



PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 8

DATE OF MEETING: April 7, 2014

REQUESTED BY: Dee Turner, Parks and Recreation Supervisor

SHORT TITLE: Hampstead Kiwanis Park Update

BACKGROUND: Seed money for a new baseball/softball field at Hampstead Kiwanis Park was made possible by a \$30,000 donation by the J.J. Smith, Sr. Family. Pender County added \$40,000 to the donation and then construction plans for the J.J. "Doodley" Smith field began. In addition to this field, another parking lot and roadway with an ingress/egress off Country Club Road will be constructed.

Rough grading and drainage work in the new field area has been completed. The fencing is currently being installed. The power and well will be installed when it becomes dry enough for the heavy equipment to access the area. Following the completion of the power and well installation, the irrigation system will be installed. Sprigging of the hybrid Bermuda, Celebration, will be done in mid to late May. The field should be ready for play in the fall. The Smith Family business, Atlantic Seafood, has also pledged to donate a scoreboard for this new field similar to the one they donated two years ago for Darden Field at Hampstead Kiwanis Park.

Construction of the new parking lot and roadway will begin when it becomes dry enough for the heavy equipment to access the area.