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Dallas Twp. planners set June 6 meeting on subdivision

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Writer

The lack of a quorum at the Dallas Township planning and zoning meeting Monday night made it necessary to schedule a special meeting June 6, at which time the commission will take some action on the preliminary plans presented by Michael Dombrowski on the 'Maples' development.

The proposed development submitted by Dombrowski is for 31 homes to be constructed on a 43-acre parcel of land located behind the Paul Klug home on Upper Demunds Road across from Glendalough.

"It was impossible to take any action on the preliminary plans submitted by Dombrowski," explained chairman Charles Kishbaugh following the meeting. "Lack of the quorum was due to the resignation of Jack Tinner from the planning commission and our other member having a previous commitment."

"We have had some communication from DER and from our engineer Lee Swenberg and there are some points to be cleared up on the proposed development."

The request for a variance by Robert Popielarz to flip-flop his yard for a 40-foot front and a 30-foot back to make more convenient parking was withdrawn by Popielarz when property measurement by the zoning officer revealed that a small section in the front was in the residential area of the township and not in the business area.

Popielarz withdrew his application and will build in order to conduct his business within the legal business district.



Eagle dance by Thunderpony

An American-Cherokee Indian, Thunderpony, who is also an educator-teacher from Wallenpaupak, danced the Eagle Dance to the delight of area Scout troops during their graduation meeting at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds last Friday. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

Proposed Lake-Lehman budget hikes taxes

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Writer

The Lake-Lehman School Board approved a tentative budget of \$10.6 million for the 1989-1990 school year by a 6-3 vote at the May 9 meeting held at Ross Township Elementary building.

The \$10,610,338 budget would raise taxes five mills in Luzerne County areas of the district to a total of 133 mills, and in Noxen of Wyoming County the millage would remain at 158. A mill is \$1 tax on every \$1,000 of assessed property value.

The tentative budget for 1989-1990 is an increase of more than \$900,000 over the current budget of approximately \$9,700,000. The state mandates that a vote must be taken on the final budget by June 30. Until that time, the directors will continue to work to try to cut corners on the plan.

Board members Edward Mark, Joseph 'Red' Jones and Robert Emery voted against the tentative budget.

In his report, district superintendent Charles Borchetta told the board that the budget included maintaining all present educational programs, including purchase of new textbooks, recycling of textbooks, continued instructional and non-instructional equipment and the current pupil to teacher ratio, allowance for capital improvements and the establishment of a capital account for future construction.

In other board action, the directors:

- Approved Madlyn Koch as mathematics teacher for the 1989-1990 school year.
- Approved professional status for Michelle Medura by an 8-1 vote with Robert Emery voting no.
- Approved 173 graduates for the June 8 graduation ceremony.
- Approved a resolution to oppose Gov. Casey and the State

Board of Education's recommendation for changes in the LIU funding disallowing adequate funding for special education which would mean dropping specific specialists and using individual high school's special education instructors, disallowing part time aids, social workers and allowing only one therapist to 1600 students.

- Approved the summer basketball program, conditioning program, boys volleyball, girls volleyball, marching band, and elementary instrumental music.

- Approved present junior high wrestling coaches Tom Williams and Phil Lipski as senior high wrestling coaches by a 7-2 vote, Emery voting no and Thomas Williams abstaining.

- Congratulated the junior high math team for placing second in the six-county math competition. Ben Fiore placed first in individual competition and the team of Fiore, Jeff Gold, Jesse Goble, Mark Danuski and David Lewis placed second.

- Congratulated the Lake-Lehman High School Band for its performance at Virginia Beach for placing first in parade and field, second in concert and in jazz band; taking the Sweepstake Trophy for highest combined points in field and parade; first in color guard, percussion, jazz section and drum major.

- Approved a one-year contract for Carl Search, superintendent of maintenance and operations, for the year July 1, 1989 to June 30, 1990.

- Accepted the asbestos environmental plan of Environmental Abatement Associates at a cost of \$11,000 by a 7-2 vote with Emery and Edward Mark voting no.

- Appointed Raymond C. Bowersox as board secretary with Emery voting no.
- Appointed Atty. Peter Savage as solicitor at an annual salary of \$5,000.

- Approved by a 6-3 vote a sixth grade class trip to attend an educational environment trip to the Mount Tone Environmental Center, Lake Como, Wayne County in October, 1989. Emery, Jones and Mark voted against the trip which

was recommended by Superintendent Borchetta.

Dr. Borchetta announced there would be a public meeting, May 31, to discuss the renovation proposals recommended by Smith, Miller Associates.



Carrying the colors

Donnald Dossey, Tunkhannock, and Donald Holdredge, Dallas, proudly carried the colors for their troop at last Friday's Scout graduation ceremony. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

Sunrise Estates allowed to keep water connection

By SCOTT A. DAVIS
Post Staff

Tamanini Industries has been authorized to connect the water systems of two sections of Sunrise Estates, but not to use the water.

That ruling was made by the Kingston Township supervisors at last Wednesday's meeting, in response to an application of waiver submitted by the developer.

In March, Tamanini Industries connected the water supply system from Phase I to Phase II of the Sunrise Estates development without authorization from the township.

The interconnection resulted in protests from Phase I residents, who feared the connection would result in lower water pressure and less supply for their homes.

Sunrise Estates Homeowners' Association President Clinton McMullen claims existing homes have experienced low pressure and inadequate supplies in the past, and fear the interconnection would increase the problems.

At Wednesday's supervisors meeting, Joseph J. Savitz, Tamanini's attorney, admitted the connection was in place, but added, "There is no desire to use the water from Phase I to supplement Phase II. It is only to be used in an emergency."

Savitz said that in an emergency, Phase II's more powerful well would probably service Phase I.

"Phase I will give you about 40,000 gallons of water per day. See SUNRISE, pg 2

\$5 million project will expand DAMA's capacity, quality

By SCOTT A. DAVIS
Staff Writer

The Dallas Area Municipal Authority is planning a \$5 million expansion of its treatment plant to remove a harmful nutrient from waste water.

Following a mandate by the Department of Environmental Resources, DAMA is upgrading from a secondary treatment plant to an advanced treatment plant.

The advanced treatment plant will be capable of removing Ammonia Nitrogen from waste water.

"Ammonia Nitrogen is a nutrient which uses up oxygen in streams," explained plant manager Thomas J. Bagley. He said the oxygen depletion is harmful to fish in the streams.

The expansion will allow the plant to extract most of the nutrient. The remainder can be absorbed safely by the stream, explained Bagley.

Along with expansion plans, DAMA will enlarge the plant to handle more waste flow.

The present plant handles 2.2 million gallons of water each day.

According to Bagley, the new plant will handle 3 million gallons each day.

Engineers estimate the cost of the project to be about \$5 million. 55 percent of the money will come from federal grants. The remaining 45 percent will be paid locally.

DAMA is not sure if customer rates will be raised to help pay for the expansion.

"We actually raised the rates in January anticipating the large capital expense," Bagley explained. "As to the final, bottom line, we do not know at this time."

The expansion plan was supposed to begin in March of this year, but was delayed because DER did not give their final approval in time, Bagley said. Construction of the plant has been re-scheduled to begin in 1990.

The construction of the new plant is not expected to interrupt service for customers at any time.

"The existing plant will be maintained while the addition is being constructed," Bagley said. "Our main concern is insuring the contractor will safeguard existing equipment" so there are no interruptions in service.

Kingston Twp. Pioneer Ave. takeover now at 'standstill'

By SCOTT A. DAVIS
Staff Writer

Kingston Township is still in negotiation with the state in hopes of gaining control of Pioneer Avenue.

"We feel the township could provide better service on Pioneer Avenue than is currently being offered by Penn DOT," said Kingston Township Manager Jeffrey Box in a recent interview.

The changing of Pioneer Avenue from the state to the township involves a state program which

returns or turns over control of state highways and roadways to the local municipalities.

As an incentive for the municipalities to accept control of the roads, according to Box, the state offers an annual payment for roadway maintenance.

"Our main goal is to provide better service for the community," Box explained. "The turn-back funds are not a windfall of the municipality."

The township has received many complaints year round regarding See PIONEER, pg 2

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Coming up:

BACK MOUNTAIN WATER COMMISSION - Thurs., May 18, 8 PM, Kingston Township Municipal Bldg.
HARVEYS LAKE ZONING BOARD - Tues., May 23, 7 PM, Harveys Lake Municipal Bldg.
LEHMAN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - Mon., May 22, 8 PM, Lehman Township Municipal Bldg.