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TRAILER ESTATES PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
APRIL 4, 2011
9:30 A.M.
SMALL HALL
1903 69TH AVENUE WEST
BRADENTON, FL 34207

Prior to the meeting, Chairman Martha Brauer presented certificates of appreciation to: Kathy Smith for 15 years of service to Trailer Estates and Janet Jones and John Vander Molen for many years of service as Trustees. The park offered its thanks for their service.

The meeting was called to order at 9:38 a.m. by Chairman Martha Brauer.

ROLL CALL: Martha Brauer, Margo Cushman, Harry Fitzpatrick, Fred Hoch, Debbie Hutchison, Jim McIlveen, Gail Opper, Joe Salerno.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 21 Meeting: A motion was made by Jim, seconded by Debbie, to accept the minutes. Corrections: 1) p. 2, #3 where Gail speaks—in the middle of the page--“information” should be one word. 2) p. 3, towards the bottom where Joe speaks, change \$125 to \$25. 3) p. 3, last line, change “radio” to “transmitter”. Minutes were accepted as corrected, 8-0.

March 21 Workshop: A motion was made by Margo, seconded by Joe, to accept the minutes. Correction: p. 2, no apostrophe after “club”. It should read “clubs”. Minutes were accepted as corrected, 8-0.

REPORT OF TREASURER

1. **Leases**—The lease for the Post Office is being reviewed by the attorney. Both leases—Post Office and Hix--will begin now but with an ending date of Sept. 30 so they coincide with our fiscal year.
2. **Inventory**—A tax ID has been inserted plus columns to better view the information. It will be finished this week.
3. **Refund**—Trailer Estates received a refund from the Municipal Insurance Trust because there were no claims. The amount: \$2,967.
4. The budget letter and financials have been sent.

5. We received a letter from the CPA. A typo was made and a correction has been sent.
6. The budget performance for this month is not an accurate picture.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

No bills were over the normal amount.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS FROM TRUSTEES

Joe—This Thursday, April 7, will be the last Showtime; it is a dinner show. Dinner is at 5 and the show is at 7. May begins summer hours for the laundry.

Jim—On March 15, a man was arrested for selling meat on Longboat Key. He may be the person who was selling meat in our park. Please let the office know who takes care of your property while you're gone and make your home secure when you leave. There will be no three-way stop at Canada and Bay Drive. We did not meet the standards necessary for this to be done. Jim read a Bradenton Herald article written with thanks in regards to Joe Salerno who helped teach Bocce to special needs children. Trailer Estates offered its thanks, too.

Margo—There were five deaths and 14 cards were sent.

Gail—1) The calendar is once again on the back page of the Tribune. Unfortunately, it is not correct. Gail will call Teledrex. 2) A TE resident has done extensive research on a salt water pool. Gail summarized his report and read it at the Board meeting. 3) She thanked the residents for completing reservations by April 1. Everyone did a great job. There was only one complaint. 4) She also shared with the residents why she does not use a spreadsheet for reservations—not all Board members or residents have computers or, thus, computer knowledge. 5) She shared a reservation dilemma that she discovered when posting all the new reservations received by April 1.

Fred—He and Mark are working on research for a salt water pool.

Debbie—In regards to Bingo for March, there were 1,439 players with an average of 160. \$6,489 was taken in and paid out. Jackpot: \$4,716 was taken in and paid out. Summer hours for dances will be the fourth Saturday of the month. Coffee Break on April 16 will cover identity theft. Recycling is going well. Debbie is thinking about bringing forward an idea for composting.

Harry—No report.

Martha—1) Since she will be leaving soon, she went over a list of the things she has done and those that are still pending. 2) A 30-day extension has been granted by the appeals court to Lewis/Longman, attorneys for Sharon Denson and Mary Lou Smith in the filing of their first brief.

Gail—I'd like to dispel a rumor. Judge Dunnigan was not demoted to Family Court. Judges are not demoted. They can be removed from the bench or lose their law licenses but demotion is not an option.

REPORTS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

ARC—A meeting was held March 25. 16 permits were approved; 0 were denied. The committee received a letter from Bev Lew wishing to be considered to fill a vacancy on ARC. ARC decided that no one will be added at this time.

Beautification—The projects on the east side of the hall were funded by Cook's Night Out, and the new sidewalks will be paid for by the brick fund.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS

Barb Durrin, 6517 WA—It is good to hear that the Board is correcting rumors. She wonders why she can't get donations for her taxes that went up due to the lawsuit. She is not happy about the Teapot donations.

Dan Smith, 6907 Tarpon Lane—1) Thanked Martha for the wonderful work she has done. 2) He agrees with Opper on the salt water pool. There are a lot more issues dealing with salt water versus fresh water. 3) Believes a spreadsheet should be used for reservations. 4) Should have solar things going on. 5) Problems in the Tribune due to the manner in which it was corrected.

Bev Lew, 2008 IL—Spoke about chart Gail put on the Board. Park should be able to go to anything they want. Showed a bottle of something and called it "teardrops."

Don Warner, 6523 KS—Made a request to residents to help the Fire Department. They need more volunteers. They actually need lots of help. Volunteers must have a minimum of 40 hours training, which will be provided by the Fire Department.

A 5' recess was called at 10:50 a.m. Meeting resumed at 10:55 a.m.

Les Salomon, 1704 OH—Reviewed the settlement of March 9, 2009, offered by the Plaintiffs to Trailer Estates in regards to the lawsuit. He feels the demands of this settlement offer are not acceptable to any rational person. In that settlement, the Board must pay the opposing attorneys' legal fees. He is behind the Board in not appealing these people and accepting this inappropriate document.

Mary Hollett, 2004 FL Blvd.—Wants to thank the Board for being who they are. People don't want to help but want to condemn.

John Brown, 1813 Iowa—He is interested in Trailer Estates putting a roof over on our shuffleboard courts. The Southwest Coast District can raise half the money if Trailer

Estates could raise the other half. It doesn't have to be right now; it might be two or three years away.

Gary LeBoeuf, 6920 East Bayou—Residents should contact the county about sidewalks and roads not the Board. He was insulted by a comment made about “deep pockets.” The lawsuit brought a burden to elderly residents. The plaintiffs should raise money for those whose assessments went up. Are the sisters mean or just vindictive? He can't sit back and watch those Trustees before us and the present Board getting attacked. He believes this Board has done what they can to correct things and he thanks the Trustees.

Oay Salomon, 1704 OH—The increase in the assessment is due to litigation fees. The defense fund means they want to sue you to guarantee their rights. If they care, they will stop the nonsense and save money. She doesn't want to swim in a “teardrop” pool.

Public comment was closed.

Harry—Since I have to leave for a doctor's appointment, how can I handle the presentation of my thoughts and questions?

Martha: Someone will read them.

Gail—Worked for a newspaper for three years and handled the correction of the Tribune the way she was taught. She stands by her spreadsheet comments and wonders what the “teardrops” are all about.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Trustee vacancy. Martha turned the meeting over to Connie Zack who served as moderator for the questioning of the four candidates: Shirley Dillow, Bev Lew, Lenora Neal, and Dan Smith. Questions came first from the residents and then from the Board. The questions were followed by comments from the Board members. The Board voted on cards. The results: Shirley Dillow, 1 vote; Bev Lew, 0 votes; Lenora Neal, 6 votes; Dan Smith, 0 votes. Lenora Neal was elected as the new Trustee and was sworn in by Martha Brauer.

A break was taken for lunch at 1:40 p.m. The meeting resumed at 2:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Martha Brauer, Margo Cushman, Fred Hoch, Debbie Hutchinson, Jim McIlveen, Lenora Neal, Gail Opper, Joe Salerno. Absent: Harry Fitzpatrick.

2. Nominations for treasurer. Lenora Neal stated she is willing to accept a nomination for treasurer. A motion was made by Jim, seconded by Debbie, to appoint Lenora Neal as Board treasurer. Motion passed, 8-0.

3. Media Committee Appointment. A motion was made by Martha, seconded by Joe, to appoint Lenora Neal to the committee. Motion passed, 8-0.

Gail: Wants to control a rumor in regards to the Tribune. She is the only Trustee who sees the articles when they come in the first of every month. She alone decides if an article is appropriate for publication. There is a rumor that four Trustees handle this task. That is not true.

4. PP65. This allows Board members who are gone for the summer to take part in meetings/workshops without the vote of the other members as long as the reason for their absence falls into one of three categories: they are seasonal residents, medical problems, or illness. Any other reason would require a Board vote. Board members must write a letter stating why they can't be present for a meeting/workshop. They may write one letter covering all summer meetings or they can write a generic letter and simply change the date.

A motion was made by Joe, seconded by Debbie, to accept PP65 as revised. Motion passed, 8-0.

5. PP45 plus Rules & Regs PP34. We must have a paper trail for auditing purposes.

Jim: People should photograph damages.

Joe: We should change the kitchen key.

Fred: Will get 15 keys and give them to TJ to be given out.

Debbie: We should have a book with pictures of everything we have.

A motion was made by Martha, seconded by Joe, to approve changes listed on PP34 and PP45. Motion passed, 8-0.

6. Designee Appointment. A motion was made by Margo, seconded by Lenora, to appoint the Maintenance Trustee to approve maintenance hiring as stated in PP40. Motion passed 8-0.

7. Rules and Regulations/Penalties. Trustees read the new rules/regs/penalties sheets. Much discussion arose regarding problems at the pool.

Jim: Use the "be nice" approach. If that doesn't work, walk away and call 911. He still suggests cameras be turned toward the pool during spring break.

8. Bids on the Grill and Trailer. Martha opened and announced the following bids on the grill and trailer: C. Lewis Mitsch, 1808 MI, \$202; Mary Huston, 1714 MN, \$5.

A motion was made by Martha, seconded by Joe, to dispose of the grill and trailer to the highest bidder, C. Lewis Mitsch, for \$202. Motion passed, 8-0.

9. Golf Cart. Mark worked on the golf cart to get it ready for bidding and believes it is now in a condition where we should consider keeping it.

A motion was made by Martha, seconded by Joe, to undeclare the golf cart as surplus and move it into inventory. Motion passed, 8-0.

REPORTS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Joe: Bocce will meet for the last time this season on Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. in the Small Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Opper, Secretary