

Stansbury Greenbelt Service Area Board of Trustees and Stansbury Recreation Service Area Board of Trustees Truth In Taxation Hearing Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Location: 1 Country Club Drive, STE 1, Stansbury Park, UT 84074

Time: 6:00 PM

Order of Business

Call to Order by Cassandra Arnell @ 6:04 pm

Roll Call-

Board Member

Cassandra Arnell

James Hanzelka

John Wright

Ammon Jacobsmeyer

Maria Sweeten

Staff Members

Ingrid Swenson

Darin Jacobs

Angie Perez

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation

a. Presentation of Information Concerning Tax Rate

- Cassandra Arnell Board Chair gave an opening statement.
- James Hanzelka presented information on the Tax Increase

b. Public Comment

- Richard Davis- Expressed appreciation for James Hanzelka and all the work he has done. Money needs to be managed better. Is not in favor of the tax increase. Proposed taking a year off to reevaluate and reinvent the park management.
- Steve Lempp- Expressed concerned that the lake is used by people from other communities who do not contribute financially to its upkeep. Suggested generating revenue by selling fishing permits and revisiting other revenue sources. Emphasized the uniqueness of the lake and the need to offset costs. Suggested that insurance could be obtained to cover volunteers.



- Chad Saunders- Acknowledges that we are at a critical juncture and emphasizes the need to explore alternative solutions rather than dwelling on past issues and assigning blame. Change in approach is required.
- Anthony Witkowski- There is a lack of transparency. Audited account statements exist, but these statements do not provide a clear picture of revenue sources, which creates uncertainty. Suggest taking advantage of fees from people outside the community and local member rates. Key point is to increase transparency in financial matters.
- Dennis Walter- Brought up concerns regarding the bridge and how dangerous it is to have children jumping off it.
- Lynette Johnson- Stated that it is important for the community to use its voice. Does not agree with the tax increase.
- Michael Kjar- Emphasized the importance of active participation throughout the year, even when there are disagreements. Suggested showing up more frequently and called on everyone to be a part of the solution.
- Dean Schofield- Stressed the importance of transparency. Concerned about the current infrastructure and the possibility of building more. Questioned the necessity of certain amenities, such as the pool.
- Joe Wirthlin- Need transparency in the work completed by the board. Suggest we closely examine the fees in place to make sure they are sufficient.
- Philip Beck- Likes the recreation district and enjoys park areas with dogs. Does not want this tax increase approach to continue moving forward.
- Kristine Dahlberg- Can see the need to get things done. However, is recently retired and would have to go back to work if the tax increase is passed.
- Randall Flynn- Was personally responsible for past mismanagement and problems in the community. Stated the current tax revenue received is sufficient for the community's need and attributes the current issues to poor management. Claims to have managed the park successfully in the past and suggests that the presented financial figures are inaccurate. Also stated that better management is needed, emphasizing that money is being wasted and there are too many employees. Advocates for a 10-year plan instead of seeking solutions in a single year.
- Jennifer Coffman- Stated that there needs to be more transparency and accountability as citizens and as a board. Not opposed to a tax increase but does not agree with the current proposed tax increase percentage.



- Greg Gardner- Stated that the parks and services have been in decline and maintenance not being done. Questioned new projects when old ones have not been completed or poorly maintained. Stressed the need for more transparency. Stressed the importance of saving money and stated that funds need to be managed better.
- Evan Parker- Also expressed the need for transparency. Would like to know clearly where funds have been used in the past and where they will be used in the future.
- Brenda Faddis- Asked where the county money is going from Stansbury Residents. Questioned why the county is not giving money to help with issues. Suggested taking a step back for a year. Stated there has been a mismanagement of money and asked what can be done better. Also suggested to charge people to use the lake. Lake machines are needed; without them the lake is a mess. Expressed her love for Stansbury Park.
- Heather Lester- Needs complete transparency. Believes there needs to be a community council. Questioned if anyone is looking for grants. Would like to see a clear budget line by line. Opposed the 208 percent increase.
- Elizabeth Harbison- Suggested the Agency redraw the line to include residents in the Sagewood Village homes community. Stated they want to be included to prevent a giant tax increase.
- James Olney- Confused as to why so much money was spent on the clubhouse. Expressed a need for transparency.
- Chris Nord- Thanked the board for their service. Disagrees with proposed expenses for safety issues. Stated that what was presented in the slides are wish list items.
- Gary Winthorp- Stated he just wants Stansbury Park to stay safe and keep it running.
- Gary Allen- Brought up issues the lake being used publicly. People from all over the place come to use the lake but do not contribute to its upkeep. Suggested that people pay to use the lake and should be charged a boat launch fee.
- Jared Anderson- Has issues with people using the lake and not generating any revenue from it. Suggested to stop operating on a semiprivate budget and make it public.
- Carrie Gilley- Expressed being against the tax increase. Stated that if the increase passes residents will have to make difficult financial decisions. This will affect families and retired individuals. Some residents might need to get a second job to pay for the tax increase. Wants answers on what will be done with the money.
- Glen Oscarson- Expressed his love for Stansbury Park. Suggest the community come together and volunteer, has some ideas and what needs to be done. See him directly for more information.



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Motion to close Stansbury Greenbelt Service Area Board of Trustees and Stansbury Recreation Service Area Board of Trustees Truth in Taxation Hearing made by Maria Sweeten and seconded by James Hanzelka.

Meeting ended at 7:50 pm.