the rules.

Tom said we had a fence in the set back. There is not any deed restriction on that property, referring to the old playground. We got a fence at no cost to us on this piece of property.

Easement and setbacks are two different things.

There was a typographical error on letter sent to Toni Geata.

Official web site in capital letters. Town Hall meetings are not what make Trailer Estates Official Candidates Night; it is Board sponsored and a clubs Candidate Night is not.

At the August 6, 2007 meeting nothing mentioned about John Vander Molen withdrawing his letter of resignation that was not mentioned in the minutes.

In the July minutes there was something brought up but nothing about it being mentioned.

Gail Opper's letter was highlighted in several places; Tom asked if anyone else received on that was highlighted? Who highlighted my copy? Who distributed my copy?

Took a five-minute break.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mary Lou McNulty made a motion that the rants & raves column name be changed to "Residents Speak Out". Seconded by John Vander Molen and passed 9-0.

Mary Lou McNulty made a motion that the following statement be used for the rants & raves column in the Tribune: "THIS COLUMN IS FOR OUR RESIDENTS TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES INDIVIDUALLY ABOUT HAPPENINGS IN THE PARK. THEY ARE NOT NECESSARILY THE OPINION OF ANYONE OTHER THAN THE PERSON SUBMITTING THEM. FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE. FORMS MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED FOR PUBLICATION. FORM ATTACHED."

FORM TO INCLUDE SPACE TO REQUEST THAT NAME BE WITHHELD WHEN PRINTING ITEM IN TRIBUNE." Seconded by John Vander Molen and passed 9-0.

Tom Featheringill - At the next workshop – guidelines, incoming mail, date received, page numbers, suggest have date it was received workshopped, using mail correspondence, Chet force suggested we e-mail him the minutes.

Tom does not think the ARC Committee has authority to limit number of members the Board has.

Maintaining records already covered.

Web site – why aren't we saying ok to this?

Pam Cole made a motion to allow the Ohke Company 1 key to the Laundromat for the purpose of servicing the water cooler. Seconded Mary Lou McNulty and passed 8-1.

Mary Lou McNulty suggested we review In-Home-Caregivers application annually. The Board said to do this.

REPORTS OF CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

Bruce Smith said the Yacht Club's Pig Roast is October 22, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8.75.

Let's Talk Club – their minutes are being sent to the office. All Candidates meetings are important. They have posted their schedules for Candidates October 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Peg Durham said the Church Hymn Sing-a-Long and ice cream would be held October 25, 2007 at the beach at 5:30 p.m.

Toni Gaeta – Video Computer Club's next will meet November 2, 2007

Mary Lou McNulty made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Pam Cole. Passed 9-0.

Peg Durham
Secretary

