

Dear Hillcrest Heights Commissioners,

As you may well know, the City of Frostproof has been aggressively annexing northward towards Babson Park. The most recent annexation has put the historical Babson Park pillars inside the city limits of Frostproof. What you may not know is there has been mention of Frostproof annexing Crooked Lake.

This greatly concerns the Defenders of Crooked Lake. We are asking you, the commissioners of Hillcrest Heights, to seriously explore the possibilities of annexing Crooked Lake...as soon as possible. At this point, we do not know what is involved with this process, or if it is even a possibility. We do know Highland Park did some sort of annexation to Lake Easy, giving the city control over that body of water and with no extra burden to the town. The motivation there was to keep seaplanes from landing on the lake.

The Defenders appreciate the fact that Hillcrest Heights wishes to remain small and compact, but we also believe this is something the town must consider to insure the quality of Crooked Lake and the life around it. Hillcrest Heights is in the position to do so as it borders the shores of the lake.

Frostproof has proven they will approve any development that comes along. The Breezy Point Development is a prime example of Frostproof's vision, or lack of it! Many believe this proposed development is dead, but we know the developer is still pursuing it, as both this and the Orange Bend projects are now with the same developer. The engineers for this developer have indicated there is a public right of way on the south side of the Breezy Point property of which they intend to pursue some sort of lake access for future residents...preferably motor boat access which would require dredging. We mention this because Frostproof is capable of anything, and Frostproof in 'control' of Crooked Lake only spells trouble.

The Defenders of Crooked Lake cannot initiate this process, but we are more than willing to help.

Sincerely,

Tom Schotman
President, Defenders of Crooked Lake