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Paul

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(66.45.227.90)

Date: Thu, Oct 1, 7:01 PM

From: Susanne Jefferson <blewize42@yahoo.com>

To: <bibhoaboard@gmail.com>

To the board,

At our last meeting I was trying to point out that the roads are being scraped way too often and was told that Bryan had extensive experience in road maintenance. This is a different climate and different materials are used. I've been hearing from the board that 'the roads have never looked better'!! Fortunately Bryan has never scraped the road past Sue Waite's house including that steep part of the curve and that's why it looks like nothing has happened after 6" of rain.

We spent a fortune for material that's now at the bottom of Forest Hill Road and in the culverts thanks to the constant loosening up by Bryan. It would be a good idea if he could get some lessons in 'local' road maintenance from someone like Eduardo Juan or Jorge. I hope that we can get some cement on that road before he decides to spend more money on materials that will just be flushed down the hill again. I know it's a lot of fun riding that tractor (I enjoyed mine, too), but not at the expense of the community. Never have the roads looked that bad when Jorge and Eduardo were working on them. Please, put a stop to that before it costs us another fortune.

Susanne

October 2, 2020 at 9:10 am

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Paul

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Forest Hill Road

Date: Fri, Oct 2, 9:02 AM.

From: <bibhoaboard@bibhoa.com>

Reply-To: <bibhoaboard@gmail.com>

To: <blewize42@yahoo.com>

Hello Susanne,

Thank you for your recent email. As usual, it will be given the full consideration it deserves.

Once again, your email is full of falsehoods and incorrect characterizations. The Howler Hill and Eagles Landing roads have been regularly graded and they didn't experience any issues during the recent rain. Yes, Forest Hill Drive did need some work, but it was completed in one day.

You will recall that before we purchased the tractor, the roads at BIB went without maintenance for almost two years. As such, they were in terrible shape and required us to spend a "fortune" on bringing in material. By continuously grading the roads, we have not needed to bring in any material this year.

We are working towards getting all the steep hills surfaced. Fortunately, with the recent influx of over \$30,000 in past

due POA fees, we are well positioned to achieve that. Of course, that recent influx of funds came about because the BIB POA Board employed a collection agency; something you were vehemently opposed to.

Those of us who volunteer our time here are doing so because we believe that we can move this community forward. That you choose to sit back and do nothing but complain is certainly your right, but to those of us that take the time to actually do the work, we can assure you that this is not our definition of “fun”.

The BIB POA Board will continue to rely on logic and experience rather than obstinance and bitterness in guiding our decisions.

Thank you,
BIB POA Board

October 3, 2020 at 9:00 am

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**Paul
Prescott**

Moderator

Date: Fri, Oct 2, 1:09 PM
From: Susanne Jefferson <blewize42@yahoo.com>
To: <bibhoaboard@gmail.com>

Dear board,

Please, tell me which parts are false, since you claim my letter is full of them.

(69.10.35.171) Facts are:

1. Forest Hill Road hasn't looked that bad in the 6 years since I first came to BIB and we weren't talking about the other 2 roads, just Forest Hill.
2. Bryan IS constantly loosening up the material on that hill.
3. We DID spend a fortune on material which is now on the bottom of the hill, clogging up culverts and in the small pond by my house that is no longer a pond, because it's full of sand. The same thing will happen with the next heavy rain. I don't know what bringing up the collection agency has to do with THIS issue. That's a different subject.

As far as volunteering: you may not recall that both Jenny and I have served on the board AND committees. We didn't move here to be working, we have done that all of our lives and now we are retired, but if you absolutely need my help in the gardens, I'll be happy to work side by side with you when I come out. If not in the garden, on which committee would you like me to help? By the way, nobody asked you to be doing all this work, so please don't try to shame me because I'm not volunteering at the moment.

Susanne

October 3, 2020 at 9:04 am

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Date: Sat, Oct 3, 8:58 AM

From: <bibhoaboard@bibhoa.com>



Paul
Prescott

Moderator

(69.10.35.171)

Reply-To: <bibhoaboard@gmail.com>

To: <blewize42@yahoo.com>

Hello Susanne,

In response to your email:

1. You made the claim that after the recent rain, roads being graded fared poorly, while roads not being graded were fine. The fact that Eagles Landing and Howler Hill have been regularly graded, and were not affected by the recent rain prove otherwise.
2. The idea behind grading is to move material back onto the road that has washed off the sides. We only grades the roads when they have a little bit of moisture so that the material will stay put while it's being packed back down by regular use. That we have not needed to add additional material to the roads this year proves the success of this method.
3. Material was added to the roads back in March, 2019. The tractor was purchased in May 2019 because after 2 months, the top of Forest Hill Drive had such a tilt that many owners considered it unsafe. Therefore, we have been grading the roads now for over 16 months. If regular grading caused the material to be washed away, it would have been gone a long time ago.

4. None of the current Board members, the EAB, nor the current maintenance crew had anything to do with the dredging of the pond back in September, 2019 which is most likely the cause of its deterioration. The pond had filled with sand long before the recent rain.

5. The collection agency is relevant because it is another example of something the Board did that you oppose, but which will benefit you. The increased money brought in just from the announcement of the collection agency will allow us to put a hard surface on most of the steep hills. At least as of this moment, this is something the Board is doing that you are in favor of. In all honesty, it appears that no matter what the Board does, you instinctively oppose it merely because the Board is in favor of it.

6. Your assertion was that Bryan was using the tractor merely because it was “fun” for him. We can assure you all the work the volunteer Board and committee members do is not “fun”. Certainly the time we spend responding to your constant complaints and steady stream of vitriol directed towards the BIB POA Board is not “fun”.

7. It is ironic that you are suddenly interested in volunteering in the garden, when recently you were opposed to the Board spending any money on the garden (https://bibhoa.com/forums/topic/community_gardens/).

8. As far as what you can do to help the BIB POA, we would be happy if you reduced your steady barrage of emails and

complaints. We welcome comments, criticism, and suggestions when they are made constructively. But in our view, your repeated complaints are made just to complain and criticize, not to help improve anything. No matter what, we will continue to listen and respond if necessary to everything you send us, but if you want to help, a reduction would be appreciated.

Finally, you are the only person who has complained about the current state of the roads at BIB. All the other comments we have received have been positive, and have come without solicitation. Apparently your dissatisfaction with our roads is a recent phenomena, since you told Beth Weary last January how you were pleased with the state of Forest Hill Drive.

The Board considers this topic closed and will not respond to further emails, unless new information is provided.

Thank you,

BIB POA Board

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