

Dallas Township Park

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When asked if they believed the project was a mistake, Dallas Township supervisors emphatically said "No."

"It's really nice, down there," said Glenn Howell.

"We put stuff out there that the kids could use whenever they want to," said Walters. "We made it as maintenance free as possible."

To all appearances, that governing body had the right idea. Encouraged by the volunteer Back Mountain Recreation Commission

(what's that?), and guided through reams of governmental red tape by Leonard Ziolkowski, the township took its share of recreational funds provided by the Office of Community Development and the Department of Community Affairs.

The original land was donated to the township for recreational purposes by the McHenry Estate. Several additional lots were procured to provide easier access to the park. To the contrary, no access to the park is easy, unless you happen to live in that section of the

Township. The park is off Route 309 and Sago Street across from the entrance to New Goss Manor. It was built for use by children and parents of any Back Mountain community, but its secret location might prevent universal attendance.

On paper, the picture of a shaded place for families to relax, children to swing, youths to play ball or ice skate in the winter, is an enticing one. After two years, however, appears to be vandalism, overgrown equipment and the marshy remnants of a pond.



POLKA MASS-Pennsylvania Merry Makers played for the Polka Mass last Sunday at Our Lady of Victory Church, Warden Place, Harveys Lake. The Mass proved

to be popular with residents of the Lake and outside the area.

HL Carnival resembles battlefield

A casual observer might consider the Harveys Lake Borough Council meeting "true democracy in action," or wish, on the other hand, that this body would face the public with at least some knowledge of the action items which might be presented. It appears some members prefer to save bombshells for the public forum, making it more a battlefield than a business meeting.

Watchers of such public actions might find Council's meeting more entertaining than some, where it appears voting procedures have been rehearsed in advance.

Still, last Tuesday it was admitted that even among this most spontaneous of governing bodies some of the dramatics were staged. Following a long and heated argument, with motions and votes to table those motions, legalize from Solicitor Joseph Kasper and much name calling, Councilman Joseph Ruotolo completely cancelled his idea to serve notice on two mem-

bers of the Zoning Board. Ruotolo appeared determined to give Richard Myers and Francis Kopko 15 days notice that a vote would be taken concerning their dismissal from the zoning board. When pressed for specific charges, Ruotolo gave none saying only that he believed they had improperly granted a variance.

The entire issue was apparently dropped when solicitor Kasper said the civil rights of the two men could be jeopardized. "I'm against this whole procedure," he explained. "I think you're on dangerous territory."

At this point, Ruotolo withdrew his motion, saying he had gained his purpose.

Another surprise issue turned out to be a \$150 expenditure for locks and keys which Councilman John Coulton refused to vote on payment. The lock on Borough secretary Miriam Mitchell's desk, several

filing cabinets in the borough office and the Rec Center were changed by Lake Lock.

Mitchell said the locks were changed after a borough policeman found the office in disarray with the door open. Coulton challenged her explanation, demanding a police report of the incident and a complete breakdown of the job done by Lake Lock. Included in the change were seven keys to the Rec Center, four to the filing cabinets, and one for Mitchell's desk. Coulton also demanded a listing of those holding the keys.

"It's a small price to pay for privacy," said Mitchell. A motion to pay all bills except Lake Lock was passed, a separate move to vote funds to cover that charge received the inevitable "table" from Councilman Gifford Cappellini. The issue was finally set aside for discussion at the group's next work session.

Payne not in violation

Neighbors of Tom Payne, Ash Street, Harveys Lake, will have to find some other method of removing him from his home, as Borough officials have exhausted every effort. Borough secretary, Miriam Mitchell, contacted the

Luzerne County Health Department to inspect Payne's residence, only to be informed Harveys Lake is not in that office's jurisdiction. The State Health Department was also of no help as it is only authorized to involve itself in situations concerning raw sewage.

"At this point, it is up to the individual neighbors to find some way of getting him out," said Mitchell. "As far as the borough is concerned, he is completely within his rights."

Payne was the subject of discussion at last week's borough council meeting. Residents from the area requested the municipality take action concerning his living

conditions. The 58-year-old retired Conrail employee lives in a home which is badly rundown. He cooks out of doors, often using shingles from the porch for fuel. Neighbors questioned whether he had indoor plumbing, a fact which he conformed when several borough officials visited him last Thursday.

Council president, Bruce Anderson, councilman Frank Coulton and Mayor Frank Picchi spent three minutes at Payne's home going no further than the livingroom. They found some unorthodox surroundings, but a working television testified to electrical service.

On June 2, Payne applied for a permit in the

amount of \$2,000 to repair the home and porch. Mitchell said as building inspector she is responsible to issue the permit and insure that he is trying to make repairs.

Chief Lionel Bulford originally joined Mitchell on her first inspection of the premises. "The man is working. He has painted and he is not in violation of any borough ordinance," she explained.

In lieu of its own health officer, the borough applied to the county for help in making a determination on health and safety status of the residence. The last health officer was former police chief, Waldrich Lienthall. Since his retirement, the state requires local health officers to pass a course on the subject before becoming certified. No member of the community has come forward to take that responsibility.

"I suspect that even a health officer would find it hard to say that he's in violation of anything," said Mitchell.

Payne's neighbors look upon his home as a safety hazard, however. They want him removed and taken care of properly. Mitchell believes both Council and the citizens have been looking to her to find a solution but she is at the end of her resources.

"He pays his taxes. His sewer fees are up to date, and his permit is paid up. He's in better shape financially than some people with \$85,000 homes," she said.

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