

BOARD APPROVED 12/17/2007
TRAILER ESTATES PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING

November 5, 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 October 15, 2007 Board of Trustees minutes as posted. Margo Cushman made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 15, 2007 Board of Trustees minutes. Seconded by Joe Bigley and passed 9-0.

Janet Jones asked for approval of the minutes of the October 22, 2007 Workshop meeting minutes. Mary Lou McNulty made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2007 Workshop meeting minutes. Seconded by Peg Durham and passed 9-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Peg Durham read a letter from Kenneth Meierjurgan concerning the park being prepared in case of a disaster.

REPORT OF TREASURER:

Pam Cole gave her treasurer report as follows:

Checking Account Balance	\$2016.96
Certificates of Deposit	\$286,000.00
Investment-Money Market Account	\$178,794.20

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

We received a bill from Kirk-Pinkerton for the month of August for \$6624.10. Pam Cole made a motion to pay this bill. Seconded by John Vander Molen and passed 8-1.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS FROM TRUSTEES:

Pam Cole said we received a letter from Charles E. Hackney the Manatee Property Appraisers with a refund check for \$3042.09. This was for charges for services and unspent budget appropriations.

Pam discussed the increase of storage lot fees in January 2005 and there would be an increase each year, but we are not increasing each year. John Vander Molen said it may have been the County raising their fees to us.

Pam said the cost of the laminating material is going up. It cost 60 cents to laminate resident's cards and we only charge 50 cents. It was suggested to check other places to purchase besides Staples and buy in bulk.

Pam said if people have a problem with her she wishes they would come talk to her.

Bruce Smith also said if anyone has a problem with him please come to him.
Bruce asked for anyone interested in helping on the web site contact him. The next meeting will be November 15th.

Bruce brought up our policy for charging \$60.00 for our personnel mowing or cleaning up yards.

There was a lot of discussion on this and John Vander Molen read in our Deed Restrictions that we have a right to enter property and to do this.

Bruce asked if a memo came out about Candidates Night. He did not receive one. The memo was only given to the Candidates.

John Vander Molen said the work on the docks is starting this morning. Also one of the markers going out into the Bay is missing; it rotted away and was found on shore. We split the cost with Bayshore Gardens and it will cost us \$200.00. John gave Mark the okay to get this taken care of.

The new docks will be a new material, which should last longer.

We will be getting a bill for \$1810.00 for cutting mangroves. It was covered by approval the first of the year.

John presented each Trustee a sheet showing the cost of employee wages of cutting grass on properties that have been turned as unsightly.

John is checking on the document management. He is checking with R&S from Lakeland, M&CC from Tallahassee and Alan Mercill.

Tom Featheringill asked, why do we have our maintenance people doing lawns, why not contract it out?

John said Deed Restriction #7 says we have the right to enter upon all lots, blocks, or parcels to cut grass, to remove rubbish, and to keep such lots, block or parcels from creating an unsightly appearance and the right to charge for this.

Mary Lou McNulty read a note from Rita LaFlamme and Joe and Mary Ann Drummel.
Mary Lou asked what brought up this \$60.00 charge for cleaning up lawns?

Mary Lou said the Future Planning Committee would meet Wednesday, November 7, 2007.

Mary Lou said she felt Pam should call Ken Meierjurgan and tell him what the Disaster Committee has done so far and see what he feels we should do. She also said Bruce has not as yet gotten a place to meet after a disaster. He was to do this a couple of months ago. Bruce said he is working on this.

Mary Lou said bricks are still for sale for the Sunset Beach Walkway.

Margo Cushman said Coffee Break will be Saturday, November 17th and a speaker from Marsa will be here.

Pot Luck will be Wednesday, November 21st.

Bingo report: 672 players in October. Took in \$3165.00 and paid out \$3165.00 with an average of 75 players per night. The Jackpot for October took in and paid out \$2372.00

Tom Featheringill said Showtime will be November 15th and the Christmas show will be December 6th.

This Saturday Night Dance November 10th will be Two of Us, November 17th Lee & Char and November 24th Musical Memories. There will be no dance on December 22nd and 29th. December 31st will be the New Years Eve Party.

Janet Jones asked the people to please be careful when someone from Desoto Association calls about buying your property, get an appraisal on your own.

Janet thanked Joe Salerno for getting our music back on Channel 96.

Janet told people not to forget Candidates Night tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the large hall.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEE:

Martha Brauer said the Policy and Procedure Committee would meet November 16th at 10:00 a.m. for 2 hours in the small hall.

John Vander Molen said the Deed Restriction Committee would meet Thursday, November 8th at 9:00 a.m. in the back of the large hall.

John Vander said the ARC Committee met October 24th and had approximately 8 permits. The next meeting will be November 13th and the meetings are posted.

Flo Mallory acting Chairperson for Future Planning Committee will meet November 7th at 1:00 p.m. in the small hall. The agenda will be survey discussion, a five year plan and the web site.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Mary Huston – 1714 Minnesota – asked Pam Cole what we pay the County for the storage lot area. She also questioned Janet Jones about going to Tri Park and discussed the 720 and we do not have this in our Charter.

Janet explained they discussed it with Tri Par only and the Deed Restriction Committee will look into it.

Mary made a comment about Rants and Raves.

Mary said if anyone has ideas for the Deed Restriction Committee; please feel free to bring them to a member of the committee.

Robert Baugh – 1909 Illinois – Said he had been to a lawyer and the park can enter the property to clean it up.

Robert said people are acting like kids; everyone should sit down and talk things out.

Robert said the Woodshop is saving the park money by crushing cans.

Jean Cotter – 2007 Illinois – said if we do not start maintaining yards we will be living in trailer trash.

John Riedel – 21st Street – owns property on Arizona Street but lives on 21st Street. He says the mangroves in the canal behind the horseshow courts are terrible and they are blocking the canal.

Sharon Denson – 1613 Illinois- said she wants the Trustees to vote for the Florida Association of Special Districts, we need this for our park. They can offer education and we are losing reliable resources everyday. She said to think of our District and vote yes.

Martha Brauer – 6706 Marina Dr. – responded to the comment regarding the By Laws. Everyone interprets it different. We do need a lawyer every now and then.

Regarding the Budget, when you have something approved in the Budget, the lawyer stated the passing of the Budget does not cause changes in the policy.

Toni Gaeta – 6618 Marina Dr. – said when each Trustee cast their vote she would like for them to share their thoughts on why they are voting the way they are. She also feels we should have a Mediator Committee. Bruce Smith says he plans on doing that.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tom Featheringill said in the August 6, 2007 minutes it did not include the statement of John Vander Molen's resignation and it should reflect this; let it be known now it will be done.

Bruce Smith asked at Candidates Night how are the questions being taken? Janet Jones said the Mediator would ask the questions. Bruce said he should be fair with all Candidates. Names will go on the questions. He feels the Trustees should not ask questions; also it should not be a debate in the audience.

Tom Featheringill said if a card is not signed the question should not be read. This will be done.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bruce Smith said training is the main interest. Pam Cole and John Vander Molen said we could get information without belonging to the Florida Association of Special Districts. Bruce Smith made a motion to become a member of the Florida Association of Special Districts. Seconded by Tom Featheringill.

After much discussion a motion was made by Mary Lou McNulty to table this until December 3, 2007 after we get some answers. Seconded by Margo Cushman and passed 7-2.

Pam Cole talked about problems they are having in the office with the computers. We have one new one and two rebuilt ones. Someone from MRK Technology Services, Inc. has come in and worked on them. They need a new server at a cost of \$3415.15. Pam Cole therefore moved to hire MRK Technology Services, Inc. for \$3415.15 to fix our computers. Seconded by Mary Lou McNulty and passed 9-0.

REPORTS OF CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

Toni Gaeta - Computer Club - told various things they are working on for this year. She also feels the ARC Committee, Future Planning and Deed Restriction Committee should be taped.

Sharon Denson – Let's Talk Club said they had a Candidates Night on October 18, 2007. They are having a meeting November 8, 2007 on the bidding process and another Candidates Night November 13, 2007.

Tom Featheringill made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Bruce Smith and passed 9-0.

Peg Durham
Secretary