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Message from the President

As we enter another campaign silly season, let us all pledge now to attempt to disagree without being disagreeable. Please leave each other's campaign signs alone and respect each other's property. With significantly more civility, we will be having Association elections at our annual meeting on May 17th with President, 1st Vice-President, & Secretary up for election. Our Secretary for the past 6 years, Ellen Meehan, is looking for a PBCE resident to take her place on the board. Please contact her for all the fun details if considering joining the board for any of the positions. Our Treasurer since 2009, Kevin Parkes, who is relocating away from PBCE, officially resigned on Feb 16th but is still volunteering in a smooth transition with his board appointed successor, 18 year PBCE resident John Jones CPA. Huge "THANK YOU!" to both Kevin Parkes and Ellen Meehan for their long service to PBCE and to John Jones for stepping up. Our board will continue to look out for and address issues impacting our community. For instance, this has been a very rainy winter which causes both dirt erosion and standing water issues on our roads. Contact SIRWCD if your road needs extra attention. The grass between the sidewalk & road was retaining a large pool of water on 155th spraying up into my mailbox with each passing car. Channels cut thru the grass can properly drain hazardous water off the road and keep mail dry. One more tip: painting your house & street number on your garbage cans deters theft & allows cans to be returned if blown away. Feel free to contact a board member by email, phone, or Facebook if you would like to speak about any neighborhood issues or to be placed on the agenda at an upcoming meeting. On March 8th our guest speaker will be digital security expert Jim Kovalsky. Our May 17th meeting will feature candidate speeches from Jonathan Chane for U.S. House, Ettie Feistmann for County Judge, and Emily Slosberg for State Senate. Please come. Be well, Kevin Baker

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Donald Ross Landowners Minutes

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm. In attendance: Kevin Baker, President, 1st VP Carol-Sue Ryan, 2nd VP Jason McFarland, Treasurer Kevin Parkes and Secretary Ellen Meehan.

Security Report: The PBC Sheriff's Office reported that in the last 60 days in PBCE there were: 4 incidents of vandalism, 1 vehicle theft, 1 stolen car tag, and 2 residential burglaries - one of which was a Pillowcase Burglary. The overall incidents of PBSO calls and crimes in PBCE were down significantly in 2015 compared to 2014. The majority of vehicle break-ins are still on unlocked cars.

Guest Speaker: Randy Perkins introduced himself and his platform to the residents in attendance. He is a U.S. Congress candidate for District 18. Mr. Perkins is a successful South Florida Businessman who is running

as a Democrat. His platform focuses on the American Dream, small business support, equality in education, access to mental health treatment and more efficient government.

His website is: randyperkinsforcongress.com.

Treasurer Report: DRLA currently has \$24,000: \$12,000 in operating account, \$12,000 legal.

Secretary Report: Minutes will be published in the upcoming Newsletter.

Old Business: SIRWCD: The 25th Annual Landowners Family Day will be in Jupiter Farms March 12, all residents are invited. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be Jan 21. All meetings and minutes are posted on their website: www.sirwcd.org. Mike Ryan reported that everything is going well with SIRWCD and there will be new standards for road paving. Michael Dillon has been the Operations Manager for four years and is a good contact if you have questions or issues.

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Much of the focus right now is on improving drainage systems and outfalls.

Neighborhood Watch: No report. Additional volunteers are still needed from the community.

Park and Playground: Thank you to the Sheriff's Department who took care of removing the graffiti in the Park. Report tips on who did the graffiti to the police non-emergency number 688-3400. DRLA is working on getting additional picnic tables and benches for the new Pavilions in the Park. Twisty Pines Foundation will work on finishing the Brick Orders and getting additional playground equipment.

Communications: Our community FACEBOOK page is still active - send a private mes-



sage to Jason McFarland to access our page. Give your email to Ellen Meehan to receive community emails.

Sandhill Crane Run: Our 2nd Annual Sandhill Crane 5K/10K Walk and Run was held Saturday Nov 28 after Thanksgiving and was a great success. 17 runners completed the 10K, with 34 in the 5K. Thank you to all the organizers, sponsors and participants. Special thanks to Lucia Kamaras, Chris Reinhardt, Bill Myer, Carol-Sue Ryan and to the Sponsors: A-1 American Electric, Berman Realty, Living Oaks Church, Kids 1st Swim, Taylor Made Screens, Champion Fitness, Cathy Lee West Insurance, Kevin Baker, and the McFarland family.

New Business: Solid Waste: We have approached the Solid Waste Authority asking for better vegetation service pick up. They promise it is being monitored. They ask that

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you please containerize small items. Please call them immediately if your yard waste is not picked up appropriately. **Beautification Committee:** Thank you to Debbie Trapasso & family for front entrance wreaths and light stringing. Kevin Baker pruned-off and replaced dead light strands.

C18 Canal/Blue Gill Trail: Carol-Sue Ryan reported that residents are not supposed to access the C18 canal at the end of the 150th; that is private property. The appropriate access is at the end of 154th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm

Submitted by Ellen Meehan, Secretary

November 10, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:38 by Kevin

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Baker. In attendance: President Kevin Baker, 2nd VP Jason McFarland and Secretary Ellen Meehan. Treasurer and 1st VP unable to attend.

Sheriff's Department: Incidents of crime remain low in PBCE with only two incidents since the September meeting.

Guest Speaker: Hal Valeche is the Palm Beach County Commissioner of District 1 for PB County. He updated the residents of PBCE on the latest issues in PBC affecting residents. The focus of the county commissioners remains public safety, zoning, and economic development. Some items mentioned: Bob Weisman retired after 24 years as County Administrator. Verdenia Baker replaced him. Several baseball teams are looking into mov-

ing to Palm Beach County for spring training. Due to reduced spending during the recession years 2008 and 2012, there is now a significant need for spending on Roads and Parks Programs. There is no fluff in the budget so the commissioners are looking into issuing bonds or a sales tax to provide the funding for the needed spending. Mr. Valeche fielded questions from residents on issues including waste management, immigration, tax increases, homeowners insurance and the possibility of an additional fire station.

Guest Speaker: Fire Chief Mike Wells addressed residents on relevant issues in PBCE related to fire safety. Some significant fire hazards of late include fires started from pool pumps, battery chargers, and yard burns. Be aware of yard burn policy which is no larger than a 3-foot ring.

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Treasury Report: No report made - Treasurer out of town.

Secretary Report: The meeting minutes are in the newsletter and online. September 2015 minutes approved.

Old Business: SIRWCD: Has two upcoming meetings: Nov 12 Workshop at 6pm and Nov 19 Board Meeting at 7pm. Board Supervisor John Meyer confirmed meeting information and encouraged residents to attend SIRWCD meetings. He said they would be discussing important policies including road paving and future elections.

Park & Playground: There have been some incidents of graffiti in the park - please contact police immediately if you witness any vandalism. There is a crack in the cement of the racquetball court - this should be under warranty. Resident asked that we address the stickers in the fields with SIRWCD.

Trunk Or Treat: The Seventh Annual Halloween Trunk-or-Treat event was held on Saturday Oct 31 at 4pm and was a great success with excellent community participation. Thank you to the participating trunks and organizers; special thanks to Chris Reinhardt for assisting and providing the trophy for the winning trunk.

Sandhill Crane Run: Lucia Kamaras updated residents on the plans for the second annual 5K/10K Sandhill Crane Walk or Run to be held in PBCE on Saturday Nov 28th. The

sponsors were announced and volunteers are still needed. All residents are encouraged to attend.

Newsletter: The DRLA Newsletter for PBCE is adjusting the pricing for advertising: Business Card ads will stay the same at \$50/issue. Quarter page ads are now \$95 and Half page ads are \$185.

New Business: None
Meeting adjourned at 8:54.

Submitted by Ellen Meehan, Secretary

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