

APPROVED AS CORRECTED, MAY 15, 2023  
TRAILER ESTATES PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

APRIL 17, 2023

9:30 A.M.

MARK'S HALL  
1903 69<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE WEST  
BRADENTON, FL 34207

The meeting was called to order by Duane Trotter at 9:30 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Mary Chandler, Lori Dalton, Kathy Gregory, Todd Lombardi, Russell McAlister, Louis Nickels, Sandra Simonich, Rodney Smith and Duane Trotter present.

**PUBLIC HEARING – BUDGET:** - Mary presented the proposed budget with a Power Point presentation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – BUDGET:** (the board supported interactive Public Comments)

Jack Bell, 6603 KS – He asked about no money for Pickleball (PB) for 2023-2024. Mary stated probably the following year; it's still under discussion. Duane stated he has met with PB and they are trying for grants that would be 12-18 months out. He also stated Maintenance will get the estimates for the courts and then decide when. Jack asked about the plan for the park. Todd stated he is working on it. ~~Todd~~ Jack clarified that no building on TEN until the driveway is widened; Todd said he is looking into it. Duane stated it could be 2024-2025 or 2025-2026. Jack wanted the board to commit to a year. Both Duane and Todd explained why there is no guarantee. Kathy applauded the club's planned fund raising. Jack voiced concerns PB will no longer be able to use indoor courts. Mary stated it was never discussed. Sandy asked the board to assure Jack indoor PB would continue. Russell stated he will not commit to future plans as did most of the board. Kathy stated she thought PB would want to play outside more. Jack pointed out that elderly people play PB that cannot play outside.

Dottie Deerwester, 1804 OH – She asked Mary to have the Power Point presentation put on the website and Mary agreed. Dottie wants to have a more comprehensive list available for the repurpose of the former maintenance building. She then voiced concerns that sending emails to other board members

is a sunshine law violation. Mary stated the possible uses for the former maintenance building is too premature. She then detailed how she sent the email and compiled the responses. Dottie stated she doesn't want to lose track of the possible uses such as Mason's equipment storage/repair and she wants to see a potential list. Todd pointed out that the civil engineer is looking at the park as a whole.

Jeff Admundson, 1608 TN – He voiced concerns about the TEN Driveway being widened and would like to see that sooner rather than later.

#### Closed Public Comment-Budget

#### **RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

Lenora Neal, 6619 CA – She detailed her recommendation to resolve the possible sunshine law violation by re-voting on it verbally during the meeting. The board decided to do it during the motion for the budget.

Dottie Deerwester, 1804 OH – She stated the workshop agenda has a topic for parking she would like to have interactive. She then stated it included an 80% above 55+ and she asked how the data was collected?

#### Closed Public Comments

#### **Responses to Public Comment**

None.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Louis made a motion to approve the Regular Business Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2023, seconded by Todd. The minutes were approved as written 9/0.

Rod made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2023, seconded by Todd. The minutes were approved as written 9/0.

#### **REPORT OF TREASURER**

Regions Bank Checking: \$79,026.79

Regions Bank Money Market: \$2,715,311.87

Regions Seawall Loan Account: \$

Treasure Barn: \$43,399.94

Uncommitted Funds (from TEFCD): \$

Lori made a motion to approve the Report of the Treasurer, seconded by Todd. A discussion followed. Mary stated Quickbooks was down and therefore specifics

were not available; however, about \$600,000 was for loan pre-payments and \$125,000 was for the regular loan payment. She also stated there will be little or no more funds being deposited from assessments. The motion was approved 9/0.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

None.

### **STAFF OR ATTORNEY COMMENTS:**

None.

### **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE**

- 1) Louis – He stated he is working on a few lawn care issues and reminded residents to leave their homes hurricane ready when they leave.
- 2) Rod – He detailed the Crime Prevention Coffee Break and stated the entire brochure is on the website and excerpts will be on 732. He stated he plans to have this topic repeated in January 2024. He then detailed the last Potluck and stated that summer activities are in the Tribune and on the website. He also stated he needs volunteers.
- 3) Russell – He thanked residents for their cleanup efforts so far. He also asked residents to be hurricane ready. He asked landlords of annual rental homes to ensure their paperwork is current in the office and the renters are registered. He stated FPL is starting to work on street lights and residents should call FPL directly to report street light issues. He thanked residents for cleaning up the swales.
- 4) Lori – She stated she is current with reservations.
- 5) Kathy – She detailed the recent and upcoming seasonal events. She thanked the clubs and residents for volunteering. She thanked Maintenance for their help. She stated she is all booked for next season. She then detailed her process resulting in her making her reservations on the website calendar more than a year in advance and stated that if a club wants a date she has reserved to talk to her. She supports creating a variety of events; however, she can't break a signed contract.
- 6) Sandy – She recommended residents take their time going north. She asked residents to call with news or notices. She stated she would see everyone in the fall.
- 7) Todd – He stated the seawall is close to completion; hopefully by the end of next week boats will be back in their normal slips. He stated Maintenance is down one and a half staff. He stated they are working to replace the AC

for the kitchen/stage. He then detailed a few letters being sent to storage lot users regarding stuff thrown on the ground.

- 8) Mary – She stated the budget should be done today. She detailed her next big project would be the timely loan payments to Regions bank. She detailed the status of the Spectrum contract and explained that it will take about 30 days after signing for it to be effective. Spectrum is supposed to automatically fix residents' billing codes for DVRs and Wifi; if residents don't see a change in their bill by July they should call Spectrum.
- 9) Duane – He detailed Joyce's retirement and her party April 24 from 12-3. He then stated our new Park Manager, Lee Morris, will start May 8 and Duane plans to have a meet and greet event at a later date.

### **REPORT FROM STANDING COMMITTEE**

Barbara Sewell, 6608 Dakota, Treasure Barn Committee (TB) – She detailed the TB accounts. She asked about the process for their funding of some of the large hall renovations. Mary indicated Maintenance and TB would get an invoice, Maintenance would pay it and then Mary would transfer TB funds to cover the expenditure; providing it was within the approved amount. Mary Trotter stated the members approved a \$7,000 cap above the approved estimated amounts. Kathy pointed out that there will not be a May TB meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Approve 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget (Chandler)** – Mary made a motion to “Approve the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget presented at the Public Hearing earlier today for an annual assessment per single lot of \$1,274.70.” The motion was seconded by Todd. A discussion followed. The motion passed 9/0 after Mary detailed her email. Question #1 was “Given the revised cost of \$405 as a one time charge to copy our data and setup access at a cost of \$18 per user per month to access the data, would you support adding \$405 to the Technology account in the 2022\_2023 fiscal year budget, \$630 for May – September 2023 (7 users) and increase the technology budget for 2023/2024 by \$1512 to cover the annual license for 7 (Park Manager, Chairman, Office Manager, Maintenance Trustee, Secretary, Treasurer and Shared ID) in the 2023\_2024 budget. YES or NO or Discuss Further. Eight voted “YES” Chandler, Gregory, Lombardi, McAlister,

Nickels, Simonich, Smith and Trotter. One voted “NO” Dalton. Question #2 “Would you support moving the current \$15k held for the items mentioned above to the project to allow ADA access to the pool deck and pool to cover the additional costs for ADA compliant bathrooms? YES or NO or Discuss Further. Six voted “YES” Chandler, Gregory, Lombardi, Nickels, Simonich and Trotter; one voted “NO” Dalton and two voted “Discuss Further” McAlister and Smith.

### **REPORTS FROM CLUBS & ORGANIZATION.**

Sandy Spence, 2303 Bay Dr., Beautification Club – She thanked everyone who helped them raise funds. She stated they are looking at benches for the marina for manatee viewing. She stated they agreed to fund 3 benches. She provided thoughts on creating a “Build a Bench” fund raiser where for a donation of \$200 or \$250 they would place a remembrance plaque on a bench. She asked the board if they want BC to take over the rose garden. She then asked if BC could sell boutique items and ice cream at some bingo games.

Terri Ellenberger, 6810 MA, Cook’s Night Out (CNO) – She detailed how they are off to a big start and she appreciates everyone’s participation. She asked if CNO could be given heads up information as the large hall is renovated. She also stated she is doing research for an under counter dishwasher suited primarily for washing silverware.

Dottie Deerwester, 1804 OH, Computer Club – She recommends residents be proactive and contact Spectrum to ensure proper changes to their billing. She also stated equipment to be returned can be taken to the UPS store for them to return; however, make sure you get a receipt.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Dalton, Secretary