

BOARD APPROVED 2/7/11  
TRAILER ESTATES PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORKSHOP  
JANUARY 31, 2011  
11 A.M.  
SMALL HALL  
1903 69<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE WEST  
BRADENTON, FL 34207

The Workshop was opened at 11 a.m. by Chairman Martha Brauer.

1. Trailer Estates Fire Department. Chief Richard Jones spoke. Two years ago, the Fire Department was in shambles. All problems have been taken care of. Response time had been high because people weren't in the station all the time. The Department recruited outside the park and brought people on board. They now have eleven state certified volunteer young men who work a regular job 40 hours and volunteer at TE. Among those eleven are eight technicians and one paramedic. The chief stated that public comments are always welcome. Deputy Chief Brian Comback spoke. He has 23 years of experience in Manatee County. The Department has recently purchased new hose, new equipment, and new radios. Four years ago new clothing cost \$400; it now costs \$1,600. The Department received two grants to get new protective equipment, including a \$16,000 grant from Firehouse Subs. New signs placed around TE are a signal to the firefighter not to go on the roof of that building. Captain David Cook—a volunteer and Fire Officer of the Year for the Trailer Estates Fire Department—has been here two years. He said it has been a great experience and he has learned a lot. 3,000 unpaid hours have been logged by the eleven young volunteers. Response time has been cut down to two minutes.

Questions for the Firemen:

Martha: Who is in charge of financials?

Chief: The Board of Commissioners. We also get support from the TE Auxiliary and accept monetary donations.

Jim: The park should be very proud of what you have accomplished.

Chief: All must have state certification in Firefighter I.

Joe: What relationship do you have with the auxiliary?

Comback: They will help with \$3,000 to buy protective equipment. They gave \$20,000 toward the purchase of the rescue van.

The Workshop was recessed at 11:23 a.m. The Workshop resumed at 2 p.m.

Additions to the agenda: TE businesses and the Beach Pavilion.

1. Stop signs on Bay Drive. It has been proposed that three Stop signs be placed at Canada and Bay Drive.

Joe: It might stop traffic passing through the park.

Gail: How will the people feel about this who live on or near American Way or Canada Blvd.?

Joe: Speeders won't like it but others will.

Debbie: Golf carts might be helped.

2. Beautification Project. Will alter the look on the east side of the Large Hall. Cement bids are higher than they have been for many years. There will be a new sidewalk from the present sidewalk behind the Large Hall along the curb to the circle drive. There will be another sidewalk from the middle of that one to the Large Hall itself. The cost of these sidewalks is between \$4,200 and \$4,500. The committee has a total of about \$5,900 so it will table the patio idea for now. Margo will bring a PP34 to the Feb. 7 Board meeting in this regard.

3. Businesses in Trailer Estates. Gail said a resident complained about two businesses in the park—a golf cart business on the corner of Marina and Florida Blvd. and another one on New York near Marina. The resident states that it is unfair for some to have businesses and not others so he is thinking of starting a business. Gail had previously asked Jim about the business on Florida Blvd. He said the county gave him a permit for that as long as he was selling only three golf carts. Gail said she didn't think the county could supersede the rules of the park and also said the man had three golf carts on his property and perhaps one across the street.

Jim: The county considers three carts a hobby; more than that is a business.

Joe: We should think about this.

Fred: Are the golf carts on his property? If they are on his property, there isn't much we can do about it.

We tried to find information in the deed restrictions but were not successful. The Board agreed to table this so we can gather information and bring it back to the Feb. 7 Workshop.

4. Beach Pavilion Problem. Gail received telephone calls from Bocce members complaining that 25 members of the Sunsetters Club had brought potluck dishes and took over the Beach Pavilion when Bocce had a reservation. Gail explained that the Bocce reservation was from 3:30-6 p.m. and Sunsetters had no right to be there. Gail sent a

letter to the president of Sunsetters discussing the problem and telling the group that they were free to come to the Workshop and dispute what was said. Gail explained that upon further investigation of the situation, her letter to the group contained an error in the time stated. The Sunsetters actually arrived at 5 p.m. rather than 5:30 p.m. and at 5:40 p.m. were nearly finished with their meal. Sunsetters knew they were not supposed to be there because Bocce has long had a standing reservation the fourth Friday of every month. The Board decided Gail, as Board secretary, should write a letter to the president of Sunsetters discussing the regulations and consequences of this infraction. The consequences should be attached to the letter. The letter should also ask Sunsetters to send a letter of apology to Bocce. The Board decided to hold the president of Sunsetters responsible for the intrusion meaning that any further infraction by the president in regards to any of the rules and regulations of Trailer Estates will result in the forfeiture of her TE resident card.

Fred and Debbie announced that since Waste Pro became our new trash hauler, residents no longer need ladders to get to the recycle bins.

The Workshop was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Opper, Secretary