

OMISOL HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Omisol Homeowner:

As you may recall, I recently sent a letter to you asking for your help on a matter that could significantly impact Omisol Lake. Specifically, the American Legion Post # 364 land that is adjacent to our development at the south end, near the Omisol Rd cul de sac, was being considered by the County Board of Supervisors for a rezoning designation that would allow a developer to build the equivalent of 4 houses per acre on about 22 acres of land. Of particular importance to us was the impact that such building would have on our lake as more and more dirt would run off that land and ultimately into our lake, causing additional siltation and additional loss of the lake.

Many of you took up the cause and contacted the Board of Supervisors on this matter and argued against such rezoning for a number of good reasons, not the least of which was the effect on our lake. I want to thank each and every one of you for any letter you wrote or contact you made about this matter. It is because of this kind of community involvement that I believe we were successful, at least for the time being, in our efforts.

Following the Board of Supervisors meeting on March 14th, I received the following email from Sean Connaughton, Chairman of the Board;

The Board decided to defer action on this item. We have directed staff to: (1) determine the legality of the Board's 2003 replanning of this private property to "Public Park" from SRL; (2) determine whether other, similar properties were changed in 2003 as well; and (3) make recommendations as to how to address this issue. We are also going to evaluate whether it is feasible for the County to purchase the property. Best regards, Sean

Simply put, it was discovered that the land in question, as well as other parcels of land, were improperly redesignated, or rezoned, in 2003 and that before any action can be taken, a bureaucratic nightmare has to be straightened out. During my conversations with Mr. Connaughton leading up to the meeting, I emphasized the impact that such a change would have on us, as well as using the opportunity to explain the ongoing problems with the lake. I believe anytime you can get at least a delay in such matters, it is a victory.

Again, I thank each and every one of you for your involvement and concern for Omisol Estates.

Sincerely yours,

JIM HART
PRESIDENT