

## PORT MALABAR HOLIDAY PARK MOBILE HOME PARK RECREATION DISTRICT

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### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES May 25, 2018 – 11:00AM

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May 25, 2018

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- Meeting call to order by Keith Rittscher
- 2. Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance Keith Rittscher; makes an announcement that he is adding 5a. to the agenda for public comment
- Roll Call by Joanne Gaughan
   Present were Keith Rittscher, Chairman; Bob Shortlidge, 1st Vice-Chairman; Ellouise Raffo, 2nd Vice-Chairman; Joanne Gaughan, Secretary; Kendra Bender, Treasurer; Barbara Whitneck, Assistant Treasurer; Helen Ferguson, Trustee
- 5. Preliminary Discussion on Budget to be voted on at the 5/29/18 Workshop Meeting Kendra Bender; stated her reason for calling this meeting was to provide residents and the Board with a transparent look into the budget process. She gave a quick summary of her extensive background in accounting, managing finance and creating budgets. Went over the detailed budget and brings up key points about Holiday Park not being a place where investing our money to make more money is necessary. If extra money in the budget is really needed for temporary lawn crew employees when there are 7 full time guys. Brought up if extra money is needed for a part-time employee in the office. Joanne Gaughan; feels that would be up to the new District Manager to gauge. Kendra; Went over leaving our budget for the auditors, bookkeeper and payroll company the same. Asked if our budgeted legal fees should be changed, or kept the same. Determined it would be kept the same. Spoke on utilities and feels we are doing well. Keith; said our FPL bill will increase slightly due to the security cameras. The leak in the hot pool is brought up. Allison Kelly spoke on the fact that the 2 previous companies that worked on it will not touch it. An estimate of \$100,000 is given to repair the pool. Kendra said it needs to be addressed in the detailed capital outlay conversation. Bruce Crabb, 442 Neighborly; wondered why we can't get a job done right. Bob Shortlidge; brought up the risk of sink holes. Kendra; Brought up employee raises and uniforms. Kendra feels we will lose people if we don't pay the employees better. Bob Shortlidge; asked everyone to look how hard the boys work to keep the Park looking nice. Talked about Daniel Rogers who was hired less than 3 months ago. He's already put in his 2 weeks because he has received a better offer elsewhere. Bob has looked into the hourly rate of Grounds maintenance and it's \$12 an hour. Bob suggested we have a starting rate of \$12 an hour. Said it would be \$183,000 to pay these guys \$12 an hour. Joanne Gaughan; asked if he's thought about giving Shawn a raise as well. Bob Shortlidge; yes, he has but has not budgeted that. Allison Kelly,1054 Sunflower; suggested we raise the current park maintenance employees to \$13 and bring in a new hire at \$12. Bruce Crabb, 442 Neighborly; feels employee wages should have been left alone. More discussion between Bob Shortlidge and Kendra Bender about raising wages, they both agree it's doable. Joanne Gaughan; asked where they stand on Shawn's raise. Kendra and Bob agreed \$16 an hour for Shawn is good. Allison Kelly asked when this will take effect. Keith and Kendra feel it should happen immediately. Bruce Crabb, 442 Neighborly; suggested Jose be brought up to \$16 an hour as well. Keith; advised it will be put on the agenda for Tuesday's meeting. Kendra; stated there is \$75,000 for capital outlay.



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Would like to have a discussion on taking a loan out to fix the pools properly. Bruce Crabb, 442

Neighborly; thinks there should be a separate reserves fund. Kendra needs to research that. More discussion on the pools. Allison Kelly, Keith Rittscher and Joanne Gaughan all agreed cheaper is not always better. Kendra feels they are at a good stopping point. She will calculate all raises and run the numbers. She thanks everyone for putting so much input and being so agreeable.

#### 5a. Public Comment

**Bruce Crabb, 442 Neighborly;** asked why the budget doesn't reflect the actual spending for the last fiscal year. **Kendra;** isn't sure what he means. **Bruce Crabb; explains. Kendra;** clarifies she can add a more detailed expenditure.

#### 6. Trustee Comments

**Keith;** asked trustees to let him know if there's anything they'd like added to the agenda for Tuesday. **Bob Shortlidge;** would like to add a discussion on a new truck. **Kendra;** would like to see the wish list added. **Helen Ferguson;** would like to put something about the sign, there's no light. **Keith;** we'll have the Grounds crew take care of that. **Everyone thanks Kendra.** 

7. Adjournment; Bob Shortlidge makes a motion to adjourn, Joanne Gaughan seconds. Meeting adjourned at 12:21pm

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