ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATE

Joe and Israel
March 4, 2026

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Personnel item that I mentioned at the last meeting will now be a regular agenda item and not held in executive session.

RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM: We have been informed that applications for this funding have been put on hold for at least the next 90 days. Another typical example of the bureaucracy. With a March 2 deadline many other communities besides Spring Lake have been gathering all the data needed, holding public meetings, and "playing the game." Now they simply say we are going to readjust some requirements and could care less about the time and effort that was put in to meet their original deadline. Very frustrating!!!

RUSS ANKROM PARK: Better news with this grant application. You may remember that last year FRDAP did not get funded by the Legislature and, despite our high ranking, did not receive any funds. We resubmitted for 2026 and the Legislature has funding for FRDA included in the State budget. We were notified that we are receiving $103,200 from FRDAP with a local match of $34,400 for a total park renovation in the amount of $137,600. We will go to RPAC for half the match, thus giving us a full renovation for $17,200 of District funds. The park will have a nature/exercise trail and equipment, playground, shelter, picnic tables, benches, grilles, and landscaping. Work will commence late summer or early fall.

MEMORIAL BENCHES: The request for a memorial bench at the ECO Park was approved by the Board in November 2025. The family was notified and there has been no movement or communication whatsoever. Several people wanted to develop a policy about memorials, and this will be an agenda item for the April meeting. Please give some thought as to memorial options so we can have a policy.

ST. PATRICKS DAY LUNCH: This has been a 17-year tradition started by Tim McKenna even before he was a Board member. I am suggesting **Tuesday, March 17, noon, at the Community Center** for this year's event. This will be for all Board members and staff and will be catered in its entirety.

FASD CONFERENCE: Will be held in Orlando June 7-11. Diane will handle the Conference Registrations, and everyone will be responsible for their own room reservations. We will discuss it at the Board meeting.