

They were working all these shifts, and I said no," McCarthy said.

In the meantime, the one sign-making employee currently active has had help from the Consolidated Public Works Department and outside contrac-

"We weren't authorized to advertise for it. We can't do any pavement marking until we're re-staffed."

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## Builders may not have to replace trees

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turbed," said Councilor at large Sarafina "Sally" Collura.

Councilors also expressed alarm that an outlet from the basin, leading into an adjacent wetland, would impact the marsh.

Pulte Homes bought the land and the permits last year. Last night, Pulte representatives told councilors they could not speak to JPI's verbal representations, but their work so far conforms exactly to building plans the council approved, along with the special permit for the project.

Plans on file with the Building Department show evergreens along the basin to measure 14 feet high, not eight, the News Tribune reported last week.

Pulte Homes Land Entitlement Manager Ted Gowdy said the company would try to meet councilors' expectations.

"If there's things we can do to help mitigate....we'll take a look at that and see what we can do," he said.

Ward 8 Councilor Stephen F. Rourke said if the final product does not meet expectations, the council may sue.

"The near future would be an excellent opportunity for everyone to make sure that the landscape plan is everything that is expected," he said. "You wouldn't want to have a legal proceeding when that could be avoided if everyone's on the same page."

Building Commissioner Ralph Gaudet said the work so far appears to conform to the approved plans. The plans allow exceptions to conservation restrictions for drainage structures and installation of underground utilities.

Councilors asked for a review of work on the site by the Conservation Commission and the Engineering Department, and asked Gowdy and Leidner to return with the project's landscape engineer on June 5.

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Overaker wanted something to call attention to his new establishment, so he went to Newton Memorial Art, which specializes in making grave-stones. They were a little surprised by his request, Overaker recalled.

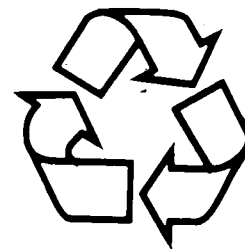
"I told them I don't need a headstone, I need a marker for a water bowl," he said. "They said, 'A what?'"

But when Overaker explained his idea, they jumped right on board, he said. His contact had a relative who worked for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and she put production of the \$350 stone on the fast track.

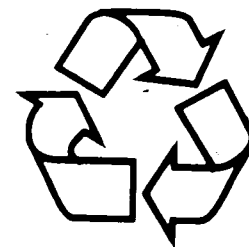
However, the stone has given a few people the wrong idea. Overaker has had to explain to joggers that pipes, not dogs, are

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