

WW on Apr 2010 meeting

This is your Woodshop reporter reporting on the concerns of the Woodshop.

Several members of the Woodshop attended the Board meeting of April 19th on behalf of the Woodshop.

A survey had been placed at the Shop concerning the limiting of the hours of shop operation during the summer months. The intent of the Board's survey appeared to be the saving of energy related to the cost of staying open.

The rising cost of doing business in the park has been escalating for several years. This is not something that just happened. Despite our financial dilemma, the Board has not hesitated to add additional cost to the residents by introducing added activities such as pickle ball, chair volleyball, Wi and so on. These activities are enjoyed by many residents, but has added expense by using air conditioners as well as set-up time by our maintenance department, not to mention creating a scheduling nightmare.

We got the feeling from the meeting that it was all right to spend money in the winter but to restrict the activities in the summer for out full-time residents. As one of many organizations in the park that have been in operation for many years and we have donated greatly to the residents and to these other organizations.

We are very aware of the cost of legal expenses due to the lawsuit. We are also aware of the excessive legal bills related to the lawsuit. Residents , as well as members of the board, have asked our Chairman to refrain from contacting our legal team on many occasions. Her response has been that she has the authority and she will contact them as she wants.

One of our Board members, expressed her opinion, said she was confused because the residents were asking the Board to cut costs. If she thinks she is confused, you should have been sitting in the audience.

You are correct, we do have to cut costs, but raising the assessments of the residents and cutting services is not the only answer.

We have discussed cost saving in our meeting and have several suggestions , even though we were not asked. The members of the Woodshop are looking forward to working with the Park in this cost cutting effort.

We hope that all of this bickering can be brought to a conclusion quickly so that we can get back to a lawyer free, stress free park life as it was before.

That's how it is with your Woodshop reporter, John Ames.