

**DRAFT  
TRAILER ESTATES PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORKSHOP**

**DATE: July 26, 2010**

**9:30 a.m.**

**SMALL HALL  
1903 69<sup>th</sup> Avenue West  
BRADENTON, FL 34207**

**Pam Cole opened the meeting at 9:30 A.M.**

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS OF TRUSTEES:**

**As treasurer, Pam Cole reported a checking account balance of \$14,602.33 and a Money Market Account balance of \$1,147,159.04. Pam also reported on budget performance for June. Pam also gave days of the week that she could be reached in the office.**

**Margo Cushman read an informational report from Martha Brauer. See attached report.**

**Pam Cole then read a legal notice from the State of Florida regarding the kitchen inspection and reply from Kirk Pinkerton, TE District attorney regarding July 1 inspection.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS:**

**Peg Durham, 6908 Tarpon Lane, Announced that Cooks Night Out will be held August 5, 2010 and tickets went on sale today at the post office.**

**DISASTER PLAN: Pam Cole discussed the Districts Disaster Plan. Pam also informed the residents need to plan ahead for there personal safety.**

**FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES: Pam announced that we would get \$14,000 in insurance premiums returned to us due to overpayment last year. She also received information regarding the possible reduction of premiums for next year in the amount of 4-5%.**

**GENERAL LEDGER PROBLEM CORRECTIONS: Pam discussed a Journal Entry error in one of the Districts accounts. The error has been corrected. She stated she has not found out how the error occurred but assured the residents that the matter was under control.**

**SPA UPDATE: Pam informed the residents about the bids of \$14,000 - \$15,0000 for fixing the spa safety issue to bring our spa up to code.**

**SMALL HALL AIR CONDITIONER PROBLEM: Pam informed the residents that the small hall air conditioner was repaired at minimal cost.**

**RESIDENTS COMMENTS:**

**Bev Lew – 2008 Illinois – Discussed fines, license, and insurance regarding kitchen issue. She also would like to know about the accounting error. She also informed the board of disaster locations.**

**Janet VanderMolen – 6807 Massachusetts - See attached.**

**Pam responded to some of Janet VanderMolen’s statements in regards to kitchen inspection during Cooks Night Out.**

**Bev Lew was granted a few more minutes to speak again. She addressed the open seat on the Trailer Estates Board of Trustees.**

**Peg Durham – 6908 Tarpon Lane – Reported a problem at the pool. Some children and adults are not abiding by the regulations. She feels this situation needs to be looked into.**

**Mary Huston – 1714 Minnesota – Mary asked about a pool situation that she had reported to the office in the past. The issue was people coming into the pool without a key.**

**Barb Duran – 6517 Washington – Barb stated that she had also witnessed people at the pool not complying with the rules.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 A.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Margo Cushman, Acting Secretary**

**Lenora Neal, Recording Secretary**

July 26, 2010 ———

Janet VanderMolen, 6807 Massachusetts St.

This is in response to the July 11, 2010 letter that Mrs. Lew sent to the Board and I feel that I must correct some of her egregious misinformation. I will give you a copy of this response so that under no circumstances can my words be misquoted or misinterpreted.

1. She raises the question regarding the bill for the water fountain in the woodshop.

Fact: The water fountain in the woodshop was offered to the club as a budgeted item. They opted to fund the fountain themselves. I thought that was a wonderful gesture on their part, well in keeping with their traditions of service to this community. Why she now questions allowing the employees to use that fountain is beyond my understanding. I cannot believe that the members themselves would ever wish to deny the employees, working outside in all kinds of weather the use of a water fountain situated in an air conditioned building built and maintained by the taxpayers no matter who paid for a water fountain.

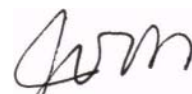
2. She states also that JVM (John VanderMolen) is back in court spending TE money. That is an attorney decision, not ours. She goes on to question why our home is in a trust. If she had asked me, I could have told her it has been in a trust for over 14 years now.
3. At a fire hall gathering awhile ago, I understand that she openly made a statement to several people that she has someone watching our home in order to report to her just who comes to call and how long they stay. If this is still going on, please let me know, and I'll make certain to leave my blinds open and the lights on to assist you in your surveillance.
4. Now I would like to address the kitchen incident that occurred July 1 at Cook's Night Out.

In the many court documents is an E-mail from Mary Lou Smith to Tom Featheringill in which she states that she and her sister Sharon Denson had talked to Pam Cole and felt that Pam was "easily trainable". Which I felt was a rather insulting statement.

When the state inspector showed up on Cook's night out and was in discussion in the kitchen with Margo Cushman, a trustee, Pam Cole came rushing in to the kitchen. Frankly, due to the aforementioned E-mail I was alarmed. To this day I have no idea what Pam was thinking, was it pure carelessness on her part or an effort to implicate the park or Margo in a sunshine violation. So I intervened and reminded her of the potential violation. She did leave.

Interestingly in her deposition under oath she accused trustees of violations of the sunshine law because she saw them speaking to one another. Well, over 80 people saw her possibly discussing a matter that will eventually come to the board for a vote. If I hurt her feelings by intervening..... so be it. The community is more important to me than her feelings.

As a former college nursing instructor and former supervisor in a state psychiatric hospital I am deeply concerned about Mrs. Lew's constant bullying, and harassment of this board and our employees. While I have pity for her and her obvious problems I am more concerned about the effect her behavior has



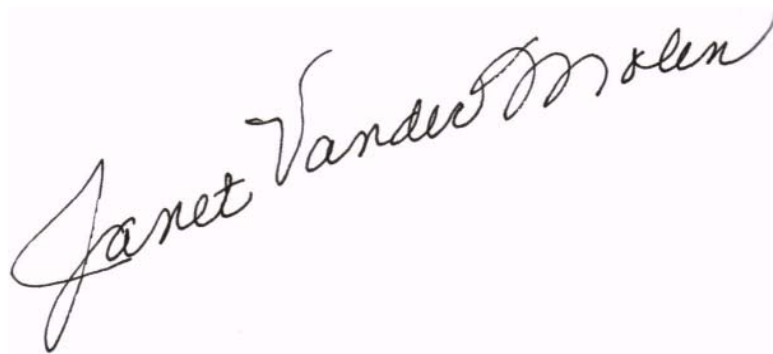
upon our community and our employees. I would hope that at some point her family will recognize the harm she is doing to herself and others and get her the help she so obviously and desperately needs.

I know the park is unable to address this problem but one solution that possibly could help would be for the video club to stop filming meetings. I realize this would inconvenience a number of our residents but it would certainly eliminate our having to witness the constant repetitive micro-management and harassment of the board to the relief of many. As for her rudeness to employees, I have no solution to offer other than words of consolation to them.

I would like to suggest that if she is going to continue to write complaining and harassing letters in order to formulate public records, that she brush up on the grammar and sentence structure in her letters. They certainly could be read more easily.

Final thought, a community is much like a hive of bees. There are workers and there are drones.. they all buzz, but some are productive and others just buzz around contributing little or nothing but a lot of annoying noise. Thank you

Janet VanderMolen

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet VanderMolen". The signature is written in a cursive style and is slanted downwards from left to right.