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★ Fourth of July ★ Community Parade & Celebration

July 4th, 2014 11:00am-3:00pm

JOIN US FOR FREE FOOD, FUN, AND GAMES!

- **FREE FOOD** - Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Ice Cream and Apple Pie served
- **PARADE - Please Join the Parade!** - Feel free to walk in the parade OR if you have an interesting vehicle (car, tractor, lawn mower, bike, etc) and would like to include it in the parade, please do!
- **FLOATS:** If you have or want to make a float, let us know!
- **BIKE PARADE (for Kids of all ages)** - Kids and adults are invited to decorate their bikes for a small parade around the park walking path.
- **WEAR YOUR RED, WHITE, & BLUE!** - If you live along the parade route, please put out your American flags, come out, invite your friends and cheer for the parade participants!

PARADE ROUTE:

Gather at the Living Oaks Ministries on 64th Dr at 10:30am.
At 11:00am, South to Donald Ross, West to 69th, and north on 69th ending at Margaret Berman Memorial Park

◆Volunteers Needed◆

QUESTIONS?

Call Ken Trapasso at 561-578-9323

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Information:

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Neighborhood Watch

Get to know who your neighbors by getting outside more.

Be alert. Keep up with what's going on in our community.

Think Safe! **If you see Suspicious Activity Call: PBSO Non-Emergency Dispatch: 561.688.3400**

If you see a crime in progress call: **911**

COP Program Mike Ryan: a1aei@bellsouth.net or Bill Bolds Bbolds@bellsouth.net

If you would like to know more about joining our COP Program please contact Mike Ryan.

Message from the President

Summer may be a slow time for other organizations. Not the Donald Ross Landowners' Association. We launched electronic dues payments through our Facebook page and filed with the Internal Revenue Service for tax-exempt status. Thank you to everyone in Palm Beach Country Estates who has already paid their voluntary 2014 dues of \$35. If you have not mailed in your check payable to Donald Ross Landowners' Association, you can now pay by credit card by visiting our Facebook page and clicking "Give Now".

In other good news, we have regained control of our website, www.mypbce.org, which is now being upgraded by our new Webmaster, Noemi Perera. If your business would like a graphical ad in our Who's Who that links back to your company's website, please contact Carol-Sue Ryan.

Since the floors are scheduled to be re-done at Living Oaks in July, our regular July meeting had to be postponed to the second Tuesday of August.



Pastor Larry has kindly opened the facility to us on Tuesday August 12th and I have booked us an A-list speaker, our U.S. Congressman Patrick Murphy. We have previously welcomed as guest speakers Alan Schlesinger and Carl Domino, two of the six candidates in the August 26th primary for the Republican Party nomination for U.S. Representative, Dist. 18. Having our Congressman, a Democrat, as guest speaker ensures non-partisan balance required by our association. We will get a first-hand update about legislation working its way through Washington, D.C. Please come and bring your questions for a lively but civil discussion.

The second speaker on Aug 12th will be a representative from Friends of Children's Services Council. We will be given an overview of Children's Services Council functions and an explanation of why it is so important to reauthorize it via the general election ballot on Nov. 4, 2014. There will be fresh baked cookies made by our Secretary Ellen Meehan. So, please mark Aug 12th on your calendars to join us.

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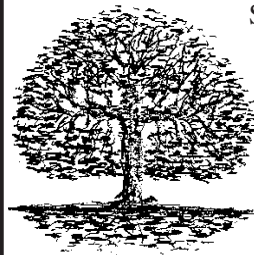
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Donald Ross Landowners Minutes

Minutes for May 20, 2014

ANNUAL MEETING

Called to order at 7:30pm by Kevin Baker. Also in attendance: 1st Vice President Carol-Sue Ryan, 2nd Vice President Jason McFarland, Secretary Ellen Meehan, and Treasurer Kevin Parkes.



Elections were held as required in the by-laws. Kevin Baker was re-elected as President, Carol-Sue Ryan was re-elected as 1st Vice President and Ellen Meehan was re-elected as Secretary.

Annual meeting was adjourned 7:36pm.

MAY MEETING

Meeting was called to order at 7:36 by President Kevin Baker with full board in attendance.

Guest Speaker Candidate Carl Domino addressed residents about his six-way primary campaign for the Republican Party nomination to run for Florida's 18th District in the U.S. House of Representatives. The seat is currently held by Congressman Patrick Murphy.

Mr. Domino is a conservative Republican who served in the Florida House of Representatives for eight years. He spoke on multiple issues including education, safety, environment, military & veterans' benefits, energy, jobs, and the economy. Following his stump speech he took questions from the audience. For additional information on this candidate, you can visit his website at www.dominoforcongress.com.

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Treasury Report The 2014 dues letter was included in the April 2014 newsletter. There has been problems with the mail being returned by the post office, which lost the PO box rental payment. The PO Box problem has been rectified by Kevin Parkes and mail can continue to be sent to Donald Ross Landowners' Association, PO Box 30638, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420. The association currently has approximately \$5,300 in the operating account and \$10,800 in the legal account.

Secretary Report The minutes of the March 2104 meeting was approved.

Old Business

SIRWCD Kevin Baker updated the community about the SIRWCD meeting held May 8. The SIRWCD attorney informed the board that the Governor blocked legislation allowing improvements to our park even though the local bill clearly required SIRWCD to get a written refusal from PB County to build structures in the park. The attorney gave the board an opinion that since no other government agencies had authority to improve the park that SIRWCD improving the park was implied under FL Statute's section 298 law. SIRWCD has the wish list of structures to build including the pavilion, exercise stations, and the

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Regular Meeting May 8th, 2014

District Engineer Amy Eason reported that she had received and verified new petitions for construction of asphalt roadways on approximately 2.3 miles of roadways in Palm Beach Country Estates:



- 67th Tr N between 146th Road N and 149th Pl N
- 74th Ave N between 155th Place N and 159th Ct N
- 77th Trail N between 155th Place N. and 159th Ct N
- 78th Drive N between 150th Court N and 159th Ct N
- 88th Trail N between 155th Place N and 159th Ct N
- 163rd Court N between 75th Ave N and 79th Terr N

The Board directed staff to move forward with the referenda for the Palm Beach Country Estates roadways.

Terry Lewis of the District's law firm reported that the District's legislation to allow for construction authority in the Palm Beach Country Estates park had been turned

down by the governor's staff, despite its passage by the legislature without opposition. However, he noted they have had success amending general laws and authority under the District's special act and felt there is the authority to do construction for the park.

The Board asked PBCE President, Kevin Baker, who was in attendance, to investigate costs for some of the items they are interested in for the park. Mr. Baker noted they are initially interested in a pavilion and that only cost estimates done by SIRWCD would be valid. Manager of Operations Michael Dillon said he would research costs.

District Treasurer Charles Haas presented the District's preliminary budget for the Board's review and discussion. Mr. Haas noted that depending on timing, there may not be a necessity to increase the budget for park construction this year.

SIRWCD serves Palm Beach Country Estates, Jupiter Farms, Egret Landing and the Jupiter Park of Commerce. Call 561-747-0550 for more information.

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racquetball & basketball courts, and Mike Dillon will be getting quotes on cost. Mike Ryan reported on roadway petitions for paving roads are moving forward again. All residents may attend SIRWCD meetings. The combined summer meeting is currently scheduled for July 10.



Neighborhood Watch: Kevin Baker was contacted by the owner of the wooded-lot on 154th Rd N just West of 85th Ave N. Palm Beach County Code Enforcement has notified the owner that people have been using his lot to ride motor cycles and swamp mudding vehicles. Trespassers have crushed trees and done other damage. Mr. Baker informed him of the Sherriff's No Trespassing program. The lot owner signed up and hereby announces that anyone found on the lot will be presumed to be trespassing and subject to immediate arrest by the Sherriff. Mr. Baker requested that COP watch this lot on their daily rounds. Mike Ryan reported only two burglaries in PBCE since our last meeting - both with same MO as the pillowcase burglary ring. There

were no incidents of local teen break-ins. Residents concerned about trespassing on their properties can go online with the sheriff's department and obtain an official affidavit and No Trespassing signs. Since COPS was implemented 5 years ago, we have increased monthly patrolling hours logged from 2000 miles/month to 8000 miles/month; in addition, COPS reported 233 house checks. Please continue to volunteer for this valuable neighborhood service.

The Great American Cleanup: Thank you to Carol-Sue Ryan for organizing our neighborhood cleanup on April 22. We successfully gathered more than 750 lbs of garbage with 50+ volunteers. Teenagers/students recorded 54 community service hours. Everyone enjoyed the food from Sonny's BBQ and the new picnic tables at the Park. We plan on holding another neighborhood cleanup in September.

MYPBCE.ORG Website: We are in the process of updating our website, particularly the Who's Who
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section to allow residents to advertise and promote their businesses. Thank you to resident, Noemi Perera, who has volunteered to be our webmaster and administrate our website. If you have not paid your 2014 dues, please see the website as we will be launching online dues payments soon.

Newsletters: We want to continue to send out community newsletters quarterly and are looking for any resident interested in the Newsletter Editor. Anyone interested can contact a board member. In the meantime, Kevin Baker will serve as editor.

DRLA Organization: We are still in the process of changing the Donald Ross Landowner's Association to a non-taxed entity. Thanks goes to Kevin Baker's father for free legal research.

New Business

PBCE 4th of July Celebration: Resident Ken Trapasso has volunteered again to organize our 2014 4th of July celebration to be held in the Margaret Berman Memorial Park. Watch for announcements and signs for this event. Residents interested in joining the

parade or volunteering can contact Ken at trapassok@comcast.net.

Rowing Event: Mike Danchuk is promoting a local rowing event: On Friday, June 6, the American 1974 Olympics rowing team will host a demonstration on the Intracoastal Waterway, launching at 10am from Bert Winters Park. The North Palm Beach Rowing Club will be holding an Open House 10am-2pm for anyone interested in learning about rowing. Info at: www.npbrc.com.

Insurance and County Codes: Additional residents voiced concerns about the huge increases in homeowner's insurance premiums for PBCE. We continue to investigate every possible avenue to address this issue. Unfortunately, one of the more affordable insurers, People's Trust, is now cancelling or non-renewing Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach County policies. Residents also commented regarding increased notices being received from Palm Beach County about County Code Enforcement. Residents need to be aware of county zoning regulations which apply to PBCE.

Meeting was adjourned 9:10pm followed by residents enjoying Ellen's fresh baked cookies.

Submitted by: Ellen Meehan, Secretary

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