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YOUR PARK NEWS

ODD FELLOWS SIERRA PARK MARCH '74

ANNUAL MEETING

Don't forget! Save out Sunday - May 26th - 9 AM - in Recreation Hall here at the Park. All members in good standing must prove standing in Lodge and register to vote. Very important - major changes in By-laws - new budget - etc. Members can benefit, so attend and vote. Don't be guilty of complaining of decisions made by others.

BURN AREA TO BE DESIGNATED

A special area in the meadow will be for dumping pine needles and slash from lots. Use it. A word of caution - no household garbage, old mattresses, or other trash will be tolerated in the meadow pine needle area. Abuses will be reported to the Sheriff and charges preferred.

ENERGY CRISIS

Water pumps use electricity. We are ordered to cut consumption by 15% over last year. Conserve water! Don't wet down roads! Don't leave water running! Don't water hillsides! One careless move of leaving a faucet on for 24 hours could empty our large cement tank causing unnecessary waste of power and water. To conserve gasoline snow plowing is held at a minimum, so carry and use chains.

POT LUCK ARE BACK

Saturday, April 6th at 6 PM will be the big Spring kick-off of Park Pot Lucks. Come, bring your family and friends. Bring a large hot dish and either a salad or dessert, also your table service. A fine evening of entertainment is planned so plan to attend.

LAKE CLEANING

The scheduled work party last month was cancelled because of weather. The lake basin still needs much work. With the current gas situation we ask that when you visit the Park try to volunteer some time to this worthy endeavor.

ODD FELLOWS PARK IN TRINITY

We recently talked to a resident of an Odd Fellow Park located in Northern Calif. west of Redding in Trinity County just off Highway 299 near Whiskeytown Lake. Their park land is leased from the U S Forest Service on a 99 year lease by the Redding Odd Fellows Lodge. The residents merely lease their lots, and large mobile homes are allowed. They have their own Park Water System & Sewer System and Dedicated Roads. They pay an annual assessment set by their directors which they have either 3 or 4 - two of whom are from the Redding Odd Fellows Lodge, the other 1 or 2 from the Residents. The Park is located at 2500 feet in a setting of Oak, Firs, and Pines. It's smaller than our park so far with approximately 40 residents. Property taxes compare about the same range as our. Due to elevation, snow is only a rare inconvenience.

MINUTES - BOARD OF DIRECTORS - ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION ASS'N - Mar 3, 1974

Meeting called to order 8:45 AM with Pres Bell presiding. Present: Bell, Stephenson, Harmer, Hildebrand, Fridrich and Dean. Cakebread, Moody, and Lee on excused absence.

CARETAKER'S REPORT. Water tanks, Spring house and Rec Hall painted. Installed new clearance lights and turn signals on Firetruck also back up lights. Worked on Grader - broken axle. Worked on Water System - electrical problem. Answered first Fire call in Longbarn. Checked cabins for breakins.

MINUTES read and approved. FINANCIAL REPORTS read and accepted.

MEMBERS APPEARING BEFORE BOARD. Mrs. Kern to report the theft of canned fruits from basement - was reported to Sheriff.

Member Allenwood appeared before Board protesting bill for \$25.00.

Allenwood had requested information from Title Co. which resulted in the Association being billed \$50.00. Allenwood was billed for \$25.00 and now feels the bill is unjustified.

The Board has been working closely with the Boy Scouts and Title Co. regarding Allenwood's problem. (Purchased property without title insurance) and Mr. Allenwood has been kept fully informed. Billing stands!

COMMUNICATIONS Letter from State of Calif - Dept of Water Resources in Berkeley re Qualification of Certified Water Operator - Pres Bell to reply.

Letter from Division of Forestry - Formal land exchange offer - signed by Pres Bell and Secty Lee and returned - Land Swap looking better.

Letter from Board of Supervisors re Williamson Act and Tax on immature trees - signed by Pres Bell and V P Stephenson and hand delivered to County Office - Should result in a lower tax basis for us!

Letter from Dept of Transportation State of Calif. Pres Bell to reply - informal questionnaire.

Letter from Dept of Water Resources regarding Water Quality Control - Pres Bell to respond.

Verbal request thru Pres Bell from a Squab Grower for our Pine needles - M by Stephenson S by Harmer We designate a special area - near burning area for collection of Pine needles and sell to Squab Grower for a nominal sum. Motion carried.

ROADS - In good shape except for Moses - a heavy truck caused deep ruts - temporarily closed. Plowing of snow on roads being held to a minimum due to energy crisis - two (2) inches of snow or less no plowing - gives better traction with chains on when (2") two inches left on road.

WATER - Need new power lines & poles near pumps - PG&E to install when weather permits - will result in reduction of power consumption - Looking for another possible well - will need in near future. Breen reports City of Manteca will have 4 Fire Hydrants for sale - subject to best bid received - we will be bidding!

EQUIPMENT - Grader has been sold for \$2000.00 rather than continuing to repair - this last breakdown would have cost approx \$1200.00 to repair. Not worth repairing - Equipment committee has located a completely rebuilt Pace 100 4 Wheel Drive Grader - will cost approx \$9500.00 negotiating with Dealer. Should give us many years of service - We need this equipment - A MUST - Grader has been inspected and tested by Pres Bell and Pat Jones, both give a very favorable report.

New truck has been shipped by railcar to Oakland on Feb 19, Dealer and Factory have verified this - should arrive soon.

Clearance lights, back-up lights and turn signals replaced on Fire Truck.

FWD hasn't sold yet - Kelly has several deals pending - if not sold by 3/6/74 will be traded in on Grader.

REAL ESTATE - Several pending deals - many people looking and inquiring.

BIDGS. - Repaired doors on Nichols Spring pump house - Finishes most of the painting on bldgs. - Inside of Caretakers Cabin needs repainting - some rooms have never been painted, others need repainted - Will get paint for Caretaker.

HEALTH & SAFETY - One of our members septic tank is still leaking - Turned over to Health Dept for correction.

FINANCIAL REPORT delayed until after Budget session. Financial report to be read next meeting. M by Stephenson S by Harmer approved bills for approx \$978.64 be pa - Motion carried.

M by Stephenson S by Harmer that we adjourn general meeting and have a closed budget work session - Motion carried - general B O D Meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Stephenson
Acting Secty