

November 12, 2010

Trailer Estates Park and Recreation District
Board of Trustees

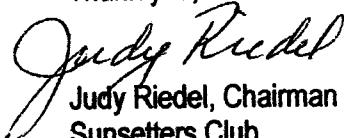
Subject: Sunsetters Club, Registered Club in Trailer Estates

The Sunsetters have met and determined that using the beach for their meetings and activities will not work as outlined by the Board in the November 1, 2010 meeting. We welcome everyone in the Park to our meals and meetings and find it impossible to come to the office weekly, check on a location, and then notify our members on a weekly basis. We do not find any other club in the District that operates that way. We have looked at the other clubs of the District and found that they have a permanent meeting place from 24/7 to once a month with many daily, weekly etc: Our members are perfectly willing to move to the location chosen by the Board for our Club to meet Friday evenings on a weekly basis.

Our needs are a place to get together every Friday evening from 5:00PM until 9:30 PM with a capacity of at least 40. We will combine our cards that we play in the activity building with our meeting and meal. We will be happy with whatever location is selected for us as long as it meets our requirements and is ours on Friday evening from 5:00PM to 9:30PM weekly/year around.

We also now find the need for our bulletin board space. Please assign that space as soon as possible. We will not need more space than the other clubs use.

Thank you,


Judy Riedel, Chairman
Sunsetters Club
751-2504

November 13, 2010

Dear Judy,

I received your letter dated November 12, 2010, yesterday afternoon. I will be more than happy to help the Sunsetters Club find a new place to meet as well as bulletin board space.

Before I share my solutions with you, I'd like to clarify a few things. Your letter implies that the Board's requiring you to reserve a place only one time a month and returning to the office weekly to reserve it if you'd like it more than one time—if that rule is even passed—is different from other clubs. I can think of very few clubs or organizations in Trailer Estates besides yours that meets 52 weeks a year on the same day in one area. Also, no other club or organization meets the same day 52 weeks a year at the only facility we have for picnics on beach property. They all meet in rooms—of which we have many. The Board has not asked your club to leave the Beach Pavilion. It is your choice to do that. You are leaving because you don't want to "come to the office weekly" to make reservations. That choice is yours.

Finally, reservations in TE meet the requests of clubs and organizations not their requirements, as your letter states. We do our very best to accommodate everyone. We have many requests, especially during the winter. Residents have to be flexible. Section I of our Rules and Regulations states that the "Board of Trustees reserves the right to make activity schedule changes." Section II states that "Trailer Estates sponsored activities have precedence over organization or club activities." In the two years that I've been secretary, many changes have been made in regards to meeting places of clubs and organizations. Mark Yawberg can attest to that.

I believe I have found a solution to the change your club chose to make. That change will require flexibility because Fridays are popular nights and, again, according to our Rules and Regulations, "events or programs which have been regularly scheduled in previous years have precedence over new activities." Though you are not a new club, you are a new activity in a new location; thus, you may be required to relinquish your evening on occasion. Having said all of the above, I am offering you the front of the Large Hall on most Friday evenings from 5-9:30 p.m. I can also offer you half a bulletin board in the far right corner as you face the entrance to the Small Hall. The other half of that bulletin board is, I believe, the only remaining bulletin board space available. Please let me know if these accommodations are ones your club would like to have.

Thank you,



Gail Opper, Secretary
Trailer Estates Board of Trustees

November 22, 2010

Dear Gail,

Thank you for the assignment of a bulletin board for our club to use. The space you have assigned will serve our purpose.

It appears that on the meeting place, we did not make ourselves clear. We have not chosen to leave the Beach Pavilion. We started our club for the purpose of recreation and fellowship at the beach. We enjoy the time we spend there once a week. Our numbers are continuing to grow and the participants are all residents of this park. The concern is that having to find a place to meet 3 to 4 times a month and trying to notify everyone is not practical.

We are somewhat confused about the position of the Board of Trustees. The Beach Pavilion seemed to have been designed to accommodate large groups and does accommodate the number of participants that we have with no additional cost to the district or its employees. It does not seem to us to be a cost effective move. You state in your letter that we use the only picnic area available on the beach property; however, there are other picnic tables and benches on the beach as well as swings and benches for use by small groups. We do not understand how having someone using the Beach Pavilion even if were being used 24/7, would interfere with other residents using the beach or other picnic areas. The Sunsetters only use the Pavilion for 1 ½ hours a week. We do not occupy the entire beach. We also do not understand how it is undesirable to have all of our facilities used to their fullest, especially when additional man hours and utilities are not needed for their use.

How does the Board of Trustees define the Beach Pavilion as being unique? I think you could say that about all of our facilities. It would be difficult to have water exercise in the kitchen, or Bingo held in the Video/Computer room. I don't see how the kitchen could be used for Bocce or the Horseshoe courts used by the Kitchen Club.

The Board of Trustees has stated that they have had complaints about our use of the beach. We have never been made aware of any sort of a problem until it was made public at a Board of Trustee meeting. We wonder how many complaints have been made and why we weren't made aware? Would these complaints be from other clubs that wanted to use the facility at the same time as we are? We are not aware of any District sponsored event being interfered with by our use of the Beach Pavilion. We are not aware of anyone requesting the use of the Beach Pavilion being denied use because we were using it. We spent quite a bit of time monitoring the use of the Beach Pavilion prior to requesting the use. We tried to select a time that no one was using the Beach Pavilion. We have always cooperated with the District in our use of the Beach Pavilion. You refer to "Rules and Regulations" Section I and II, perhaps Section III also applies. *"Property owner sponsored events shall be subordinate to and shall not conflict with previously scheduled District, Organization or Club sponsored activity or event."*

In your letter you state that no other club meets 52 weeks a year on the same day. In the Resident Handbook and Tribune lists a number of clubs that have the use of a District facility on the same

day every week, some of them numerous times a week. Some have exclusive use of a common area. Examples of weekly scheduled use would be Art, Computer/Video, Hobby, Poker, Share-a-Craft, Shuffleboard, Woodworkers, Water Exercise, China Painting, Pottery, Horseshoes, Fun Band, Bocca, Kitchen, and others.

I want to attempt to make our position clear. We are not giving up use of the Beach Pavilion. Should the Board of Trustees declare the facility available to clubs only on a once a month basis, that obviously will not satisfy our needs anymore than establishing the same policy for the Shuffleboard Courts or any other facility.

We await the decision of the Board of Trustees on the matter. When the Policy and Procedure is established, I am sure that the Board of Trustees will contact us and we will at that time deal with the problem.

Thank you,


Judy Riedel, Chairman

Sunsetters Club and proud past sponsor of the Salvation Army Angel Tree

January 29, 2011

Judy Reidel, President
Trailer Estates Sunsetters Club
P.O. Box 6071
Bradenton, Fl 34281

Dear Judy:

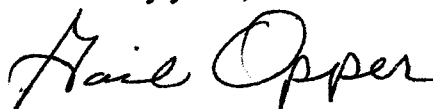
Last night I received phone calls from members of the Bocce Club in regards to the apparent intrusion of the Sunsetters Club on Bocce's reservation that evening for the Beach Pavilion. Bocce has long had a fourth Friday of the month standing reservation there—one the Sunsetters Club has been aware of for several years.

I was told that 77 people signed up for Bocce yesterday. They had a great day and picnic. About 5:30 p.m., they were shocked to see Sunsetters drive up—potluck dishes in hand—for an unscheduled, unreserved gathering. At least 20 Bocce members were still seated throughout the Pavilion visiting (others were visiting in their golf carts) when you and your group simply took over the Pavilion. You all knew very well that what you were doing was wrong. For the record, the Bocce group identified the following people who were involved in this intrusion: Sharon and Bill Denson, Mary Lou Smith, Bev and Ira Lew, Bruce Smith, Jane Brillhart, and you and Frank, as well as perhaps ten others whom I will ask Bocce members to identify today.

You and the rest of the Sunsetters Club seriously breached the Rules and Regulations of Trailer Estates yesterday: 1) You knew Bocce had reserved the Pavilion; 2) knowing Bocce had the reservation, you planned the intrusion because you brought potluck dishes; 3) you have been planning this for a while because your plan was discussed as a possibility at the Jan.17 Board Meeting, though the Board never dreamed you would intrude on Bocce but rather would extend your time in the Pavilion beyond the agreed upon March 1 deadline.

The purpose of this letter is to let you know that this situation will be discussed at the Board Meeting/Workshop on Monday, January 31. If you want to discuss your actions with the Board, please be in attendance at that meeting.

Sincerely yours,



Gail Opper, Secretary
T. E. Board of Trustees

Copies: Board of Trustees
Attorney Mark Barnebey, Counsel for the District
Bocce President

Feb, 3, 2011

Dear Bocce Club, Joe Salerno, President:

The Sunsetters Club would like to apologize if there has been some misunderstanding as to the scheduling of the pavilion. Our understanding was that the Bocce Club had the pavilion at 4:00, as reflected on the recreation board. The Sunsetters were scheduled at 5:00 per the Tribune and recreation board, but in deference to your group, we waited until 5:30, when you were packing up and leaving. We have worked cooperatively for 2+ years and only became aware of this apparent problem through the heresay of Trustee Opper. Nobody had brought it to our attention.

A member of the Sunsetters arrived early to make sure our group did not infringe on your get-together. There was no intent on the part of the Sunsetters to cause discomfort to your members. The bocce group had always been finishing around 5:00 in the past. Friday, you were rolling up the screens and cleaning up, when a member approached you to say that the Sunsetters would be happy to be responsible for rolling up the screens and cleaning the pavilion. You then left, giving no indication at that time that you perceived that the bocce club event was not finished at the pavilion. Your departing members had already informed arriving Sunsetters that the event was finished. You, yourself said at a board meeting a few weeks ago that there had never been a problem with the two groups using the pavilion on the 4th Friday. Why would we anticipate any kind of problem last Friday?

On the activity calendar on the recreation board at the post office, Bocce was listed at 4:00 and Sunsetters were scheduled at 5:00. The Tribune stated that Sunsetters were at 5:00 and the Bocce use of the pavilion was not mentioned. The Tribune noted that Bocce was 1:00 at the beach on that day.

Since the weather is chilly at this time of year, and sunset is early, the Sunsetters have appreciated the flexibility of the bocce club and were pleased to have bocce members stay and enjoy the pavilion. There was room and goodies for everyone.

Hopefully, the good relationship our two clubs have enjoyed in the past will continue.

Sunsetters Club

Judy Riedel, Contact Person

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February 3, 2011

Dear Trustees:

The Sunsetters Club was formed by a group of residents for enjoying the beautiful view of Sarasota Bay at our beach while having a free meal and social get-together. It is the **ONLY** club formed for the sole recreational purpose of enjoying the pavilion, which is the only picnicking facility the park owns that is large enough for the group. There is no membership requirement and no cost to residents. The picnics are open to any resident who chooses to attend. By virtue of being a resident, anyone is a "member". Residents may enjoy the pavilion during the picnics even if they don't care to eat. The club was formed to enable a group of property owners to reserve the pavilion on a yearly basis, pursuant to the park rules and regulations.

Let's look at other clubs/organizations. The horseshoe club was formed to use the horseshoe courts. The bocce club was formed exclusively for the use of bocce courts plus other facilities plus tournaments. The shuffleboard club was formed exclusively for the use of the shuffleboard courts plus use of other facilities. The shuffleboard club hosts International shuffleboard tournaments (for days at a time) as well as competitions with other parks, all bringing in outsiders to use facilities paid for by residents. Park employees are paid to assist with these events. The Woodworkers have 24/7 use of the woodshop plus the use of other facilities. The video computer club has locked facilities. The Square Club has locked storage facilities. The Kitchen Bees (Former Bingo Kitchen/Cooks Night Out) was formed exclusively to use the kitchen and locked storage facilities. The art and craft clubs were formed exclusively to enjoy arts and crafts and have use of art and craft rooms to fulfill their purpose. They also have locked storage. All of the above mentioned clubs have priority scheduling of facilities that are not limited to once per month.

What makes the pavilion so special that it be exempt from park rules and regulations? A common area, by definition, is paid for by all and used by all. Clubs have priority usage. Our charter does not differentiate between the common areas. The board is authorized to make reasonable rules regarding the use of facilities, not deny use of facilities by making frivolous rules.

By changing the rules governing the use of the picnic pavilion, the board has created a situation that denies the club the facility for its vital purpose. The timing is also curious. Why change the rules in the middle of the busy season, leaving an established club without a meeting place to fulfill its purpose. Moving from the beach would be contrary to the purpose of the club.

The only rationale verbalized for singling out this common area, were comments reported by two board members that their spouses thought the rules should change. No objective data was presented to support the call for a change. The facility is grossly

underutilized, unlike other common areas. No health or safety issues were put forth as a rationale for this change. The disparaging remarks and repeating of rumors regarding the use of the pavilion by the Sunsetters do not accurately reflect the facts, and was hurtful to a large group of property owners. It could be interpreted to be a highly transparent effort by a government to harass and disband a group of residents, some of whom have views that conflict with those of the board.

In view of these facts, the Sunsetters request that tables (round or rectangular) and chairs for 50 people plus two serving tables (8' long) be set up at the beach each Friday that the pavilion cannot be reserved by the club after March 1. This is done for other groups and will meet the needs of the club.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith Riedel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".