

APPROVED AS WRITTEN, APRIL 18, 2022
TRAILER ESTATES PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

APRIL 4, 2022

9:30 A.M.

MARK'S HALL

1903 69TH AVENUE WEST
BRADENTON, FL 34207

The meeting was called to order by Duane Trotter at 9:31 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Lori Dalton, Kathy Gregory, Russell McAlister, Louis Nickels, Pete Price, Sandy Simonich and Duane Trotter present. Mary Chandler was absent.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Ruth Coppens, 6823 MA – She provided information from the Auxiliary sales stating they are still averaging 200 or more shoppers each sale day and sales exceed those from this time last year. She indicated they had received their sales tax coupon book from the state and were calculating sales tax. She thanked the volunteers and stated this group wants to continue supporting the park.

Harry Splett, 2104 OH – He provided his critique of the budget. First, drop the expansion of the pool area; second, drop the fish shack replacement and third, drop the seawall repairs and get a second opinion. He also recommends a pay-as-you go approach and not borrow funds.

Sandy Stevens, 1814 MN – She asked about Bingo summer play. She stated she has volunteers she just needs to know how to train them regarding Mothers Helping Mothers. She stated she needs an answer and she would prefer to continue with Mothers Helping Mothers.

Pat Prosser, 6819 American Way – She listed some questions she has 1) the total cost for the new Charter; 2) an update on a new attorney; 3) what percent of the budget is for ADA and 4) did the board ask residents to fund the 1.5 million dollar project, similar to the attorney costs years ago.

Gail Opper, 1915 MN – She stated she had requested the Town Hall meeting and appreciated the board's response to her suggestion; however, from the agenda, she believes the decision to have either a Park Manager or Management Company has already been made and there is no real reason for a Town Hall meeting. She voiced concerns about the assessments per lot and asked if a

double lot would pay double the cost for a Park Manager. She thanked all the board members, since 1966, for their contributions to serve the community without concerns for their retirement time. She stated she would be attending the HOA Club meeting and suggested a trustee attend too.

Jim Angerame, 1614 MN – He thanked the trustees. He then detailed how Tri-Par has 800 homes, 3 full-time office staff and a Park Manager; TE has 1200 homes, 1 full-time office staff and no Park Manager. He stated things have gotten complicated and the board’s job is to “plan” and he encourages extra help. He also calculates the cost per home would be about \$8.00 a month.

John Good, 6813 Marlin Ln. – He stated he agrees with Harry after he reviewed the seawall bid in the office. He detailed his previous work locally and feels the cost could be much less. He stated there are other ways to fix the seawall and it is not currently an emergency. He stated he supports one person as a Park Manager and stated the Homeowners Club meeting is tomorrow at 7:00.

Closed Public Comments

Responses to Public Comment

Lori – She stated Bingo would be discussed at the workshop. She stated the agenda for the Town Hall meeting was misleading because the board had not made a definite decision for a Park Manager and she encourages residents to come and share their opinions.

Duane – He stated the Town Hall was to explore the difference between a Park Manager and a Management Company and to determine what we need/want. Residents could support 1) NO Park Manager or Management Company, 2) YES Park Manager or 3) YES Management Company. He stated he will look into Pat’s questions; however, the attorney issue is still outstanding, our goal is to have every door ADA by 2023 and we were not looking to obtain resident funding for the loan. He then stated he is looking into Harry’s proposal.

Pete – He stated he wants Bingo to continue being run by the Beautification Committee and supporting Mothers Helping Mothers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Louis made a motion to approve the Regular Business Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2022, seconded by Kathy. The minutes were approved as written 7/0. Kathy made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2022, seconded by Pete. The minutes were approved as written 7/0.

REPORT OF TREASURER

None.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

None.

STAFF OR ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

None.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE

- 1) Kathy – She detailed her Showtimes and Dances since the last meeting. She thanked Maintenance Department for their making setup changes on-the-fly. She thanked the clubs for working dances. She stated the acts for next season have all been finalized. She stated the Vegas Night planning would be April 8 at 11:00. She also stated Ginny Spillman would be performing at 3:30 Friday; donations accepted.
- 2) Sandy – She thanked residents helping keep the boards at the Post Office current. She thanked Betty Bell for her help. She stated new First Aid kits were in and detailed their locations.
- 3) Pete – He detailed his contact with FMIT for updated appraisals and learning Synergy has already done the survey and is working on new numbers.
- 4) Louis – He indicated he has been limited due to his health. He stated he reviewed the Annual Financial Statement and was awed by the amount of work Mary does.
- 5) Russell – He thanked the residents for coming today. He asked residents to secure items before leaving for the summer. He discussed a letter from the attorney which states we cannot recoup some funds paid to maintenance for lawn mowing because the time limits had expired. He then reminded residents about the perils of hiring non-licensed contractors and stated Manatee County Code Enforcement would be performing a “violations sweep” in TE and Bayshore Gardens in May. He also stated there are many unregistered support animals that need to get registered.
- 6) Lori – She stated all recurring reservations have been received and she thanked groups for promptly submitting their paperwork. She also stated she uploaded the list of activities to the website and recommended groups check it out.

- 7) Duane (Maintenance) – He stated all cameras are up and running. He is working with Big Fish to display the camera feeds on Channel 732. He also stated the sheriff’s office has indicated the footage can be used in court against perpetrators.
- 8) Duane (Chairman) – He stated we are working to fill the Maintenance Trustee position; interested residents need to submit their letters of interest and resumes to the office by April 14, 2022 at 12:00. Interviews will be held on April 18 and he encourages residents to attend and ask questions. He stated he will be looking for a moderator and time keeper. He also detailed a letter he received where decals for rental properties expired December 31 and fines and summons are being sent. He recommended the property owners that have rentals contact the appraiser’s office. He ended stating that the board is not involved and will not pay the fines.

REPORT FROM STANDING COMMITTEE

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Tribune Policy – PP14 (Dalton) – Lori made a motion “To approve the addition of the deadline information to the Tribune Policy – PP14 as discussed at the workshop on March 21, 2022.” The motion was seconded by Russell. Lori immediately amended the motion “To approve the addition of the deadline information to the Tribune Policy – PP14 as discussed at the workshop on March 21, 2022.” The amended motion was seconded by Russell. A discussion followed. The motion passed 7/0.

REPORTS FROM CLUBS & ORGANIZATION.

Laura Freese, 6619 CT, CERT – She indicated hurricane season is coming and they will be distributing EOC information at the Post Office. She then detailed the CERT Breakfast on April 11 from 9:00-10:30 with ticket sales this Wednesday from 10-12 and 1-3. She thanked the Maintenance Department for their help. She then stated Cedar Hammock Fire Department has asked TE CERT to assist other communities in their area develop CERT programs.

Terri Allenberger, 6810 MA, Cook's Night Out – She stated ticket sales ended last night and she looks forward to seeing everyone Thursday at 5:00.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Dalton, Secretary