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TRAILER ESTATES PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEE WORKSHOP  
OCTOBER 25, 2010  
9:30 A.M.  
SMALL HALL  
1903 69<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE WEST  
BRADENTON, FL 34207

The Workshop was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Martha Brauer.

Martha asked for additions to the agenda. Fred stated that a member of ARC resigned and that committee needs a replacement. Martha reminded Fred that he had to post the opening and then bring a recommendation to the Board. Fred will do that. Pam stated that we need to dispose of an elliptical machine that is inoperable. PP48 states that if it has no worth whatsoever, it can be disposed of. Pam will bring that forward at the next meeting. Fred said he would like to discuss pool keys. Gail asked if she could delete three items from the agenda--#7 Role of Attorneys/Role of the Board; #8 Role of Vice Chairs; #9 Role of Chairman. Those were dropped.

**Workshop Items for Discussion:**

1. Pet Policy—Government Schedule One states we can dispose of things with no value. In the case of pet applications, should we require a doctor's letter of our residents every year?

Pam: How many people with a temporary disability will get rid of a pet once the disability ends? People are attached to those pets.

The consensus of the Board is that we should eliminate the yearly letter but bring in the shot records. We should send one more letter so we can perhaps dispose of old medical records. New pet applications still need a doctor's prescription.

Mary Huston, 1714 MN—Will the pet policy remain the same? Does this have anything to do with our deed restrictions?

Martha: Pet policy remains the same and deed restrictions are not changed.

2. District Office Area Policy—The advice of the attorneys on this is that the policy should cover district grounds not office area only and it shouldn't contain a lockstep procedure.

Jim: When you call the Sheriff, let them do their job. If we don't do this, they will put us at the bottom of the list with the lady whose cat is up a tree.

Martha: Should we turn off the microphone?

Jim: No. The microphone is the best evidence you have.

Gail: Should we also look at PP58A since that seems to be a lockstep, too?

Harry: Should we have a Sear gent at Arms?

Jim: He had better know what he's doing.

Gail: Jim's knowledge is a huge help on the Board. I think we should lean on his expertise. Question: How did PP58 get to the attorneys?

Martha: As you discuss something with the attorneys, other things come up and they say, "Send that to me."

Flo Mallory, 6919 W. Bayou—She asked the Board to consider the welfare of all property owners. Does PP58 cover property owners?

Harold Bosler, 1805 Iowa—Dial 911 in an emergency.

Sharon Denson, 1613 IL—People have to listen respectfully especially since you are a government. Gail nodded her head.

Martha: People cannot be judged by the gestures they make. This happened at Candidates Night when someone blinked their eyes and it was perceived that person was making faces at a candidate.

Gail: Disrespect goes two ways. You can listen respectfully but then completely change what the other person said. That, too, is disrespect. We may be a government, but I believe we are first neighbors. We are not a government like Manatee County or Bradenton where we don't know the people in the audience. Maybe if we treat one another like neighbors first, things will be different.

Tom Kasarda, 2215 Bay Drive—His mother lives in a co-op and there is a sheriff present at all times.

Mary Huston, 1714 MN—Do you have cameras in the office?

Martha: Our security is our security. By law we are not required to have resident comments at Workshops.

Mary Wadman, 6514 New Jersey—You have to do something with the pool. Mary was verbally abused when she said kids should not be in the hot tub.

Bev Lew, 2008 IL—Feels she was getting faces at candidates night.

Connie Zack, 6819 MA—In response to Bev Lew, Connie stated that her eyes blink all the time. Bev Lew, on candidates night, said are you grimacing at me? Connie told Bev Lew that the latter said nothing about talking too loud.

Martha closed public comment at this point.

Harry: We didn't need a kitchen license.

3. Reservations—How do we deal with exceptions that are reasonable to established rules? This happens in the summer.

Joe: We need to be flexible.

Martha: Can we say that from May 15-Oct. 15 we can use discretion and allow either the secretary trustee or the office staff to sign reservations? Board felt this is fine.

Gail: Should we add to the reservation form something about serving the public and obtaining a license?

Martha: Three days prior to the scheduled event, you must apply for a license by phone, in writing, or by going to a district office. The first time, the DBPR has to come to inspect the kitchen.

Lenora Neal, 6619 CA—The DBPR does come out. They check the operation and then issue a license.

Ed Vesneski, 2206 IL—Can we use facilities that are not being used?

Lenora Neal, 6619 CA—We should be able to use the facilities if no one else is using them.

Bev Lew, 2008 IL—The Board should workshop the kitchen information with the people.

Bart Langer, 1716 WI—He likes there to be flexibility.

Gail: Even though she agrees with flexibility, there is a problem with that because all we hear at the microphone is rules, rules, rules.

4. Kitchen Policy PP60—We have to make sure that we clarify on our signs that our events that utilize the kitchen are for Trailer Estates residents and guests only.

Lenora Neal, 6619 CA—We need clarification for the shuffle tournament.

Bev Lew, 2008 IL—Must all guests be registered?

Jim: If my brother-in-law comes to visit Saturday morning and leaves Saturday evening, does he have to be registered?

Martha: Guests can't be registered if the office is closed.

5. Candidates Night PP59—A resident told Martha that names should be on cards so people don't submit more than one question.

Bev Lew, 2008 IL—Governments cannot run Candidates Night.

Deb: In a democracy, everyone should get a fair chance to ask a question.

6. Tribune—The question in regards to personal opinion is: Is the Tribune a newspaper or a bulletin. With the exception of Harry, the Board feels no personal opinion should be in the Tribune. Gail will write a policy, bring it before the Board for review, and then it will be sent to the attorney.

Bart Langer, 1716 WI—The lack of information as well as misinformation is rampant. He would like more information and would also like a meeting summary.

Sandy Hoisington, 2012 Iowa—She is a third generation resident and the turmoil in the park breaks her heart. She depends on the Tribune and 95. She doesn't feel it should be a negative paper. She feels we should collect suggestions and post them but not respond to them.

Sharon Denson, 1613 IL—She thanked the Board for tackling the job of creating a PP for the Tribune. She also feels personal opinion is personal opinion and gave an example from the October Tribune. She feels there should be articles about things going on in the park.

Bruce Smith, 2316 NY—The Tribune is a danger for us as a government. It should be turned over to a club.

Jim: How long would it take before someone would say a club has bias? Maybe several clubs could send a member to handle the Tribune.

Flo Mallory, 6919 W. Bayou—Have positive comments printed. Use volunteers.

Phyllis Hamblen, 6616 Marina Drive—She would prefer paying for legal advice rather than legal defense.

Gail: Believes the Board should vote on all attorney jobs. She feels public money spent should be voted on at the Board table if the Board is available to do so. The park isn't what it once was. Now all we hear is threats of lawsuits or inferences of such. How many of those have we heard today?

Jim: There is an attorney out there to give the other side of any situation.

Harry: The park is like it used to be for the most part.

Bev Lew, 2008 IL—We don't know what money is spent on.

Gloria Marshall, 6522 WA—The Board should think about hiring an attorney on a retainer fee rather than an hourly rate. I saw all kinds of information such as legal documents on a TE Web site. On TE's official Web site, why don't we have a place for public comments?

Martha: Public comment is not part of our TE Web site. The site with legal documents and public comments belong to Dan Smith, the husband of Mary Lou Smith who sued us.

Ed Vesneski, 2206 IL—There is a tremendous amount of distrust. You should have things that are black and white and indisputable. There should not be a spending of money above the budget.

Martha closed public comment and said: People can read public records. We went over the budget because we had to go to the lawyer for the kitchen issue.

7. Beach Pavilion—Should we accept continual reservations for the beach pavilion? One group already has it every Friday. Someone then asked for it every Sunday in November. Though that person decided against reserving it for every Sunday in November, Gail felt this is an issue the Board should discuss and make a decision on. Gail stated that the Friday group has been very good about giving up an evening to someone else. She only had one small difficulty with that. She did say that on Oct. 15 the pavilion was not used, and she wished someone had called her to say that. Though there are many rooms in Trailer Estates, we only have one place on the beach to picnic.

Jim: We shouldn't give the beach pavilion away on a regular basis. He thinks that if people don't get their way via an election or intimidation, they go to court.

Sharon Denson, 1613 IL—The beach pavilion is a common area.

Flo Mallory, 6919 W. Bayou—What's wrong with people getting together on a Friday night? Everyone is invited. Seems you have a problem with the group that meets.

Gail: Are you speaking about me?

Flo: Yes, I am.

Bev Lew, 2008 IL—The Friday group is open to everyone. Discussed the kitchen.

Mary Wadman, 6514 NJ—Why do we have to change pool times? The pool cannot be used during exercise time.

Margo: The pool times change with daylight savings time changes.

Martha: I didn't know the pool can't be used during exercise.

Martha closed public comment.

Harry: Discussed the kitchen and the cost of between \$7,000-\$15,000 caused when a complaint was filed against us by Bev Lew even though there was no reason for that complaint.

Gail: The beach pavilion is not like other places in the park that are used by residents. It is a special commons area picnic grounds on the beach—the only one we have. She is angry that anyone would suggest she is against the Friday night Sunsetters group. She doesn't care who goes to the pavilion. Gail said she believes she heard an oxymoron from Bev Lew. Though PP60 meets the standards required by the DBPR, thus we had done everything right from the beginning, Bev Lew turned the entire situation around to make it sound as if the Board is responsible for the kitchen situation--definitely untrue.

Martha: Her husband Dennis doesn't have an opinion ever about park business, but he loves the water and said reserving the beach pavilion on a regular basis is wrong.

The Workshop adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Opper