

### **WINDSWEPT RENOVATION UPDATE**

The Board of Trustees and I were disappointed to hear that OBYG has decided not to accept The Village's requirements surrounding our proposal for the renovation of Windswept. We have explored every possible solution to allow OBYG to take the lead in the project and we felt this proposal satisfied their needs and still offered an acceptable level of protection for the taxpayers. The Village will now proceed with the renovation as a municipal project and will begin construction this September. We will follow the recommendations of the Windswept Committee and the Committee will continue to guide the project.

The Village will take out a bond to finance the project as we seek FEMA reimbursement. We have had great success in collecting FEMA funds and expect continued success on that front. However, we believe the project will cost more than what FEMA will reimburse. OBCF has established a special account to accept donations for Windswept and will be actively fundraising for the renovation. With a successful fundraising campaign we should be able to complete this project with minimal taxpayer impact and maximum potential for Windswept.

I want to personally thank the OBYG board for all the work they have done on this project so far and for all they do to support the youngest members of our community. I hope they will proceed with ongoing fundraising efforts so that we can develop an even better Windswept for our kids and grandkids to enjoy for years to come.

Jim