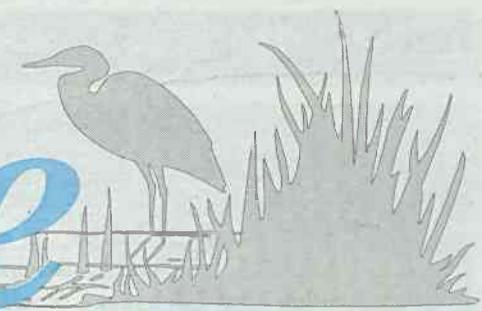


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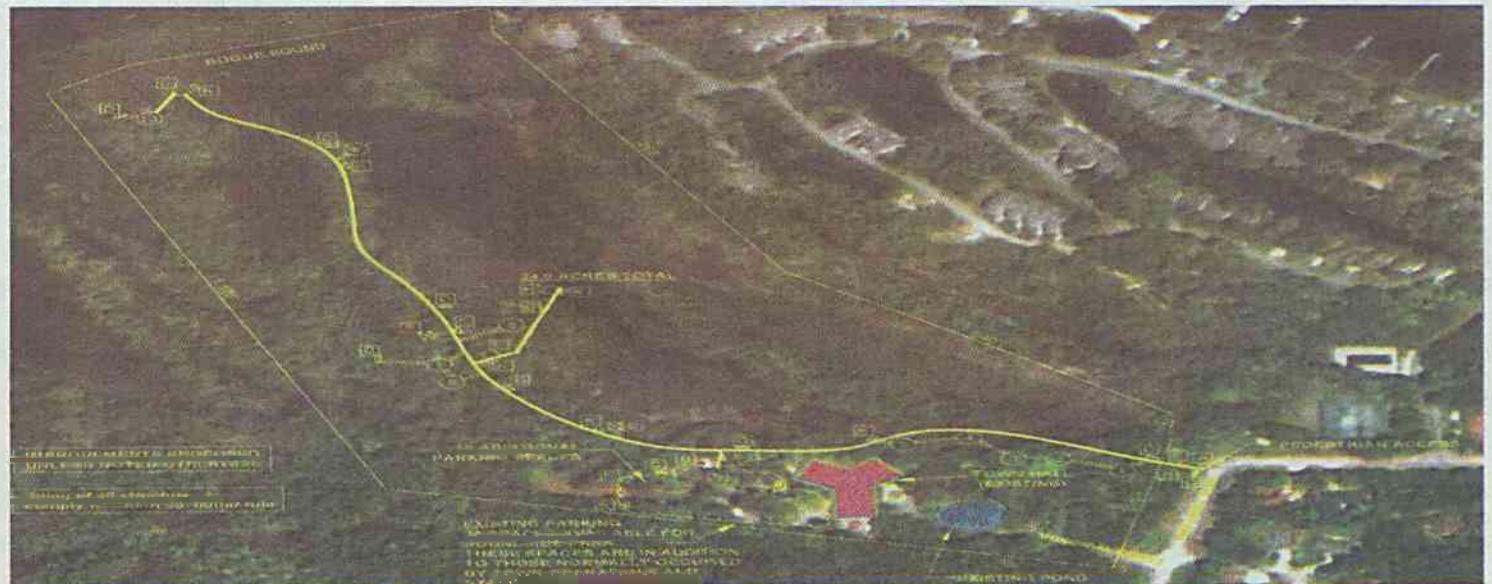
Public Hearing set on Rezoning of Beach Tract

The PKS Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 2 p.m. May 9 prior to their regular monthly meeting on a petition to rezone the Royal Pavillion beachfront property so as to permit construction of single family homes.

The rezoning from a Multi-Family 1 designation, which provides for condos and commercial uses, to a Multi-Family 2 designation, which adds single family homes to the mix of permitted uses, has been recommended by the planning board with the condition that only single family homes be constructed on the site.

After purchase of the property by developer Fred Bunn earlier this year, there had been some consideration given to a mix of condos and single family homes on the property. In making their recommendation, planning board members made it clear that the board felt Pine Knoll Shores is predominantly a single family home community and that makeup should

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Seek Funds to Develop Park on Sound

By Bill White

Town commissioners got the recreation ball rolling on two fronts at their April 11 regular monthly meeting.

The board unanimously adopted a resolution authorizing submission of an application for state funds to help finance development of a soundside park on a town-owned 24.6 acre tract behind Town Hall. The low-lying tract borders Bogue Sound and includes water features such as a lagoon.

Although the exact amount of the grant to be

sought is yet to be determined, town officials indicated it would probably be upward of \$300,000. If the grant is approved, the town would be required to provide matching funds equal to 25% of the total.

The grant is being sought from the North Carolina Division of Coastal Management under the North Carolina Public Beach and Coastal Waterfront Access Program. Chris Jones, director of inspections and public property, said an application package would be ready for submission by the end of April.

The application will include a concept plan by John R. Freshwater III, a professional engineer from Swansboro. The concept envisions a dock and platform from which to launch kayaks or canoes, benches for viewing water features, as well as picnic facilities and a fitness trail among other things. Officials emphasized that the plan is a concept only and subject to change.

At the April 11 meeting the commissioners also approved creation of a Recreation Task Force to study the overall recreation picture in the community and make recommendations for future action. Mayor Lamson asked

Legend for Site Plan:

- A = sign
- B = Trash Receptacle
- C = Bike Rack
- D = Bench
- E = 16' x 20' Covered Picnic Area w/ 2 Grills
- F = 16' x 20' Gazebo w/ Benches
- G = 6' Wide Wood Dock
- H = 16' x 20' Floating Platform
- J = Public Restrooms
- K = Lighting
- I = Par Course Exercise Station

Commissioners Peter and Lindblad to serve on the task force together with two or three citizen members. The commissioners ask that anyone interested in serving on the task force pick up a volunteer registration form at Town Hall or over the internet at www.townofpks.com and fill it out to make their interest known..

In another action with a bearing on recreational considerations, the board voted to renew the town's membership in the Eastern Carolina Council of Governments. The organization is comprised of communities in nine counties and is designed to represent its members in matters where a regional approach is desirable.

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Dialogue On Wastewater Grows

Water, and how to handle it when its coming down and when you're trying to make it go away, has been the subject of a great deal of public discussion in recent weeks.

The hot button issue is wastewater treatment. It came to the fore last year when the presidents and managers of several homeowner/condo associations contacted the town for assistance on how to handle the problem of dealing with aging package septic systems that will have to be re-permitted in the next few years.

Faced with the question of just what role the town might be called upon to play in the overall wastewater treatment picture, officials held an informational meeting last summer to give everyone involved an opportunity to get a clearer picture of the problem. Representatives of several state agencies concerned with wastewater issues attended to share their expertise with the gathering.

Now the town board is proposing a preliminary engineering assessment to determine the actual status of all waste treatment facilities in the community. The aim is to provide solid data to call upon when considering the situation. The activity prompted one resident to warn in a letter to the local newspaper of what he saw as the possibility of all of PKS subsidizing the infrastructure of "certain luxury condominiums" through construction of a townwide sewer system.

In a letter of reply, Mayor Joan Lamson urged citizens not to jump to conclusions on the basis of suppositions and to follow progress of the efforts to gather facts. She noted that water migrates through the earth and what happens in one spot can impact surrounding areas. She cited the case of a recent major waste spill in a neighboring community that could have had

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