



EMERALD LAKE VILLAGE DISTRICT MINUTES FROM MARCH 3, 2006, MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm, with Commissioner Fred Sanborn and Co-Chairs Joseph Statkus and Deborah Gilbert present.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Statkus contacted the attorney for the District regarding unofficial Emerald Lake websites illegally using the ELVD logo. Commissioner Statkus also contacted Mesmer & Deleault PLLC, a law firm that specializes in copyright and trademark law. Commissioner Statkus made a motion that the District retain this firm to represent the District regarding the unofficial websites. Commissioner Sanborn asked if anyone had met face to face with the owner of the website; this was not done.

At this point, Sharon Lindstrom spoke without being recognized by the chair. Commissioner Statkus ruled her out of order. She continued talking, and Commissioner Statkus gave her another warning to stop talking. She refused, and Commissioner Statkus called a recess and contacted the Hillsborough Police Department to have her removed from the meeting. After she was escorted out of the meeting by the police, Commissioner Statkus resumed the meeting at 7:22.

Commissioner Statkus called the vote to hire the firm of Mesmer & Deleault on retainer to represent the District regarding the unofficial websites. Additional discussion ensued. Commissioner Statkus again called the vote. There being no further discussion, it was approved 3-0.

The Board went over the payment manifest, which included a check payable to Mesmer & Deleault. Commissioner Statkus made a motion that the payment manifest be accepted; seconded by Commissioner Sanborn. Approved 3-0.

Commissioner Statkus made a motion that the minutes of the January 19, 2006, regular meeting and non-public session be accepted as written. Commissioners Gilbert and Sanborn were not present at the meeting and abstained. The motion failed due to lack of a second, and the minutes were set aside. Commissioner Statkus made a motion that the minutes from the February 17, 2006, meeting be accepted as written; seconded by Commissioner Sanborn. Approved 3-0.

Commissioner Statkus stated that there had been a number of complaints from District residents about alcohol being consumed during and after events sponsored by Parks & Recreation. After giving some background about the group and the events it sponsored, Commissioner Statkus made a motion that the Parks & Recreation Committee be dissolved, with the Commissioners taking over in the interim; seconded by Commissioner Gilbert. Commissioner Sanborn made a motion that discussion be opened to the public; the motion failed for lack of a second. Commissioner Statkus mentioned that the Commissioners have handled Parks & Rec matters in the past, and a new committee could be appointed in the future. He then called the vote for dissolving Parks & Rec.

Approved 2-1.

QUESTION-AND-ANSWER PERIOD:

There being no other business, Commissioner Statkus opened the meeting to questions and comments from residents.

1. A resident reported that the ELVD logo has been removed from one of the websites, as requested, so that it no longer looks like an official site for the District.
2. There was additional discussion about Parks & Rec. Although it was agreed that Parks & Rec did many good things, this doesn't excuse the bad things. Several residents made the point that as representatives of the District, Parks & Rec members should not consume alcohol at District functions.
3. A resident asked how payment manifests and meeting minutes would be made available without a website. She also inquired about the process of getting on the agenda for meetings. Commissioner Statkus told her to get in touch with the District office for all of these issues. She asked about plans to have a website; Commissioner Gilbert reported that she is working with the Town of Hillsborough. The resident stated that she would be willing to help with the design. Her last question was regarding meeting times and notification. Commissioner Statkus stated that meetings will be the first Friday of the month for now. Commissioner Gilbert added that the meetings will eventually be moved to Wednesday, when the hall becomes available.
4. A citizen asked about the plans for the minutes and treasurer's report to be read at the monthly meeting, as was passed under Article 11 at the Annual Meeting. The Clerk will read the minutes at the next monthly meeting. Commissioner Statkus stated that the State requires only an end-of-year treasurer's report, so essentially, it is up to the treasurer to read extra reports. It was also recommended that the Town format be followed for District meetings, which includes reading both reports at monthly meetings, and that copies should be available at the meetings.
5. Kevin Grey inquired about the status of his water permit application. Commissioner Statkus has been in contact with Jim Coffey regarding this matter, with the objective of having Mr. Grey put on the list for a building permit.
6. A question was asked about the bids for the water storage tank. Commissioner Statkus explained that the bids were higher than the budgeted amount. The current priority is treatment of the Mary Rowe well, as DES is requiring that the District address this problem. Drilling a new well will be next; however, this well would not be completed until fall. The water storage tank will be the last item. Questions were also asked about looking into a metal storage tank, which is less costly. There was a question about the letters mailed by the Town of Hillsborough regarding the water quality and whether that has anything to do with the District's water. Although the District has a separate water system, a resident mentioned that Hillsborough water is trucked in to the District in summer. Commissioner Statkus reported that the Board is looking into contracting with a supplier to deliver water each Friday during the coming summer.

There being no further business, Commissioner Statkus made a motion that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Commissioner Sanborn. Approved 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nan McCarthy, District Clerk

Approved:

Deborah Gilbert, Co-Chair
(signature on original)

Joseph Statkus, Co Chair
(signature on original)

Fred Sanborn, Commissioner
(signature on original)

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