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Fore: New Lehman golf course plan clears first hurdle

By RICH JOHNSON
 Staff Writer

Plans to build a 311 acre private golf course in Lehman Township have moved one step closer with the approval of a subdivision making way for part of the course.

A subdivision of property owned by Rich Hall and Anthony Kuprionas was presented to the Lehman Township Planning Commission at a meeting June 24. The

subdivision of 101 acres is on land along Market Street and calls for three lots to be made. One of the lots, totalling 75.3 acres, will be sold to investors for the golf course which will be known as "The Huntsville Golf Club."

A number of representatives of the golf club were on hand at the meeting, including Richard Maslow, chief executive officer of Inter-Metro Industries Corp., and the man heading the golf course project.

"We are pleased with the way things are going so far," Maslow said after the subdivision was approved. "The plans are currently being developed for the course and we hope to have it completed by the fall of 1993 or the spring of 1994."

The 311 acres of land will fall along Market Street and Route 118 in Lehman Township. Maslow said

that agreements have been made with five property owners and the deals will be finalized by the end of the month.

The land includes the Hall and Kuprionas parcels and property owned by Pennsylvania Gas & Water, Thomas F. Heffernan, and the Voitek family.

Maslow said that the course is being built to meet a need. "There is a need for a good golf course in

the area," said Maslow. "There are a lot of private golf courses but you can't always become a member or get involved with them, so this is another opportunity."

The course is being designed by Rees Jones, the architect who revamped the Hazeltine National Golf Club in Minnesota where the U.S. Open Championship was recently held.

Maslow said that the layout of

the course is still being designed but he is pleased to have Jones doing the work. "We are proud to have him on our team and look forward to bringing a championship golf club to our area."

He added that Jones played a big role in choosing the properties in Lehman Township for the course. "Rees looked at a half-dozen locations and felt that this was the best one to go with," said Maslow.

Big crowd expected for Dallas budget meeting

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
 Staff Writer

The leader of the Dallas Education Association (the teachers' union) has issued an invitation to the group's members to attend the Dallas School Board's final work session on the 1991-92 budget, which is to take place Friday, June 28 at 8 p.m. in the Middle School auditorium.

In a June 12 memo addressed to members of the association, William Wagner, president of the union, said having listened to the key issues and the arguments for and against millage increase, he will be addressing the board and the community at the meeting.

He encouraged the members to attend the budget work session as well as the board's meeting to adopt the final budget, scheduled for Saturday, June 29 at 7 p.m. in the administration building on Church Street. He also recommended that they urge other concerned individuals within their families and community to attend.

"As president of the association I have a responsibility to keep the members informed," said Wagner. "I do not expect all members of the Dallas District to be in favor of a millage increase but I would like to hear all taxpayers express themselves in a rational manner. Everyone has the right to express their opinion but it should be done in a businesslike manner."

In his memo, Wagner was disdainful of some who opposed the higher tax, saying, "The opponents of the increase could have better made their point had they not been so ignorant in their verbal attack of those who supported the increase and teachers in general."

The proposed increase in millage has been the leading topic of conversation throughout the Dallas District during the past two weeks and a large turnout is expected for the last opportunity for residents to offer their input.

In late May, the school board adopted a tentative budget with a 15 mill tax increase. That plan

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Abby on Alexis



Abby Sordoni of Dallas raises her arms in triumph as she sits atop Alexis, her sister's horse. Abby and Alexis attended the annual Back Mountain Library Horse Show last Sunday. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

Lake townhouses opposed again

Nearly 100 residents turn out at hearing, most to speak against rezoning Hanson's land

By RICH JOHNSON
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Harveys Lake residents have turned out in force once again to oppose a proposal to rezone the former Hanson's Amusement Park and build townhouses on the land.

Nearly 100 residents attended a public hearing June 24, most of whom were against the plan to rezone 27 acres of land from C-3 (commercial) to R-3 (multi-family residential).

Residents cited concerns over traffic, sewage, and schools and said that studies need to be done in these areas before any rezoning occurs.

"There are five or six major is-

ssues that need to be looked at," said Rachel Dziak of Pole 232. "This looks like a big negative and you have to know the answers before giving approval," she told the council.

The proposal submitted by Shirley Hanson asks that the land be rezoned so that up to 166 townhouses can be built. So far no firm plans have been submitted for the development.

Hanson said that she wanted the land rezoned before she went ahead with studies to see if the development would be feasible. But many residents feel that the studies should come before the rezoning.

Residents say the lack of studies and the fact no plans have been submitted for the development leave a lot of questions that need answered.

"We haven't seen any of their plans for the project," said Dr. Henry Zielinski of Pole 162. "Right

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Neighbors vow appeal of telephone building

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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The three-member Dallas Township zoning board unanimously approved Commonwealth Telephone's request for a special exception to build a 40,000 square foot building on property zoned agricultural, but opponents of the plan say they will file appeals to the decision.

Commonwealth's proposal to build the large commercial building on property adjacent to land owned by John and Diana Graham and near the Maples Development has been opposed by residents because of the wetlands in the area, possible depreciation of nearby property and the safety of children in the Maples.

The motion approved by the zoning board June 18 left the

opposition confused. Chairman Bob Bayer said "I bring the board to a vote," and Bayer, Gary Hozempa and Carl Goeringer voted, but none of the residents present were certain what issue the board approved.

The confusion was caused because of the numerous ordinances brought up. The yes vote could refer to the company's request for an exception, land use or a use variance application since the motion did not make the issue clear what the board was voting on.

The Grahams property has a large area of wetlands and has been a haven for wildlife. Numerous environmentalists attended the first meeting on the phone company's request, and said that the

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Lake-Lehman plans programs for young children

Superintendent Nancy Davis hopes a Head Start program at Lake-Noxen School is only the beginning

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Early childhood education will begin to happen soon in Pennsylvania. That is the opinion of Lake-Lehman Superintendent Nancy Davis relative to the state's commitment to the program.

"There has been a special need for programs to serve young children from birth to three years of age all over the state which has been provided by the Department of Welfare and now the transition

will be made to the Department of Education," said Davis.

The three to 21-year olds also have needs programs but the Department of Education is placing emphasis on the three to five year-olds because of the many families in which two parents are working and the growing number of single parent homes.

"There are many parents crying for day care services," explained Davis. "The major concern of the parents is that new mothers usually get only six weeks leave. In Lake-Lehman we have had a group of parents ask the district to provide a before and after school day care. Lake-Noxen's Head Start program beginning this fall is the beginning of such a program."

Davis explained that Pennsyl-

vania set the background for Early Childhood Education in 1989 when the Governor helped to develop national goals that all children start school ready to learn.

Pennsylvania adopted the national goals and during the last three years has increased its national profile by providing nearly \$3 million to support 31 school-based model child care programs, many of them having multiple sites to serve a number of school districts.

The funds have made it possible for schools to start and expand quality programs for younger children including infants and toddlers. The funds also aided some schools in developing day care services for latchkey half-day kindergarten children.

Pennsylvania has been in the forefront among the states in extending services to children three to five years of age. The Department of Education increased its funding from \$14.8 million to \$24.2 million in one year and served about 12,000 children. It is expected the number of children served in 1990-91 will exceed 13,000.

Davis said Pennsylvania was one of 13 states to be awarded a \$255,000 three-year grant in 1990 by the federal Department of Health and Human Services to be used to strengthen state funded early childhood programs and federally funded Head Start programs. The grant will be paid in annual amounts of \$85,000. This money

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The recycling schedule for Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Kingston Township is printed on page 2 of this issue. The schedule that appeared in last week's Post did not contain complete information on garbage and recycling pickups, especially the fact that recyclables will be picked up only two times each month.

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Response to illegal dump complaint ires supervisors

By RICH JOHNSON
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It may be another two weeks before the state Department of Environmental Resources (DER) gets around to investigating a dump on a property in Lehman Township, and the delay has township supervisors up in arms.

The supervisors say they filed a complaint on June 17 against Ignatius Hozempa for the dump, which they say is illegal.

The supervisors instructed their solicitor to contact DER and ask that a field study be done on the dump, which may be located on wetlands and is near a stream that runs into a public water supply.

So far no investigation has taken

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