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Bluegill Trail Grand Opening Event

Dear Friends of the Northeast Everglades Natural Area:



More than 150 people attended the grand opening of the NENA's Bluegill Trail on March 19, 2011. The event included a short opening ceremony followed by a bike tour. The trail includes a new 10-foot wide shell rock path for improved bicycle and

pedestrian access, a chickee shade shelter, and a wetland overlook. A new bridge spans the C-18 Canal, native trees have been planted for shade and habitat, and four kiosks provide trail information. A grassy swale adjacent to the shell rock path accommodates equestrian users. Learn more at www.pbcgov.com/erm/NENA.

MANY THANKS to all who participated in the grand opening of Phase 1 of NENA's Bluegill Trail on March 19th and WELCOME to our new NENA friends who attended and requested that their names be added to our e-mail list. It is exciting for us to see this project come to fruition.

Other NENA News:

- Work on the Historic Jupiter Indiantown Road Trail is well underway with about 2/3 of the multi-use shell rock path complete. A grand opening event is anticipated during Florida's Greenways and Trails Month in October 2011. To learn more about this trail click [here](#).

- Pântano Trail plans and environmental permitting are underway. To learn more about the Pântano Trail, click [here](#).

- ERM is submitting an application to the Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to extend Bluegill Trail from Sandhill Crane Access Park south to Northlake Boulevard. If the project is selected to be part of the MPO's transportation enhancement program, it would be eligible to receive state funds in 2014. Click [here](#) to see the Bluegill Trail factsheet.

- Funding Alert for Non-Profit Organizations and Clubs! The national nonprofit organization Tread Lightly! has just announced a new benefit

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SIRWCD Special Meeting

South Indian River Water Control District, Special Meeting April 11, 2011

The special meeting was held to discuss seven proposed policy changes regarding improvement referendum procedures.

Tom Powell opened the meeting with a little history of

road paving in the District. In the 80's landowners wanted to pave some of the main roads and sought help from the County. They didn't get the response they wanted so they turned to SIRWCD who was able to help with the paving and the financing.

The following changes had been proposed to fine tune

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Message from the President

During our bi-monthly meetings, we usually have a small, committed and usually vocal group come to the meetings and we would like to thank those who can come on a regular basis, but we understand that a lot of people would like to come but work and family obligations leave little extra time. So, we wanted to get an idea of how the silent majority felt on certain issues and questions that have been brought up at the meetings. Many people at the meetings have said "the majority of the residents" feel this way on certain issues. When in reality no one really knew how the majority felt.

In January we had sent out a questionnaire along with the annual dues letter, which also has a comment section. The board wanted to get an idea of what things are important to the residents and any pertinent information we could pass along to SIRWCD.

Out of 1423 questionnaires mailed out we had just under 500 returned. As far as the new design of the front entrance signs, the design with the crane was the overwhelming winner, with 79% of the vote. I have already contacted the sign company to get started. Tim Brown, Mike Ryan and George Gillespie are currently working on getting electricity to the west wall for lighting.

As the questionnaires and dues letters are returned neighbors are asked to comment on issues in the community that concern them and make separate donations to the Legal Defense Fund and the Community Park if they so choose. I have read every letter sent in so far. The Community Park is the top priority for many residents. SIRWCD has just added the park to their "plan of improvements". Which means SIRWCD will help build the

main infrastructure for the park. Construction on the parking lot should start in June or July. Second, were security, crime and vandalism. Thanks to our new C.O.P. program and Neighborhood Watch crime in the neighborhood has dramatically dropped. I'd like to thank all those involved in the Neighborhood Watch and C.O.P. programs for such a great job! Roads were next. Roads, included paving, dust control and better maintenance on dirt roads. The Legal Defense Fund was next, followed by too much speeding.

There were many, many other comments, including too many loose dogs, upgrading front entrance, sidewalks (which are complete now), littering, yards filled with junk, sound walls (which we will get in 2025 when they expand the FL Turnpike), keep our country feel, no commercialization, more community events, community involvement and keep the community informed, which is exactly what we try and do with this newsletter, the mypbce.org website, email notifications and our new facebook group page. For every, need more street lights, there was a, too many lights, a couple people suggested gates, some said NOT a gated community, don't act like one. We have a very unique and special neighborhood with a very diverse group of residents. As with our country, we have extremes on both sides. It's learning to live in the middle and respect each other's opinion that's tricky. Some change is inevitable and may even be good, but too much change and we loose sight of what kind of neighborhood we are and why we moved here in the first place.

Chris Reinhardt - President DRLA

Citizen On Patrol Update

At our monthly meeting our Unit Captain reported a first for him – **we had no property crimes at all last month.** For the last three months Palm Beach Country Estates had 2 crimes and Jupiter Farms had 9. It's not good if one of them was you, but it's very good for the communities overall.

The COP works. Our crime stats are proof. The fact that during these tight budget times the Sheriff still fully funds the Citizen Observer Patrol is further evidence.

Each volunteer received a letter of Congratulations from the Palm Beach County Sheriff, Ric L. Bradshaw, in recognition of the award the COP received from the International Association of Chiefs of Police recently. At this month's meeting we were also presented with an award for **COP Unit of the Year.** Out of 130 COP Units in PB Co, ours was picked for special recognition. We also had a Life Saving Award presented to one of our members, Bill Comensky, for his recent efforts that saved a man's life.



We have a top notch unit with great volunteers that are part of a top notch organization that provides a great service to our communities. We had just under 10,000 total volunteer hours last month for our unit! Our most ever! We picked up a few new members after the SIRWCD Family Day. We still have many time slots to fill though. Please consider joining our fine organization and doing your part to help keep our neighborhood safe.

Sincerely, Mike Ryan

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Donald Ross Landowners Minutes

Minutes - Jan 11, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:43 by President Chris Reinhardt. In attendance: President Chris Reinhardt, 1st Vice President Kevin Baker, 2nd Vice President Sheri Murray, and Secretary Ellen Meehan; Treasurer Kevin Parkes was unable to attend.



Treasury Report The association has \$7800 in the operating account and \$8100 in the legal account.

Secretary Report The minutes of the November meeting were in the November newsletter and were approved as printed.

Old Business Park and Playground: The first areas of the park that will be completed are the parking area, landscaping, irrigation, and the fence in accordance with county requirements. Bids have been submitted and the PBCE Board will be making a proposal to the SIRWCD Board this month to approve payment of these areas. These funds would come from the account in the SIRWCD budget set aside for "Special Projects or Special Landscaping" which was started in 2005. Each parcel in PBCE has been contributing approximately \$35 each year to this account. We will be surveying the owners in PBCE this month to determine what portion of the funds most owners would like to see being used for the community park. The second stage will include completion of the pavilions, fitness trail, basketball and racquetball courts and the playground. Residents who would like to demonstrate their support for the park are encouraged to attend the Jan 20 meeting or contact the SIRWCD board members prior to the meeting.

Road Maintenance: Several residents expressed an ongoing concern about the road maintenance in PBCE. We will be surveying the residents this month about their roads to determine the most urgent maintenance needs. We will also be looking into a better grading schedule for the roads since the garbage trucks are tearing up the roads the day after they are graded and sometimes the roads are uneven. SIRWCD will be addressing these issues so please contact them if your road has a problem.

Sidewalks: The construction on the sidewalk on 69th, 150th, and 64th are finished and 143rd is being completed. We are looking into the possibility of adding benches and pet litter stations on these roads. A resident expressed concern about the sidewalk on 155th which is starting to crack and we'll be addressing it with the

county. We want to remind residents to PLEASE NEVER PARK OR DRIVE ON THE SIDEWALKS. If you are waiting at the school bus stop, please park across the street from the sidewalk. Also, please remind your lawn maintenance crews to do the same. **Front Entrance:** We have the funding to replace the front entrance signs. We will be surveying residents to determine which entrance signs owners like the best. **The Canal:** The Blue Gill Trail construction is finished and is very nice; the new bridge to Riverbend Park should open soon. **Neighborhood Watch:** Mike Ryan reported that year-end crime was low with only one home robbery and one attempted break-in where the robber attempted to pry open the front door. There were two vehicle thefts (one boat and one car which was stolen by a family member) both of which were apprehended. There was one major incident around Dec. 27 where 10 vehicles were broken into all along the same streets by the same individual. ALL THE VEHICLES ROBBED

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Gale English



Gale English, South Indian River general manager for three decades, dies at 76. Mr. English died March 13th after a brief illness, the district announced.

For three decades, Gale English was general manager of the South Indian River Water Control District, which manages water and roads for a large part of northern Palm Beach County.

In his spare time, he wore many other hats, chairman of the Palm Beach County Intergovernmental Coordinating Element (ICE), the District's representative on the Loxahatchee River Management Coordinating Council, served as the vice chair of the Loxahatchee Council of Governments, served as president of the Palm Beach County Municipal League and Florida Association of Special Districts, is a former mayor of the town of Mangonia Park, served as president of the Goldcoast League of Cities, served as a director of the Florida League of Cities and a governor's appointee to the Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Relations and district representative on Jupiter Farms/Palm Beach County Wetlands task force.

"So much of government is frustrating to people. I like to be in a position to offer help," he said in a 1998 profile.

Since 1981, Mr. English had supervised the 20-square-mile district, which serves about 13,000 people in some 4,500 homes, as well as business and community buildings, in Jupiter Farms, Palm Beach Country Estates, Egret Landing and the Jupiter Commerce Park.

Founded in 1923, it's one of Palm Beach County's oldest government entities. It comprises 23 miles of paved roads, 165 miles of unpaved roads, 60 miles of canals and 376 miles of swales.

English was born in Fort Meade, northwest of Sebring, and moved with his family to farm in Palm Beach County in 1951. He attended Palm Beach High -- Burt Reynolds was a classmate -- attended Palm Beach Junior (now State) College and served in the U.S. Army in Korea.

He then had stints dynamiting for a natural gas company in Kentucky, helping John D. MacArthur develop Palm Beach Gardens, and driving a gasoline truck in California before returning to Florida.

In 1978, Mr. English's 10-year-old daughter was

killed in a tractor accident. That led to the end of his first marriage and some soul searching on his part. Three years later he took the job at the district.

"Gale English was dedicated to the district and worked tirelessly on behalf of its landowners," Tom Powell, president of the Board of Supervisors, said in a statement.

Mr. English joined the Mangonia Park City Council in 1987 and became Mayor in 1990. He was reelected three times. He stepped down in 1998 after failing to convince residents and fellow council members that the town should disband its police department and contract out services to West Palm Beach, as it had done with its fire department.

The town eventually contracted to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's office in 2006.

Mr. English also was a court mediator and past president of the Palm Beach County Municipal League and had served on the board of the Florida League of Cities.

Mr. English is survived by his wife Betty, his son Andy and daughter-in-law Renee, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Information provided by:

*Eliot Kleinberg, Palm Beach Post Staff Writer
and Mike Danchuk, SIRWCD Supervisor*

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to outdoor enthusiast clubs that are Tread Lightly! members or who become a member. Your organization may be eligible to receive a small grant for a Restoration for Recreation project. To learn more, [click here](#). For more information contact Alexandra Weiss at the State of Florida's Office of Greenways and Trails at 850-245-2065.

The access to the C-18 is at the west end of 154th. There is a big yellow SIRWCD gate with a pedestrian/bike pass through next to it. Once up on the canal bank/Blue Ridge Trail turn right and follow the trail. You'll come to the new pedestrian/bike bridge that crosses over the C-18 and leads right to the Riverbend Park entrance gate. It's right next to the old cattle bridge. The earlier the better for seeing the most wildlife, deer, etc.

Thank you for your interest in NENA. If you would like to receive periodic NENA updates, please email Ginny Powell at gpowell@pbcgov.org or call 561-233-2452 to subscribe.



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WERE UNLOCKED. Be diligent about locking your house, garage and car, and be aware that there have been guns stolen from unlocked cars. We now have two vehicles in PBCE for our C.O.P.S. program and **MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**; please contact pbcenw@aol.com or check the PBCE website if you can donate a few hours a month. The Christmas party for the volunteers was a great success. **Flood Zones:** If you want your home to be included in the general petition to remove the requirement of flood insurance from your property, you must contact SIRWCD before the end of February. This applies only to the properties in PBCE that require flood insurance.

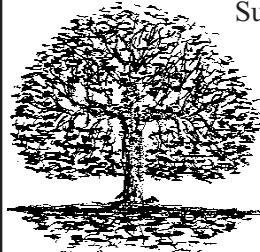
New Business Annual Dues: The annual dues letter will go out to all residents this month and will include a survey about the front entrance sign and a general questionnaire. Residents should complete the survey and return it to the board to let us know your opinion on improvements to our community. **Sandhill Cranes:** It is sandhill crane nesting season; please stop for the cranes that are crossing the roads. They are not fast enough to fly out of the way. **Florida Modeled Ducks:** The Florida Wildlife Commission is in the process of tracking and the tagging the Florida Modeled Ducks which are an endangered species common in this neighborhood. There are several traps set around the neighborhood which they use to trap, tag, and release the ducks. Please don't remove or damage the traps since they are there to help protect the ducks. These are the green trucks you see driving around with the antenna on top. **Zoning:** A resident questioned the zoning for the portion of PBCE along Donald Ross Rd. We clarified that all of PBCE is zoned Residential/Agricultural so businesses are not allowed but churches are. **Neighborhood Appearance:** Residents brought up the need to remind everyone about the value of keeping our community neat and clean and as garbage-free as possible. We will address this in the next newsletter and include the codes for Palm Beach County which state that you can't put your garbage on the curb until the night before pickup. We also ask that all residents try to pick up the random cans, bottles, and garbage along the roads and in front of your houses. Teenagers can earn community service hours by picking up garbage, particularly along 69th, our entrance road.

Meeting was adjourned 8:48pm

Submitted by: Ellen Meehan, Secretary

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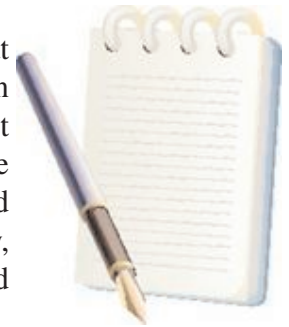
Minutes - March 8, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 by Vice President Kevin Baker. In attendance: President Chris Reinhardt, 1st Vice President Kevin Baker, 2nd Vice President Sheri Murray, Treasurer Kevin Parkes and Secretary Ellen Meehan.

Treasury Report - The annual dues letter was mailed out and we have collected approximately \$3,835 in dues thus far for 2011. The association has about \$19,000 in total with \$11,200 in the operating account and \$8000 in the legal account. Dues can still be submitted.

Secretary Report - The minutes of the January meeting are posted online and will be in the next newsletter.

Old Business Neighborhood Watch: Mike Ryan reported the neighborhood COP program is running very well. There is a major recruitment drive in progress for additional volunteers to help patrol the neighborhood. We have two cars available but need additional residents for the second vehicle. He also reported on a bicycle COP program which does exist



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SIRWCD Election of Supervisors

Tom Powell's current term is up this summer. His position is the only one up for election. If any resident is interested in running for this seat on the SIRWCD board contact SIRWCD before June 13, 2011.

NOTICE OF TIME PERIOD IN WHICH ANY LANDOWNER CAN REQUEST HIS OR HER NAME TO APPEAR ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE SOUTH INDIAN RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any landowner within SOUTH INDIAN RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT who wishes his or her name to appear on the Official Ballot for Election of Supervisors for the South Indian River Water Control District should send written notification to the District's Office at 15600 Jupiter Farms Road, Jupiter, Florida 33478. One (1) supervisor will be elected for a term of three (3) years. The landowner may or may not reside in the District. All candidates must own land in the District and must be residents of Palm Beach County. Notification must be sent to Greta Rayman prior to 4:30 p.m. on June 13, 2011. It will be necessary for each candidate to submit a short informational paragraph which will be provided to the landowners. The Annual Landowners Meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jupiter High School, 500 N. Military Trail, Jupiter, Florida.

DATED this 1st day of May 2011.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SOUTH INDIAN RIVER WATER
CONTROL DISTRICT

By: Thomas H. Powell, President
South Indian River Water Control District
15600 Jupiter Farms Road
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Tel: (561)747-0550

Publish: Palm Beach Post May 5 & 12, 2011
Jupiter Courier May 4 & 11, 2011

2011 DUES ARE DUE

**If you have not yet paid your
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Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420**

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for the county. This is a future option for residents but it requires an additional 8-hour training course for volunteers. **Park and Playground:** SIRWCD did vote and approved using the funds in the PBCE Specials Projects account for the community park. They will now finalize the amount that will be used for the park and ensure realistic limits are set for all spending. This special fund for PBCE has been used for extra swale maintenance in the past and can be used for other community improvements in the future. One area looked at in the past was cleaning and repairing damaged culverts which might need to be addressed again. **Neighborhood Questionnaire:** We mailed a survey to all residents and reviewed the results of the submissions that were already received. The final results will be published on the PBCE web sight and in the next newsletter. Out of 1423 lots we expect approximately 300 responses. **Front Entrance:** We will be moving forward on replacing the front entrance signs and upgrading the lighting. **The Canal:** The Blue Gill Trail construction along the C-18 Canal is finished; it starts at PGA and goes to Riverbend Park. The grand opening will be on Saturday, March 19 with an opening ceremony and a bicycle tour. **Florida Modeled Ducks:** Please remember that the Florida Wildlife Commission is still in the process of tracking and tagging the Florida Modeled Ducks in PBCE and you will see their traps and their truck in the neighborhood. This is a catch, tag, and release program to help the ducks. **Road Paving:** The bids for paving the new roads in PBCE are being accepted this month. If there are any residents interested in bidding on these contracts please contact SIRWCD immediately.

New Business Sidewalks: The recently completed sidewalks for PBCE seem to be very popular and are well-used by the residents. Unfortunately, there is a quality issue in that some of the sidewalks are already cracking and weeds are growing on the asphalt. A resident attempted to contact the

county regarding these issues and encourages residents to call Michael Bowman at PBC Roads & Bridge Division, 233-3956 to report any glaring problems with the sidewalks and the specific location of the issue. **SIRWCD:** The 20th Annual Landowners Family Day will be on March 12 for all residents - there is no charge for this event. **Illegal Dumping:** Somebody illegally dumped their roofing construction waste in our community park sight recently. Please report to the board, SIRWCD, or the police if you know who is doing this. **Canals and Flooding:** Please check the SIRWCD newsletter for information regarding possible changes to the required water levels in the canals surrounding PBCE for environmental reasons. These changes could require changes to the levee and or dikes and could increase the possibility of flooding in PBCE or it could affect your taxes. Get informed and contact your state representative if needed.

Meeting was adjourned 8:36pm

Submitted by: Ellen Meehan, Secretary

C.O.P. Hero!

On 2-24-2011, Charles Shuford from the COP assisted a stabbing victim in his front yard. The victim had been stabbed multiple times in the arm and shoulder. The victim called 911 but gave the wrong address and the ambulance had responded to the "Acreage" area. So Charles called again and had the ambulance re-routed. Thanks to Charles quick thinking the ambulance arrived and the victim was taken to Jupiter Medical Center. The victim told police he knew the attacker and the incident is still under investigation. Great job by Charles!

We also had a Life Saving Award presented to one of our members, Bill Comensky, for his recent efforts that saved a man's life.

Also, a special thanks to Pat O'Brien for cleaning up the graffiti mess on the signs throughout the neighborhood.



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FREE ESTIMATES

SIRWCD Safety Meeting

SIRWCD Safety Meeting April 13, 2011

A safety meeting was held for the staff of operators and maintenance workers of the District. I took this opportunity to meet all of the workers responsible for the work that goes on around our communities. We have a fine group of people under the new direction of Mike Dillon.

A couple of items came up that the landowners can help with.

1. Children are the number one safety concern of the equipment operators. Please talk with your children and ask them to stay far away from the District's equipment.
2. Trees hanging into the Right-of-Ways was brought up. The District wants landowners to keep in mind trees that need to be trimmed out of the right-a-ways. This is a big concern especially around corners. Vehicles have a hard time seeing oncoming traffic when tree branches hang out too far. It's an even bigger concern for the equipment operators and the trash trucks as they are much larger and longer. The District can trim these trees back but they don't have the equipment to "neatly beautify" your plants. The landowners can help themselves with this by trimming your trees yourself and end up with a nicer job for you and a safer street for everyone.
3. Sprinklers near the roadways were brought up by the grader operators. When installing any irrigation in the right-of-way, landowners are encouraged to call the District before any work begins.
4. Water Valve Boxes in Palm Beach Country Estates have become a concern. Landowners should take notice of the location of these boxes that may be near the street in your front yard. Please do not cover these valve boxes with any vegetation or trash, not even temporarily. Once they get covered the equipment operators can't see them.

Thank you for your help. A little effort goes along way. Anyone with questions or suggestions can call SIRWCD at 747-0550.

Finally, I want to emphasize these are my personal observations of the events mentioned and are not the official opinion, nor record, of SIRWCD or its Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely, Mike Ryan
ryan@sirwcd.org
747-3233



SIRWCD Special Meeting

The special meeting was held to discuss seven proposed policy changes regarding improvement referendum procedures.

Tom Powell opened the meeting with a little history of road paving in the District. In the 80's landowners wanted to pave some of the main roads and sought help from the County. They didn't get the response they wanted so they turned to SIRWCD who was able to help with the paving and the financing.

The following changes had been proposed to fine tune the procedures with some minor corrections desired by many of the landowners.

RESULTS:

1. Petitions must be acted upon within 12 months.
Passed with a clause for extenuating circumstances
2. Require three year waiting period after failed referendum before new petition is accepted.
Passed reduced to one year and a clause for extenuating circumstances
3. Three failed referendums and you're out until there has been a 50% change in land ownership since the last referendum.
Failed for a lack of a second to the motion.

4. Improvement referendums must stand on their own and not rely on attaching to other improvements to

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pass. (No parasitical attachments)

Failed for a lack of a second to the motion. Chairman said problem has been dealt with and should not reoccur.

5. Paving petitions covering more than one block must have 25% from each block involved.

Failed for a lack of a second to the motion.

6. Require 51% petition of affected landowners before being approved for referendum.

Failed. Mike Danchuk was the only other Supervisor who supported this change, the others did not. Tom Rice suggested 35%. It passed with 35%.

7. Require 51% of affected landowners to vote affirmative to proceed to improvement.

Failed for lack of a second to the motion.

The changes we got are better than nothing, but barely. The other board members felt that government should not get in the way of people's right to vote. I pointed out that sometimes you have to stand up for the majority who like our community the way it is. We have a community that has unique qualities that can't easily be found in South Florida anymore, and many landowners want to preserve what we have.

There were seven landowners present who each shared their views. Five of them fully supported the changes and the other two supported only some of the changes. The Board members received about a dozen letters from landowners about the changes. All of the letters were in full support of the changes. A couple of the letters felt the changes did not go far enough.

It was ironic that the board members said repeatedly that the board only acts on the direction of the landowners, when every letter the board received was in support of these changes and the majority of those landowners who cared enough to come to the meeting supported these changes. There was significant effort to notify the landowners of these proposed changes and of the meeting to discuss them, the meeting was advertised.

Sincerely, Mike Ryan

Election of DRLA Board

On May 17th the Donald Ross Landowner's Association will conducted their annual meeting to elect new officers. The offices that will be up for election are President, 2nd Vice President and Treasurer. The current officers all plan on running for re-election. If any landowner is interested in running for office please contact a board member to announce your candidacy.



Park Update

SIRWCD has added the park to their "plan of improvements". Which means SIRWCD will help build the main infrastructure for the



park. The parking lot will probably be built along with the paving of the roads from the last ballot or an independent contractor will be hired. Whichever is cheaper. Then the landscape & irrigation, fitness trail and fence. Once these things are done we will have a basic park we can open to the community! The Twisty Pines Playground Foundation will continue to fundraise and once there is enough money they will be able to start work on the playground. The pavilions, basketball court and racquetball court will come as additional funds are raised.

Road Paving Update

At the May 5th SIRWCD meeting a contractor was selected and awarded the road paving contract for the roads that approved paving from the last ballot. The paving contractor is expected to get the notice to proceed approximately. June 1 and has 120 days to complete the road paving.

PBC Code Enforcement Guidelines

At the last few Landowners meetings we had residents complain about certain code enforcement issues. We are printing these Guidelines for informational purposes.

Regarding Trash

Garbage can regulations:

County ordinance prohibits placement of household garbage or garbage receptacles for pick-up before 3:00 pm the day prior to regularly scheduled pick-ups. Further, garbage receptacles must be removed from the front of the property on the day of pick-up. These restrictions do not apply to yard waste resulting from the maintenance of residential properties.

Trash, debris and other materials:

Residential property may not be used for open storage of inoperative motor vehicles, vehicle parts, appliances, building materials, garbage, waste, trash and debris. It is the responsibility of the owner or occupant to keep the premises free from all such materials (Property Maintenance Code).

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