

RULES GOVERNING USE OF FACILITIES

SECTION I. (revised 11/17/08)

Each year prior to April 1, all organizations and clubs with regularly scheduled programs must reaffirm their schedules for the ensuring year by providing the *Secretary of the* Board of Trustees their schedule of meetings and all special events that are to take place at any District recreational facility.

- A. Schedules shall include which facility or combination of facilities are requested, the number of persons expected, the seating arrangements, equipment necessary, and other requirements for the program.
- B. Events or programs which have been regularly scheduled in previous years have precedence over new activities if schedules are submitted as stated above.
- C. These schedules must be submitted to the *Secretary* of the Board of Trustees.
- D. *The Secretary, for the* Board of Trustees, reserves the right to make activity schedule changes.

SECTION II.

Trailer Estates sponsored activities have precedence over organization or club sponsored activities.

SECTION III.

Property owner sponsored activities and events shall be subordinate to and shall not conflict with previously scheduled Trailer Estates District, Organization or Club sponsored activity or event.

SECTION IV. (Revised 11/17/08)

For seasonal events or activity, the *Secretary* Trustee shall be notified of all seating and equipment arrangements necessary seven (7) days prior to the event or activity.

- A. If the kitchen(s) are to be used, the Kitchen Supervisor shall be notified seven (7) days prior to the event or activity.
- B. Any outside activities that utilize the kitchen facilities shall comply with the rules governing the use of the kitchen(s).

IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT PRESENT AND/OR FUTURE CLUBS OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT USE DISTRICT FACILITIES ARE ORGANIZED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE THAT SUPPORT THESE FACILITIES THROUGH PAYMENT OF THE "RECREATION DISTRICT TAX" AS DEFINED IN CHAPTER 69-1287 LAWS OF FLORIDA AND ALL OF THE AMENDMENTS THERE TO THE FOLLOWING IS HEREBY ADOPTED:

DEFINITIONS:

CLUB: A group of people organized for a common purpose.

ORGANIZATION: A number of persons or groups having specific responsibilities and united for a particular purpose.

Formation of all clubs or organizations to be registered with Trailer Estates Park & Recreation District shall require the following:

- 1) Copies of the Articles of Organization, By-Laws, Rules of Conduct, and similar documents shall be submitted to the Trailer Estates Park & Recreation District Office.
- 2) Upon the formation of a club or organization and, at least once each year thereafter (April 1) the name(s) of the officer(s) of the club or organization shall be furnished to the District Office of Trailer Estates Park & Recreation District.

Registration of clubs and organizations is required in order to use the facilities of Trailer Estates Park & Recreation District. All requests for meeting times and place shall be forwarded to the Secretary Trustee for assignment. In the absence of the Secretary Trustee another Trustee and/or the Office Manager may make the assignments.

All meetings held by a club or organization registered with Trailer Estates Park & Recreation must be open to all residents of Trailer Estates Park & Recreation District.

Failure to comply with these rules shall be cause for denial of the use of the facilities of Trailer Estates Park & Recreation District.

Charter: The SUN-SETTERS formed in April 2009. The Club's purpose is to share fellowship, and to contribute by volunteering to help others and with donations of money to worthy causes. We are a club as defined by Board Policy "A group of people organized for a common purpose."

Membership will be open to ALL residents of Trailer Estates Park and Recreation District. No one will be left out because of their inability to prepare a dish to pass. (See Article I)

By Laws

Article I. Meetings

- 1 The club will gather once a week on Friday at 4:00 PM at the beach pavilion except for the fourth Friday and that time will be 6:00 PM.
- 2 The gatherings will be a potluck. Each family will bring a dish to pass and their own table service. Visitors will be encouraged to attend. Residents unable to bring a dish to pass may be sponsored by any member and their dish to pass furnished by the sponsor. Gatherings will be noticed in the tribune, email, word of mouth, or other means as available in the park.

Article II. Membership

All residents of Trailer Estates are welcome. To become a member the individual must request that their name be added to an official membership list. A membership list will be maintained by the Secretary. No dues to be collected. Donations will be accepted for specific reasons as established by the membership at a regularly scheduled gathering.

Article III. Officers

The club will select a Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer.

- 1 The Chairperson will chair the meetings.
- 2 The Secretary will chair the meeting in the absence of the Chairman. The Secretary will record the minutes and maintain the membership list.
- 3 Treasurer will receive the monies and disburse the funds as approved by the members.

Article IV. Responsibilities

The Chairman will report to Board once a year by the 1st of April, the name of the contact person for the club as well as a schedule of all of the meetings for the fiscal year.

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Article V. Amending the Bylaws.

The bylaws may be amended by a vote of majority of the recorded membership and any regularly scheduled meeting as long as the amendment has been presented at least one meeting prior and has been available to the members. The amendment will go into effect in 30 days.

Article VI. Dissolve the Organization

The organization may be dissolved by a vote of a majority of the members in good standing of at least 90 days.

BOCCE CLUB

FOUNDED 2003

Purpose of club – A social game for all park residents.

Meeting Dates – November through April.

First Wednesday of every month.

Location and time – small hall 8:30 a.m.

Officers – President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Term – 1 year.

Elections – first week in March.

Dues \$5 per year for membership.

To vote, attend socials and play in tournaments must be a paid up member.

Meetings will be posted at the Post Office, at the bocce courts and shown on Trailer Estates Channel 95.

Minutes are taken at club meetings.

The first week or sooner in April all information on meetings, tournaments, socials and events are turned into the office by the club president.

TRAILER ESTATES PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
RESERVATIONS FOR FUNCTIONS

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NAME OF FUNCTION: Sun setters

DATE OF FUNCTION: FRIDAY NIGHTS

PLACE OF FUNCTION: Pavilion

COMPLETE TIME OF FUNCTION: 5-8p

TIME OF FUNCTION: 5p

SET-UP TIME: 5p TIME PEOPLE WILL EAT: 5p

FINISHING TIME: 8p

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING FUNCTION: 50

WILL LIQUOR BE SERVED: YES NO

WILL SOUND SYSTEM BE NEEDED: YES NO

EQUIPMENT NEEDS PLEASE CHECK:

CARD TABLES BANQUET TABLES

LIST ANYTHING ELSE: _____

NAME OF PERSON MAKING RESERVATION: Jon Galt PHONE NUMBER 756-0067

OUTSIDE CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS MUST PAY A RENTAL CHARGE OF \$100.00 FOR LARGE HALL AND \$75.00 FOR SMALL HALL. **NON-REFUNDABLE.**

When reserving for Saturday or Sunday function, people must set-up and break-down their own tables and chairs. If cards are being played on weekend, function people must set-up card tables and chairs for players. Check with Mark Yawberg for correct amount of tables.

ONE WEEK ADVANCE NOTICE IS REQUIRED FOR ALL FUNCTION RESERVATION REQUESTS. PLEASE INFORM MAINTENANCE OF SET-UP NEEDS TWO (2) BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE FUNCTION.

APPROVED BY: Hil Oppen

DATE: 10-26-09

PLEASE BRING THIS FORM TO THE OFFICE TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS BEFORE FUNCTION TO RECEIVE KEYS FOR THE HALLS AND KITCHEN. Office is open Monday - Friday.

A DEPOSIT OF \$50.00 MUST BE LEFT AND WILL BE RETURNED IF THE HALL & KITCHEN IS LEFT IN THE SAME CONDITION IT WAS WHEN IT WAS RESERVED.

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We will be happy to share our tent. Please just call me so I can notify others. T 7560067

BOCCE CLUB EVENTS 2009-2010

11/4/2009	Wednesday - Club Meeting (if needed)	8:30 a.m.	Small Hall
11/21/2009	Saturday Coffee Break	8:30 a.m.	Large Hall
<i>12/2/2009</i>	<i>WEDS - CLUB MEETING</i>	<i>8:30 AM</i>	<i>SMALL HALL</i>
1/6/2010	Wednesday - Club Meeting	8:30 a.m.	Small Hall
1/23/2010	Saturday Waffle Breakfast	8:00-10:00 a.m.	Large Hall
1/29/2010	Friday - After Bocce Social	4:00 p.m.	Beach Pavilion
2/3/2010	Wednesday - Club Meeting (Nominations)	8:30 a.m.	Small Hall
2/26/2010	Friday - USA/Canada Challenge (Plus after Bocce Social)	12:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Games start 1 p.m. Beach Pavilion
3/3/2010	Wednesday - Club Meeting (Election of Officers)	8:30 a.m.	Small Hall
3/12/2010	Friday - Member Tournament	10:00 a.m.	Courts - need grill
3/26/2010	Friday - After Bocce Social	4:00 p.m.	Beach Pavilion (need grill)
3/21/2010	Wednesday - Club Meeting	8:30 a.m.	Small Hall

PRESIDENT	JOE SALERNO - 756-7678
VICE PRESIDENT	PAT DARWICKI - 752-9525
SECRETARY	SUE DAVIS - 727-4752
TREASURER	RUTH HILL - 810-429-7401

TJ Miller

From: originaltr@cs.com
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2010 9:15 AM
To: trailerestatesfl@tampabay.rr.com
Subject: Sunsetters Club
Attachments: Sunsetters Club dates.doc

TJ,

I have attached the information for Gail on the Sunsetters Club. This is to cover the period of April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.

Thank you,

Sharon for the Sunsetters Club

To: Gail Opper. Secretary Board of Trustees

Sunsetters Club

The contact person for the next fiscal year will be Judy Riedel

The Club will meet every Friday evening at the beach pavilion. 5:00 PM for a potluck supper and a short meeting.

The club will coordinate with the Bocce Club on it's once a month event at the beach pavilion.

Everyone is welcome. Just come and bring a dish to pass.

To Carol Oppav

1-25-10

Booze Club Officers 2010 - 2011

President	Joe Scaleruo	756 7678
Vice President	Pat Darmicki	752-9525
Secretary	Sve Davie	727-4752
Treasurer	Ruth Hill	810-429-7401

Event Dates

- 12-1-10 ^{WED} Club Meeting Small Hall 8:30-10AM
- 1-5-10 ^{WED} Club Meeting Sm Hall 8:30-10:30 AM
- 1-22-10 Sat North Breakfast La Hall 6 AM - 10:30 AM
- 2-5-10 Fri Beach Social For Men 4 PM - 6:30 PM
- 2-19-10 Wed Club Meeting Small Hall 8:30 - 10:30 AM
- 2-25-11 Fri Beach social Program 4pm - 6:30 PM
- 3-2-11 Wed Club Meeting Sm. Hall 8:30 - 10:30 AM
- 3-11-11 Fri Need Park Grill at the courts
- ~~3-23-11 Fri BY meeting SMALL HALL 8:30 AM~~
- 3-25-11 Fri Need Grill at Beach Pavilion
Before Maintenance leaves.

~~MAKE SCHEDULES
FOR CLUB~~

E-mail message

From: gathur01@comcast.net
Date: Fri, Feb 15, 2008, 3:59am (EST+5)
To: jjvan@tampabay.rr.com (John and Janet Vandermolten), jjobrien1@webtv.net (Janet Jones-TE), marthabrauer@yahoo.com (Martha brauer)
Subject: Let's Talk Meeting tonight.....

Hi Everyone!

Well, the deed is done. I passed out the memo Thurman and I composed. It came up after Tom Featheringill--once again, for the 100th time--talked about the resignation of the Marina Committee. I can tell you one thing: Everyone was shocked to get the memo! It was a clear distraction from their planned agenda, and I couldn't be happier. Sharon Denson and Bev Lew reacted immediately in anger--as if I were picking on them. I cleared that up right away. They reacted before they read. It was clear that the memo was not something any of them expected.

The meeting began with Sharon asking if anyone had any concerns. Someone spoke and I said, "Why are we going on to a new topic? Last month we talked about the bid process and now we're moving on. Nothing is resolved. You've been at it for two years, and you resolve nothing. It sounds to me as if you are just looking for things to attack." Again, Tom Featheringill brought up your name, John. This time Bruce Smith stepped in and agreed with me that we should move forward and names should not be discussed. Tom never said another word the whole night--especially after he saw the memol

They began to talk about the new SAFE committee that is being formed and how great it is. They said two residents of the park went to the board of the Bayshore Baptist Church and requested they lock the gate. It is now locked. A nice lady by the name of Judy was giving the information about this committee; she is the chairman. Thurman told her that though she seems like a nice lady and might be doing a good thing, she is "putting the cart before the horse." He told her that no committee should operate without board approval and direction. It appears people are simply forming committees and doing what they want.

At one point, Harry Splett was very condescending to me. I immediately put him in his place telling him that he would not speak to me that way. I hope he got the message; if not, he'll hear that message again until he does "get it"! Thurman put Bill Denson in his place. Denson laughed at something I said; Thurman told him in no uncertain terms how rude that was. It happened to Thurman the next time, and I told Denson that they are always complaining about people laughing at them but do it when it isn't them! Denson was clearly frustrated.

The end of the meeting was very interesting. They voted to make a statement that they don't want to open the charter. I told them that I wanted to be open and honest with them. I wrote a letter in 2006 in regards to someone wanting to open the charter, and I was investigating who that "someone" was. If it was one of them, it would be best if they came clean about the whole thing. They insisted it wasn't them so I said, "Fine. I just want to be honest with you and let you know what I'm doing." Then a big guy with glasses (who I think is Pam Cole's husband) looked directly at me while he questioned

Sharon about the Manatee County grass cutting 18" rule he read in my memo. It was clear he was trying to prove me wrong. He said he searched everywhere for that and couldn't find it. I smiled broadly as Sharon said, "Yes, that is in the MC rules." She then went on to say that the lawyer said we couldn't enter a resident's property to cut the grass. I said, "Who said that?" She replied, "Barnaby." I said, "He didn't say that at all. He said he wasn't sure about that." She boldly and confidently said, "Let me read it" so she could prove me wrong. I couldn't wait until she did! She read it out loud thoroughly convinced that she was right. I laughed to myself as she read: "It is unclear whether TE can go on a resident's property." I then came right back and said, "There is nothing in the word 'unclear' that says 'can't.'" I said it is very important that you always speak the exact truth. She never said another word! Then Bev Lew told me that what I wrote wasn't true when I said in the memo: "We have consistently won court cases" in regards to deed restrictions because TE had lost the last two court cases. I told her nothing in my memo spoke about the last two cases, I said we have "consistently" won cases, and I told her I picked my words very carefully. That was the end of her conversation with me. One lady told Thurman she wouldn't read our memo. He said, "That's fine; the whole park is going to read it so if you don't, you won't know what everyone else is talking about." I laughed and laughed at that one!

I do have a question for all of you. I really want to talk on Monday about the \$2,500 they cost us with Manatee County and the election. They insisted they had nothing to do with that. I'm only going on your word—that I trust—that they did; but, I want to be truthful in everything. What is the truth here? Who was the problem at Manatee County that led to the county taking over the election and our having to pay their workers? I need the information before Monday's meeting. Sharon Denson said, "Tom and I didn't contact anyone." I replied, "I'm sure you didn't because to do so would have been illegal." Again, she didn't say a thing. What really happened? Help, please. If we are right, this is one thing they absolutely don't want the park to read about.

Bob Durrin and his wife were at the meeting but didn't sit at the table. Bob was clearly angry at some points—especially when Bev Lew in her kind way stated that she was upset that the policies and procedures book had been sent to the attorney to look over. She saw no reason for that. How ignorant!

We spoke with Mrs. Durrin after the meeting. She is disgusted with all of them, and I don't blame her; but, as we said, we can't give up. We will continue to attend the Let's Talk meetings as long as we're here because we believe we have to.

Bruce Smith asked us to sit by him. We did because we honestly believe that we can reach him. We may be naive in that, but we feel we can. I think he feels—on some level—we're right. He spoke in support of us at the meeting. Just before we left to walk home, Bruce came up to us. We told him that we like him, but he can't usurp the board; he can't go around the board to get what he wants and neither can anyone else. Thurman and I believe we both reached him on some level. There is something good inside there that has gotten sidetracked. Thurman and I need an ally—a mediator in that group. Until we are proven wrong, we're going to be friendly to Bruce—not to "use" him because that would be wrong but a mediator is absolutely necessary, and we feel Bruce might be turned around. He took a big step when he spoke on our behalf at the meeting. I guess all of you just have to trust us on this one.

We feel very good about what we did tonight. We never let any one of them get ahead of us in anything, and we never backed down—NEVER! I'd love to hear Bob Durrin's expression because he stayed behind after the meeting and was talking to all of them. We left; we had had enough. That group needs to be challenged, and we feel a need to

st that. Clearly, they're not use to being challenged in any way.

thanks to all of you for just being great people—for working hard and for caring
ugh not to just give this park away. We honestly believe if we can crack even a
l part of the Denson/Smith/Lew team, we will put doubts in the minds of others.
ll give it our best shot; this park is worth it!

and Thurman

February 17, 2011

To: Martha Brauer, Chairman
Trailer Estates Board of Trustees

Subject: Sunsetters


Martha,

I am saddened by the perception that two clubs would be so negative toward each other that they can not even occupy the same Beach. This is in fact not a true perception. The two clubs are made up of many of the same residents. It is unfortunate that if two members of the Bocce Club had a problem that they did not contact their president, Joe Salerno.

I have spent the last two weeks trying to find out what happened and why. I know that the Sunsetters went out of their way to not infringe on the Bocce Club. I do not believe that the majority of Bocce Club members had any intention of causing the Sunsetters grief.

I am enclosing a letter to the Board and the documentation to support the narrative. I am willing to sit down with you or any other Trustee that you designate to try to keep this from escalating. I do not think it serves any of the residents of Trailer Estates or any of the Clubs for this to continue.

Sincerely,



Sharon Denson
752-7421

February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		CAST Pt 1 Sq Club SH 1-4 PM			Sunset Beach 5-9 PM Video Club Mtg. 6-9:30 CRI	
Mt. ... LH	Sq. Club SH 6 pm		OHIO DAY LH + Mt. ... BAPT ...		SUNSET BEACH 5-9 PM VC Mtg ...	SHUFFLE PAPER ... LH + ...
35th Party LH ... Kase	Meetings Durham ...	KEAR Dinner SH ... + ...	LH SH ... DURHAM TAIR LH Sat 10:30 PM	Sunset BEACH 5-9 PM DURHAM REARION 10-3 PM SH	...
Sq club SH ...		SHUFFLE Club	Bowling Beach 3:30-6 PM	
	Yc Mtg ... L-9:30 PM FNL ... WOL ... M ...					

February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		CAST Fly 1 Sg. Club SH 1-4PM	NY Dinner 2 LH 10:30-2	Las Vegas LH 3 12:00 Hollywood	Sunsetters BEACH 5-9P Video Club Mtg. 6-9:30 CRI	Church 5 Luncheon LH + Kit 9a-2p
Deanna Memorial Service 1:00 PM LH	Sg. Club 7 SH 6pm		8 OHIO DAY LH + Kit. 9a-2p Beaut. Com. BHR 11a-1p		10 Sunsetters BEACH 5-9p VC Mtg CR 6-9p	Shuffle Club Pancake Brk 7:30a-12p LH + Kit
85+ Party LH Front 10:30-4p Karaoke BEACH 10a-7p	4: VALENTINE Fly LH 6-10p	Meeting 9:15 Durham 10a-12:30p	KERR Dinner SH 5-10 + Sm. Kit	LTC SH 7p 17 HEALTH FAIR LH 8a-12:30p	Sunsetters BEACH 5-9p DURHAM REGION 10-3p SH	Coffee Break Shuffle Club Mtg 3-5p CRI
Sg. Club SH 9a-11		← 21 Shuffle Club LH + Kit	state tour 8a-11:30p 23	SHOWTIME LH 6-9p 24 Beach Golfers 5-10p	Bocce - BEACH 3:30-6p 25	26
	27 YC Mtg SH 6-9:30p Kit of LH W/Kit 15 Mtg 9a-12	28				

Green-
BEACH
12-4:30p

*No other
reservations were
made for this day.

Joe feels we have a little better deal than the county. Pam said that charges will go up for fuel, etc. She could get a group of residents together to negotiate. John took a straw poll of the audience asking how many would accept once-a-week pickup. The majority were for it. He stated we should get containers for our garbage rather than simply putting bags in front of our homes. Residents comments on trash pickup: Bev Lew, 2008 IL: wanted trash in a can rather than a bag. Can we opt out of trash pickup? How much do we pay for extra things in dumpsters? If there is a disaster, we have to have our paperwork filled out correctly. Anna Maria didn't and paid a big fine. John stated that we get so many overages a year in our trash contract. Connie Zack, 6819 MA: Suggested that on election day, we take a poll about once-a-week trash pickup. Joe felt that was a good idea and Pam felt it could be done without violating county election policies.

3. Park Directory--Gail Oppen

In the spring, Gail had suggested the park directory be done sooner than last year. She asked the board if she could begin the process now and if they had any suggestions. It was decided that information could be gathered now but the order placed around Jan. 15. A discussion ensued as to whether owners or renters should be in the book. Since "occupants" or renters are in the book, we need to be certain we have renters' names for the book. Residents comments--Mary Huston, 1714 MN: She feels the owners' numbers should be in the book and asked if both home and cell numbers could be in it. Gail replied that doing that would require more pages in the book and, thus, a greater expense.

4. Summer Board Meetings--Gail Oppen

Gail asked the board to think about the possibility of having only one meeting a month during the summer except in the case of an emergency. Since she was gone all summer and received the information covered in the meetings, she felt the majority of board business should be conducted when most residents are in the park; and she also felt that board members could use a break from weekly meetings and would come back fresh in the fall. She thinks this idea should not be decided until the new board is in place. Many on the board felt this was a good idea. Pam said we would have to change the by-laws and wondered if most of the people who came in the winter are renters versus owners. Joe replied that the winter meetings are much better attended than summer/fall meetings. Gail said she would bring the issue up again in January and just hoped people would think about the idea between now and then. Residents comments--Bev Lew, 2008 IL: She asked us to consider night meetings and wondered what constitutes an emergency. She, too, wondered what percentage of winter residents are renters. Flo Mallory said she feels we need more information from residents and wants a discussion of cost cutting. She also said she feels the three-minute rule is a form of board control. Gail said that some kind of time limit is placed concerning resident comments in every government she is familiar with, and, thus, she doesn't believe that has been done for board control.

5. Beach Pavilion--Gail Oppen

Gail explained that there is only one beach pavilion and residents had complained last winter about Sunsetters' having the facility every Friday. Due to problems in the park, some residents who would like to go down to the beach won't go, while others won't ask for the facility despite the fact that Toni Gaeta wrote on the reservation form that she would be willing to give it up if someone else wanted it. Gail asked Toni if she would add to her 2009-10 form that she would again relinquish the pavilion if someone else wanted it. Toni agreed but added that she would like a phone call to that effect. Gail asked the board how they feel about a continual reservation at the only beach pavilion we have every Friday night. Joe felt it was fine--first come, first serve--and felt it was available plenty of other times for residents. He said

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Phone: 941-756-7177
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February 24, 2011

Sharon Denson
Let's Talk Club
PO Box 5677
Bradenton, FL 34281

Dear Sharon:

I have been contacted regarding a letter you sent to Trailer Estates residents stating that they have forfeited their privilege of attending the meetings of your Let's Talk Club. I want to provide you with the appropriate District information so that you understand that this is not something that you can assert.

PP5 Rules for Clubs and Organizations states that... *"All meetings held by a club or organization registered with Trailer Estates Park & Recreation must be open to all residents of Trailer Estates Park & Recreation District."* So long as all individuals who attended your Let's Talk Club meeting on February 17, 2011 were TE residents, you can't restrict them from attending your club meetings.

As you compare their attendance at your club meeting, to the uninvited attendance of the Sunsetters to the Bocce Club event in January, this is not an accurate comparison. The Bocce Club event in January was an event of the club for club members only, not a meeting of the club. The Bocce Club meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the Small Hall.

When you refer to the Board bullets of January 31 as your basis for this forfeiture of privileges, you are incorrect. The bullets state correctly that club events held in TE facilities are for those that reserved it and their guests, not all TE residents. To use this as your basis you are stating that

your meeting on February 17th was an event, however the February Tribune states otherwise—(next to last paragraph) *“Our meetings take place in the small hall at 7:00 PM. Trailer Estates residents and their guests are welcome at all regularly scheduled meetings. Watch our bulletin board at the Post Office for all notices.”*

PP5 Rules for Clubs and Organizations states also that... *“Failure to comply with these rules shall be cause for denial of the use of the facilities of Trailer Estates Park & Recreation District.”* With this, if you restrict TE residents from attending club meetings, it would be cause for your club to be denied the use of the facilities.

I hope this clears up the matter for you.

Sincerely,

Martha Brauer

Martha Brauer
Chairman, Board of Trustees

CC: Mary Lou McNulty
Joe and Ruth Langton
Ruth Schneider
John and Janet Vander Molen
Barbara Durrin
Shirley Warner
Shirley Klotz
Gloria Marshall and friend
Carol Asa
Joe and Betty Trinkl

March 9, 2011

Trailer Estates Board of Trustees:

This letter is to inform you of an incident that happened yesterday in the art room. A computer class was being taught that was sponsored by the Let's Talk Club. The club had the room reserved from 3:30-6:00 PM. A reservation form was completed for the reservation prior to starting the class. The class has been running weekly at this time for the past several weeks.

Today, at 5:15, two people entered the room to say that they wanted to set up the room for Bible Study and asked if the group was finished. The instructor said they weren't quite finished, but to come on in. A person asked them what time Bible Study started, and they replied that it started at 6:15, but they wanted to set it up then. They proceeded to set up the tables, and eventually the computer class had only one table to work on. They felt pushed out and left shortly thereafter.

Based on the events leading up to and including the public hearing for the alleged violations of park rules by the Sunsetters Club, we would make the following observation:

The Club which held the reservation was pushed out of the room by persons who arrived one hour early for their event. Please note that the persons were not kept out of the room by the instructor, but given the conclusions of the Board of Trustees, the actions by the Bible Study person and a resident constituted a serious violation of park rules. They had no right to be in the room, regardless of what the instructor said.

From here forward, there are several assumptions/choices that can be made, some of which will contribute to healing the rift in the park and some which will widen it:

1. We could assume and report that: Two people intentionally disrupted an event sponsored by the Let's Talk club. They knew the room was reserved for that period and were deliberately disrupting the class. They knew that they did not have a reservation for this period of time. They knew the Sunsetters had that reservation. They knew what they were doing was wrong. They were disrupting the class because Sunsetters were in attendance at the class and the Sunsetters had not been adequately punished for their flagrant disrespect for park rules in daring to intrude on the Bocce Club. They came with a plan to disrupt as they started moving the tables while the class was in session. The Bible Study group is not a club, thus not a priority in scheduling. We are able to identify the intruders. One person is a member of the Men's bible Study group. The other one is not.

OR

We could assume and report that: One offender has bragged about being friends of John VanderMolen, and can do as they please. This must be retaliation for the computer class students entering the room while China Painting was cleaning up.

OR

We could assume that: These are elderly people who go early to everything.

Based on the assumptions above, the following actions could be taken:

Send the offenders a letter such as the one that was sent the Sunsetters on January 29th, 2011, stating that they intentionally seriously violated park rules and regulations and knew they were disrupting. The letter should also tell them to be at the Board Meeting, with a 48 hour notice over a week-end, to defend themselves.

OR

Notify someone in charge of the Bible Study that members are arriving an hour early and disrupting a class, and not bring this to the attention of the Board

OR

Recognize that no one person can control the behavior of all members of any group and keep the incident in perspective. Ask the board to deal with the situation in a general fashion by educating residents about reservations and the rights of persons reserving facilities, but understanding that residents will continue to get to functions early.

Whatever is chosen must be consistent. A perception of unfairness on the part of residents will create tension in the park.

Our purpose in taking the time to write this document is to extract any learning that can come from the choices made that led to the public hearing conducted by the Board.

This true event, was used to demonstrate the wide variety of assumptions that may be made about any incident, and that the choice made following any incident, no matter how large or small it may seem to be at the time, impacts future choices/decisions.

We had hoped to discuss the event personally with a Trustee, to decide which option was appropriate for this situation, but were denied the opportunity. Trustee Hutchinson agreed to speak to us about the incident and then canceled the appointment saying we were in litigation. Trustee Brauer said she couldn't see us before April 4th. TJ is the only TE person that so far has spoken to us. TJ has tried to assist us.

Our last option is to write to this Board about the situation and to make suggestions to avoid future escalation.

Learning as a result of the public hearing process:

1. The Tribune is not dependable as a source of information.
2. The Recreation board is not a dependable source of information
3. According to the documents filed in the Club book, clubs file their officers and schedules in a variety of ways. There is no standardized reporting. The Sunsetters Club had no confirmation of their schedule or any notification prior to January 31, 2011, that their scheduled meeting for the 4th Friday had been denied. No alternate location or accommodation was offered.
4. Ongoing events are not allowed on Channel 95. People are referred to the Tribune, which is unreliable.
5. The website is inaccurate (the Sunsetters are not even referenced on the website activity calendar).
6. No standardized rule, regulation, policy, procedure, or form exists for the reporting requirements of PP5.
7. There is no standardized procedure for handling a scheduling problem/conflict (no paper trail).
8. Paperwork is lacking in the public record for clubs and organizations, making it difficult for the scheduling Secretary.

Suggested Solutions:

1. Develop and adopt a standardized form for the April 1st report requirements for clubs and organizations, that works for club use on a yearly basis. The function form presently used for individual events, is inadequate for yearly use by clubs, and creates unnecessary paperwork and expense for the park. The form should be turned in, approved, and a copy of the approved form should be returned to the Club. This will prevent any misunderstanding about who has a reservation.
2. Develop a procedure for resolving a scheduling conflict.
3. Appoint a Trustee Committee to assist the Board to compile accurate data and post it in the Tribune, on Channel 95, on the Recreation Board, and on the website.

4. Consider software for scheduling of events. This would flag any overlapping scheduled events.

5. Set a deadline of April 1, 21012 for all clubs and organizations to submit creation documents pursuant to PP5. This will update the park records and make it easier for the Secretary to schedule events. It will also motivate groups to get the required documents to the Secretary, because their schedule will not be accepted until the documents are in.

6. Consider a fact-finding Committee appointed by the board and reporting to the board to gather accurate information from all parties. This could be informal information gathering or some formalized process to try and resolve disputes before involving the board. This would curtail rumors, and give immediacy to the conflict resolution.

We realize that we are asking this Board to do more work. We also recognize that the park has been operating as a government for a long time, without the required procedures, and this board is playing catch-up. This puts a lot of stress on the community. The silver lining to this cloud is that once the policies and procedures are in place, future boards will have the structure to function within the law and the tools to preserve the dignity of the community. We will be happy to volunteer to do whatever we can to lessen the load on the board.

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