

Birchwood Community Council Newsletter
April, 2013

Dear Birchwood members. In an effort to keep you more informed, we are sending out a brief newsletter.

Bobbi Wells will be stepping down as chair of BCC and Jill Flanders Crosby will not continue on as acting chair. Thus we are in the process of reorganizing. We have an exploratory committee looking into re-writing our by-laws to create a more egalitarian council board such the weight of the work can be shared across more minds and bodies.

Parks and Recreation Update: Jill Flanders Crosby has been in email communication with Bill Starr re a new push to get the 8 acres in the NW ¼ of section 25 back into Beach Lake Park. These 8 acres have been held back by the Heritage Land Bank and Anchorage School District as a potential source of revenue despite the fact that communities have expressed a strong desire that they those 8 acres to be part of Beach Lake park. We envision this will take all of the community councils to show support and sponsor resolutions re these 8 acres. This will be discussed at our April meeting

Road Board Update: BCC sent its resolution concerning Prop 2 to our state legislators. The road board did receive a letter from the Mayor. Someone from the municipality will be coming to a future road board meeting to address the concerns of the board concerning Prop 2.

Birchwood Airport Gravel Pit Update: **April 1st:** final stripping and berm building; **May 6th:** mining begins weather breakup permitting w/approximately 30 trains loaded in the morning; **June 30th:** completion of mining, **Aug 5th:** seedlings planted on berm; **Aug 30th:** complete all planting and equipment removal.

Our next meeting is April 27, Ski Chalet, 7pm. We hope you can all show up and participate. Please see accompanying agenda and minutes.