

Snow, thunder don't keep supervisors from meeting

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

KINGSTON TWP. - The supervisors braved a thunder, ice and snowstorm to hold their regular March 8 meeting, at which they finalized plans for the annual spring cleanup, May 8-13 at the municipal garage on Center Street.

The supervisors opened three bids for 30-cubic yard containers for the cleanup and tabled them for tabulation.

Bidders were John Mascaro, \$460 per container; Danella Technologies, \$394 and Waste Management, \$384. Township manager Jeff Box noted that the township usually needs between 40 and 45 containers.

The supervisors also gave final approval to Echo Valley Trailer Park for Phase I of an expansion project, in which five more lots will be added near the park's entrance. Three lots will accommodate double-wide homes and two will accommodate single-wide mobile homes.

Phase II, which hasn't been approved yet, could add another

25 homes to the park, which currently has 99 mobile home lots.

The supervisors approved the first reading of an amendment to the personnel ordinance, which creates a sexual harassment policy and gives part-time employees paid vacations.

Part-time employees who have worked two to five years will receive five days of paid vacation, while employees with six or more years of service will receive ten days.

Part-time workers will also have seven paid holidays.

The supervisors gave final approval to the Meadowcrest (Banks) subdivision on Terrace and Highland avenues, in which 11 small lots have been combined and reconfigured into eight larger lots.

A bid for general municipal insurance was awarded to Maseychik Insurance for \$59,000.

Box announced the recreation commission's annual Easter egg hunt will be held April 8 at 11 a.m. at the Center Street park.



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Road warrior

Showing off Jackson Township's latest weapon in the war against bad roads are supervisors Walter Glogowski and Andy Kasko and road foreman Rich Manta. The road grader was purchased and refurbished at the Regional Equipment Center with the help of a state grant.

Model

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the voiceover for the X-Men toys commercial.

Cindy Thomas said they were prepared for long hours shooting the X-Men commercial. "Craig had to flip a figure so that it landed upright," she said. "We took the X-Man home with us and he practiced several hours with it that night. When we went to shoot it the next day, he flipped it perfectly the first time!"

Craig said his friends in his third-grade class at the Lehman-Jackson School take his career in stride, although he sometimes misses afternoon classes to go to New York.

"The kids always ask me questions," he said. "It's fun. They all hang around my desk. When they saw me on the *Sweet Valley Kids* book cover, they were amazed."

Classmates know him best for his "weird" sense of humor, he said. He's always telling jokes: A hamburger walks into a bar and asks the bartender for a drink.

"Sorry, we don't serve food here," the bartender says.

Or: what do you call a wizard in an airplane? A flying sorcerer.

"The kids at school always say, 'Oh, you're such a comedian,' I guess because I like to tell jokes," he said.

His teacher, Mr. Riehl, is "cool." Craig likes gym and art, but his first love is science.

"It's pretty neat," he said. "We do experiments on plants. Now we're studying matter and volume, stuff like that."

"When it stops being fun, I'll quit. Maybe then I'll make a movie or two."

Craig Thomas
8-year-old model

When he misses classes several times a month, Craig takes his schoolwork with him to do in the car and on breaks at work. While filming the X-Men commercial, he prepared an oral report on New York City for his classmates.

"I really like meeting different people and seeing New York," he said. "My favorite place is the F.A.O. Schwartz toy store. We also went to the top of the Empire State Building - I was kind of scared for that one."

Craig doesn't find the long commute to and from New York and occasional 12-hour workdays tiring. He takes books and his Game Boy along for company.

"I've sure seen a lot of cars," he said.

"The people are very nice," Cindy Thomas said. "They bring us food and we chat during breaks."

Craig is a Cub Scout (a Bear), wants to attend overnight Scout camp and loves to play basketball and soccer. He can't make up his mind whether to become a professional basketball player or an undercover agent when he grows up.

"I want to be a lot of things," he grinned.

Recently he bought a snowboard with some of his "work money" and pocket money he had saved up. "And then the snow stopped coming," he grinned.

The rest of his earnings go into a savings account "so I can go to college and buy a car."

He also attends the Truckville United Methodist Church, studies cello at the Suzuki School in Kingston and acts with his family in productions at The Little Theatre, The Music Box and Showcase Theatre. And his four-year-old sister, Emily, has begun to follow in his footsteps, working with NTA as a model.

Last Christmas the entire family - Craig, Cindy, father Lee and Emily - had parts in the Music Box production of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, in which Craig played young Ebenezer Scrooge and a street urchin.

"It's fun, all of it," he said, unable to decide which he likes better - working in New York or acting locally.

Modeling has helped Craig learn patience, responsibility and working with adults, Cindy said.

"And learning lines real fast," Craig quipped.

He plans to continue working "as long as I want to."

"When it stops being fun, I'll quit," he grinned. "Maybe then I'll make a movie or two."

Of-forgotten aspects of our Dallas

This concluding article is the eighth in the Dallas series. We have saved our Dallas, for last of the ten.

You know all there is to know about our Dallas, right?

Well, let's find out. • Did you know the land Dallas Twp. was formed from part of another state?

Yes there was almost a Dallas, Connecticut. Dallas and most of northeastern Pennsylvania was claimed also by Connecticut under the royal charter of 1662.

Not until three wars took place did the 1782 Decree of Trenton award jurisdiction to Pennsylvania.

• Did you know next month celebrates the 168th anniversary of the origin of Dallas Township, Pennsylvania?

What was the total of the 1818 census? 54 houses, 34 horses, 33 oxen, 73 cows and 73 people.

• Did you know that a turnpike ran between Luzerne and Dallas, with a toll charged for use?

• Did you know several lawsuits resulted in the April 21, 1879 formation of Dallas Borough? Much ill-feeling was caused by the separation.

Some township residents refused to patronize borough stores or even to pass through the newly formed borough.

Enough of our history. Today, both Dallas Township and Dallas Borough are good places to live. We are not the largest Dallas, but we are the first and I think you will agree The Best.

Thank you to those who have helped gather info and thanks to The Dallas Post staff for publishing this series of articles.

Brig Wolfe

Property transfers

The following deeds were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of Feb. 24 - March 2.

Joseph G. Albert et al to Michael A. Bruno, et al Lot 1, Clover Hill Mdws. Franklin Twp., \$30,000.

Joseph J. Gronski, Jr. et ux to Anthony J. Lafatte et ux, 1.49 acres, Demunds Rd., Franklin Twp., \$35,000.

Robert D. Manganello et ux to David Nice et ux, 3 parcels, Harveys Lake Boro., \$74,500.

Robert Deremer et ux to William H. Kingeter et ux, 2 parcels, Ross Twp., \$30,000.

Glenn B. Brink Jr. to Scott R. Spare, 3.954 acres, Ross Twp., \$12,000.

offense could result in dismissal for insubordination - continuing to violate the policy. We're asking the district to continue to allow teachers to smoke in the designated areas after August 31."

The board voted against amending the policy to continue to allow smoking in designated areas, with Ernest Ashbridge, Maureen Banks, Dr. Richard Coslett, Ellen Nagy and Jim Richardson supporting the policy as it now stands. Voting to relax the policy were Joseph Kunec, Clarence Michael, John George and Thomas Landon.

"Smoking is bad for your health. So is eating potato chips, which can raise your cholesterol level," said Michael. "People choose to smoke and they choose to eat potato chips. First you ban smoking - will you later ban eating potato chips on school property?"

"It's ludicrous for the board to say the students can see us setting a bad example by smoking in the designated areas, like out on the loading dock," Wagner said. "They can't see these areas at all."

After the meeting John George explained why he voted against sending Kunec to the National School Boards of America conference in San Francisco, to cost \$1,165, "with all the goodies," as described by George.

"This will cost the taxpayers almost \$2,000," he exploded. "In my 12 years on this board, it's the worst expenditure I've ever voted on. Do you think I'm crazy to vote for something like that? He was president of the Back Mountain

Taxpayers' Association and they were always against high taxes."

George was the only school director to vote against approving the trip. Kunec had seconded the motion approving his trip, until solicitor Ben R. Jones said it wasn't proper for Kunec to second approval for his own trip. Jim Richardson made another second.

Kunec justified his trip by calling it "a working mission" to bring information on how to obtain excellence in education back to Dallas.

"I'm taking off four days from my job to do this," he said. "I'll be meeting with more than 20,000 school board members from all over the country to discuss excellence in education. The media is calling too much attention to problems and not enough attention to the good things. This is a working mission, not a pleasure trip. The taxpayers who are informed on public school education will have no qualms about it."

In the 1993 election Kunec said he wanted to give the students the best and most cost-effective education possible.

In other business the board voted to:

- Apply for a \$24,000 grant to pay for repairs to the middle school home economics department after a recent fire.

- Appoint Christina Baron as a substitute per diem middle school guidance counselor to cover a maternity leave for Mrs. Raelene Olszewski, appoint Jennifer Roberts as the anti-smoking clinic advisor and accept the resignation of William Davis.



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