

THE BOBCAT COMMUNITY NEWS

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much" Helen Keller

LAND SWAP

Originally Rich Smith, Charlotte Harbor National Golf Club owner, contracted the CDD to purchase land on the 10th hole of the golf course near Canary Dr. He wants to keep the land as green space and keep it beautiful. He would agree in writing that he would not put any buildings on that land and would specify, if ever that land was sold, that no buildings would be allowed. He will give CDD legal access to drive across to take care of CDD property.

CDD Board Meetings

The CDD board meets the first Thursday of the month at the community center 4-6 pm and the third Wednesday of the month from 4-6 pm. **Website:** bobcatcdd.com

Community Center Events

A calendar is e-mailed monthly listing the various committees and their scheduled meetings. The office is open Monday through Friday 9am to 3pm. 941-426-0808. Email is bobcatcommunitycenter@verizon.net

Jera Stratton, in charge of the community center office, is also available for those in need of a notary.

NOTE: Fobs cannot be shared, particularly in the exercise room, due to liability. A guest fob can be secured for a \$25 deposit with a waiver signed. Money is refunded when fob is returned.

Smith was willing to swap that land to the CDD community with his land behind the current tennis court and to prepare the land so we could add amenities like pickle ball courts, bocce ball court, shuffle board and possibly a horse shoe pit.

Our lawyer felt there should be a comparable money exchange for the properties since the hole 10 property is larger than the land next to the tennis court. Smith then sent a letter of intent to buy the land on hole 10 for \$7500 and donate the parcel of land behind the tennis courts.

During audience commentary one resident stated that the land swap was not good for the community. "What possible benefit would pickle ball courts and horse shoe pits be?"

Answer: According to Wikipedia; "Pickleball has become one of America's most popular growing sports among all ages. It's an easy game to learn and it's competitive for players of all ages - from young children to senior citizens." **Key words – senior citizens.** Many people at Bobcat play pickleball but travel to other sites to play because of our makeshift courts here and the fact that they are shared with the tennis court times.

Somebody raised the idea of possible contamination there. Rich Smith told the board earlier that he had a full environmental study on the golf course and found no contaminated land.

We have no other land at Bobcat in which to add amenities such as these and it would be an asset for future home buyers. Smith is offering us that opportunity.

The parcel of land on hole 10 is not an asset to the CDD community. It costs \$1,125 a month to mow – according to BrightView – which equals to \$13,500 a year and \$67,500 in five years. It is a liability to us.

That money could be put to better use in adding amenities. The land discussion was tabled until further talks with Rich Smith.

COMMUNITY POOL RUMOR

There has been a rumor floating around that the community pool was going to be bought out by Rich Smith for various reasons. **THIS IS ABSOLUTELY FALSE!**

ENVERA SECURITY

The security has been tabled for a vote at the next CDD meeting, June 20, at 4pm, due to some errors in the contract. They will be corrected by then.

COMMUNITY CENTER

In the exercise room, the sounds on the televisions were repaired.

A coil was replaced in the air conditioner.

The microphone system was cleared.

An emergency lighting system check was done in the Community Center. It just needed new batteries.

Nothing was in violation with the fire department.

The next CDD meeting is Wednesday, June 20, 2018. We welcome your input. But, remember, according to Florida statute **286.0114 Public meetings; reasonable opportunity to be heard;** – (in part)

“(2) Members of the public shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a proposition before a board or commission. This section does not prohibit a board or commission from maintaining orderly conduct or proper decorum in a public meeting.”

You have a chance to speak before the meeting, on the agenda items, and at the end of the meeting. You must sign in and you are allowed three minutes.

REMINDER: Do not walk close to the edge of the ponds, especially with dogs. A woman was killed by a 12-foot gator recently in Silver Lakes Rotary Nature Park in the city of Davie in southern Florida. Her two dogs escaped. Twenty-two people have been killed in alligator attacks in the state since 1948.