

## **RCSC President boasts bad ideas**

In his July 30, 807-word My view rebutting Anne Randall Stewart, RCSC board member Don Schordje boasted that the failed management of the facilities resides with the board itself, that their general manager and golf superintendent do not advise them but merely carry out orders. Here's a partial list of RCSC's disastrous spending record of which he is so proud:

- \$3.5 million<sup>1</sup> at Bell, resulting in collapsed pool decking<sup>2</sup> and wasteful TV sets
- \$500,000<sup>3</sup> at Marinette for merely refurbishing the pool and bathrooms
- \$410,000<sup>4</sup> for a simple single-room, block-walled Lawn Bowling Club building, which they tried to convince everyone into thinking was a "multi-use" building
- \$3 million for the Sundial renovation in 2002, which was lost when the roof collapsed
- \$5 million<sup>5</sup> to restore Sundial to operation after having it down since June 2006. (That's \$8 million LOST!)
- \$20 million to demolish and replace Fairway Recreation Center without having the money in hand.
- \$650,000<sup>6</sup> at Lakes East Golf Course for desert landscaping that now has weeds<sup>7</sup> and grass overtaking it and stones that can get picked up to wreck the lawnmowers
- installing high energy using parking lot lights everywhere, including next to the Bell swimming pool. The light is bright enough that we could charge for having "under the stars" open heart surgery there!

Since 2000, Mrs. Stewart has bravely opined when millions were being squandered by the RCSC. In January 2006, her group, The Sun City Formula Registry, delivered 1,141 signatures (one of which was mine) to recall his mentor who was leading the spending frenzy. Mr. Schordje sat at his mentor's right hand during his first term on the board serving as its president. He learned his lessons well.

As RCSC president, [in 2006] he and the rest of the board ignored the petitions (disobeying state statute) and then banned Mrs. Stewart from attending meetings or using the facilities, threatening her with permanent expulsion. By this action, it appears the RCSC's aim is to silence debate.

Mrs. Stewart's letter opposed open golf and bowling, and I do, too. If the best defense is a good offense, it is self-evident why Mr. Schordje boasts. It may look like he's taking the "credit", but, in reality he's taking the "blame" for very bad ideas.

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<sup>1</sup> Daily News-Sun, 6/7/05; 12/17/05; Independent, Front Page 1/12/05

<sup>2</sup> Daily News-Sun, Page A3, 1/31/07; Front Page, 2/21/07

<sup>3</sup> Daily News-Sun, Front Page, 7/12/06

<sup>4</sup> Daily News-Sun, Page A3, 10/4/07

<sup>5</sup> Daily News-Sun, Front Page, 2/1/08 (\$4.9 million)

<sup>6</sup> Daily News-Sun, 2/1/06, 9/17/06, 9/21/04 (prediction of \$750,000); Front Page, 9/25/06

<sup>7</sup> Daily News-Sun, Front Page, 9/25/06