

Tri-Par Estates Park and Recreation District Minutes  
Board of Trustees – BOARD WORKSHOP  
FEBRUARY 18, 2025

**TIME:**.....10:05 a.m.  
**CALL TO ORDER:**..... Chairman Wright  
**ROLL CALL:**.....Rebekah Thomas  
**PRESENT:** In Attendance.....Denise Hunter, Jacquelynne Hunter, Gary Kormann, Laurie Legler,  
Maureen Lafortune, Mike Neff, Dan Via, Daryle von Holdt  
**ABSENT**.....  
**ALSO PRESENT:** .....Bob Cady, Park Manager

**OPENING COMMENTS** – Chairman Wright opened the Workshop and introduced Rafael Fermin from Sarasota County’s Building Department to speak about permitting.

**Highlights included:**

- Some work is being done without permits and without licensed contractors.
- Any damage to support columns on carports needs a licensed contractor to fix and needs a permit.
- For roofs, TPO vinyl, technically do not need permits (if like-for-like), but do need licensed contractors.
- Handymen should not be doing work that requires licensed contractors.
- Permits go through the Building & Zoning Departments as well as Flood and Health Departments. The average permit could be 6-8 weeks. Most require Engineering to put their stamp on it.
- Carports can no longer be attached to the home and need to withstand 150 mph winds.
- He left his card and will be happy to answer questions, and he will come to your place if you have permit questions. (His card will be available in Tri-Par’s office.

**Discussion:**

Chairman Wright mentioned there will be a discussion regarding Park Manager, Bob Cady’s, possible resignation. This will be tabled to next month or schedule a special meeting to discuss.

**2025-2026 Budget Process Schedule** – A formal presentation of the 2025-2026 Budget will be presented at the March meeting.

**Flea Market Requests** – 1) Bud Stucky requested the Flea Market to fund up to \$4,000 to replace the New Step gym equipment. 2) Sally Cripe requested the Flea Market to fund up to \$10,632 to paint the pickleball courts. Trustee Legler noted that the Flea Market meets before the Board Meeting and needs Board approval which pushes requests back a month. Chairman Wright suggested the Flea Market Financial Committee meet the Monday after the Board Meeting instead of the Monday before the Board Meeting. Trustee Denise Hunter will ask the Flea Market Financial Committee if they could move their meeting dates.

**Special Meeting – April 8** – There will be a Special Meeting on April 8 to install new Trustees/Officers.

**Trustee Reports:**

**Chairman Wright** reported that the “carport” definition needs to be better defined. Carports must withstand 150 mph winds; therefore, anyone using a tent as a carport must take it down.

**Trustee Kormann** – 1) A huge “thank you” goes to Jack Rineer who put up 96 street signs for Tri-Par! He should be Volunteer of the Year and receive a gift card as a thank you for all his work. 2) Make sure you get your permits into the office – your neighbors are starting to report you.

**Trustee J. Hunter** – Thank you to Bob Cady for getting the streetlights on.

**Trustee Via** – 1) He would like to add money to the budget for a new building (Clubhouse) and would like to form a committee to look into it. 2) He will be working on the fountain starting next week.

**Trustee vonHoldt** – Watch out for scammers.

**Trustee Lafortune** – 1) Reminder to all who use the kitchen to put everything away where it belongs. 2) When checking out the new pavers, it looks like there are missing spots where weeds could grow through – she doesn’t think they did a good job.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **PUBLIC INPUT – (Any Topic)**

**Resident on Rancho** requested the Board take action regarding getting a replacement for the New Step gym equipment (request into the Flea Market for amount up to \$3,699).

**Resident on Tri Par** asked when the fences are going to be repaired. Park Manager responded that USA Fence said they will be ordering the material and will schedule dates soon.

**Resident on Rancho** requested that a plaque be purchased and placed where Ron Reesing played for 30 years, and also rename the Tiki Hut after Rockin’ Ron.

**Resident on Tri Par** expressed his views that Tri-Par’s culture has deteriorated in civility, respect for authority and volunteerism over the past 15-20 years and needs to be an integral part of our future. We need strong leadership. He would also like to add \$50K to the budget for attorney/legal costs.

**Resident on Palm Springs** wanted an update on the hot tub recommended renting a portable hot tub in the meantime. The Park Manager will address this in the Manager’s Report.

**Resident on Pebble Beach** is concerned about the look of the Park and wondering if we are issuing violations with timelines to fix issues. The Park Manager responded that the six-month grace period after the hurricanes continues until April, so no structural damage violations have been issued unless there was a dangerous situation. Violations regarding upkeep of lawns, etc. continue to be sent.

**Resident on Innisbrook** said it is time to refurbish the pickleball courts. She put in a request to the Flea Market and would like the Board to approve the request. She also asked that a line item be added to the 2025-2026 Budget to include \$11,000 for maintenance of the pickleball courts. Trustee Via said that it cost \$4,500 in 2018 and questions why the price is so high today.

**Resident on Woodstock** thanked the Board for bringing in Rafael Fermin from Sarasota County to speak about permits today. He agrees that there should be a plaque for Ron Reesing and rename the Tiki Hut for Rockin’ Ron. He asked how many Board Member positions are up for election.

### **ADJOURN THE BOARD WORKSHOP**

- **Trustee vonHoldt made a motion to Adjourn the Board Workshop.**
- **Trustee Via seconded the motion.**
- The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
- The Board Workshop adjourned at 11:40 a.m.