

Monro Muffler shop may be built in Dallas Borough

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DALLAS BOROUGH - If the Luzerne County planning commission approves its final plan, W & M Realty plans to build a muffler shop on Route 309 next to the Dallas Shopping Center.

The one-acre site is owned by Dr. William Watkins and Dr. Leonard Medura, who also own W & M Realty, according to borough manager Milt Lutsey. W & M Realty would erect the building on vacant land in front of the Watkins and Medura office and lease it to the muffler shop, Lutsey said. Designed by Pasonick and

Seargent, the plan calls for a 4,320 square-foot building to house a Monro Muffler and Brake shop, with a 2,400 square-foot building to possibly be added in the future.

The Luzerne County planning commission will act on the proposed muffler shop at its July 13 meeting.

Once the county approves the plan, then W & M Realty can apply to Dallas Borough for approval of the subdivision, preliminary plan and storm water drainage plan and to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for a highway occupancy permit, Lutsey said.

Doo-Woppers' Rock 'n' Roll Revival July 22

The N.E. PA Doo-Wopp Society will present its first Rock 'n' Roll Revival on Saturday, July 22 at St. Mary's Center, Mifflin Avenue, Scranton, PA at 8 p.m. Appearing from New York City, a one-time only Pennsylvania appearance of The Five Discs! Bobby Vee will be the host for this show and dance. Tickets in advance. Call Marsha at (717) 696-4325 or Pat at (717) 842-0730 for information and tickets.

Franklin Twp. zoners still working on plan

Public hearing slated for July 19

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FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP - The zoning board is still accepting suggestions from residents before revisions to the zoning ordinance are finished and sent to the supervisors for approval.

During a three-hour work session June 22, the board revised five sections of the ordinance, which will affect unattached accessory buildings, pools, building heights, visibility at driveways and road intersections, septic systems, signs, parking areas and specific land uses.

The zoning board will hold another work session July 19 at 7 p.m. at the fire hall on Orange Road to discuss the zoning map, which has also undergone several proposed changes.

Chairman Ed Dorrance noted that wheelchair access ramps, providing they have a five-foot setback from property lines and other buildings for maintenance and repairs, are exempt from the ordinance and its proposed changes.

The proposed changes will set property line setbacks, sizes and building heights for new unattached accessory buildings, with the exception of chimneys, church steeples, barns and silos.

Under the proposed changes, new swimming pools will be allowed in side or back yards only and must be set back at least 20 feet from the property line. In-ground pools must be equipped with a four-foot fence and locked gate, while above-ground pools deeper than one foot and having a surface of at least 30 square feet must have a four-foot fence or

removable deck ladder.

New on-lot septic systems must comply with all state regulations and be approved by the township sewage enforcement officer. No new sewage holding tanks will be permitted under the proposed changes.

People doing earthmoving operations on land parcels larger than two acres will be required to file an erosion and sediment control plan with the township.

New regulations for mobile homes on property previously zoned as nonconforming uses will require owners replacing them to provide advance written notice to the zoning officer, meet all new setback regulations and set the homes on permanent foundations within 180 days of installation.

New setbacks, fences or shrub-covered buffer zones, parking requirements and lot sizes were revised for specific land uses, including dog and cat kennels, banks, new cemeteries, child care homes, day care schools, storage yards or warehouses, community centers, home occupations and convenience stores with gasoline pumps.

Group residences will be limited to eight persons, must meet the minimum federal building codes and must show proof that they are regulated by a specific county, state or government agency.

Proposed new regulations concerning junkyards received special attention, although the zoning board must still hammer out a legal definition of them. The township presently has no junkyards.

Junkyards will be allowed only in industrial (I-1) zones, must be



New Lions inducted

The Lake Silkworth Area Lions recently welcomed two new members into the club. Rita Stefanowicz, sponsored by husband, Tony and Janet Swanger, sponsored by husband Kelvin. They were installed by District Governor Gilbert Gleco at a dinner meeting held at the Red Rooster Restaurant, Pikes Creek.

Attending were, club secretary Tony Stefanowicz, Rita Stefanowicz, Governor Gleco, Janet Swanger, club president Kelvin Swanger.

maintained so they won't be nuisances, have a 100-foot setback on all sides, be surrounded by a screening fence or shrub buffer area and may be open between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

New junkyards may not stockpile materials more than four feet high and must have roads at least 14 feet wide between storage piles for access by firefighting equipment.

No junkyards, either new or existing, may store hazardous substances or tires and may not burn oil, grease, gasoline or tires.

All junkyards must also comply with other guidelines designed to protect the soil, air and water table.

Under the proposed changes, all residential and suburban zones have been changed to either R-1 (one-family homes on lots of at least two acres) or R-2 (one or two-family homes on lots of at least

one acre.) The R-2 district is mainly clustered around the village of Orange.

The only present light industrial (I-1) district is the site of Quality Metal Products on Orange Road.

The B-1 zone, designated neighborhood light commercial, is located along small portions of Orange, Brace, Valley View and Municipal roads.

The agricultural zones (A-1 and A-2) have been combined into one zone.

A proposed new designation, residential mobile home park (R-MHP) has been added for Country Village Trailer Park, presently zoned agricultural and located on Orange Road behind Quality Metal Products, and a section of Valley View Park on Valley View Road, which overlaps from the main trailer park in Dallas Township.

Other proposed changes to the ordinance have also been drafted.

Subdivisions gain approvals

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP - The supervisors accepted sewage planning modules for the Bill Perry minor subdivision and the Chadsford Estates I and II subdivisions at their regular July 3 meeting, according to secretary Sandy Race.

Chadsford Estates I received preliminary approval in 1992 and will consist of six homes fronting on a cul-de-sac road off Coon Road. Chadsford Estates II, approved in 1993, will consist of five lots and a 50-foot access road.

The zoning board will meet at 7 p.m. July 19 at the fire hall to discuss further changes in the zoning map and residents' requests for zoning changes for their properties.

A final meeting on the revisions to the zoning ordinance and opportunity for residents to comment on it will be held July 31 at 7 p.m. at the fire hall.

Dallas man charged with molesting children

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DALLAS BOROUGH - Police recently arrested Morgan Eaton, 57, of Lake Street on multiple morals charges involving children.

Eaton is incarcerated in the Luzerne County Prison in lieu of \$80,000 bail after being arraigned on two counts each of indecent sexual assault without the other person's consent, indecent assault of children under the age of 14, corruption of minors and endangering the welfare of children, according to the arrest warrant affidavit.

Police said Eaton engaged in sexual conduct with two step-grandchildren in his Dallas home between August and November, 1993. The step-granddaughter

told investigators Eaton "touched her where he shouldn't...in private places" and "did things she didn't like" to her when she was getting ready for bed while he was babysitting her, her brother and a younger sister.

The brother told investigators he saw Eaton touch his older sister, and that Eaton also fondled him. The boy added he never told anyone about the fondling because he was afraid Eaton would hit or kick him. Eaton hit him and yelled at him frequently, the boy said.

Police apprehended Eaton in Chambersburg and transferred him back to Luzerne County for arraignment.

His preliminary hearing before District Magistrate James Tupper is scheduled for July 18 at 2 p.m.

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

Kreidler to face multiple morals charges

Wilkes-Barre resident Thomas Kreidler, 29, was bound over to Luzerne County Criminal Court after a preliminary hearing June 30 before District Magistrate James Tupper.

He is charged with six felony counts each of aggravated indecent assault of a child under age 14 and eight misdemeanor counts each of endangering the welfare of children, aggravated indecent assault of a child under age 14 and corruption of minors.

Felony charges of aggravated indecent assault without consent

were dismissed, according to the docket transcript.

Kreidler is accused of having sexual contact with four female relatives between the ages of five and 14 in the family's Lake Township home between 1986 and 1994. The girls testified that when no one else was around, he watched them in the shower and touched them in an indecent manner, telling them not to say anything to anyone about him.

He was arrested by Lake Township police chief John Masloski and patrolman John Young.

DUI CHARGES GOING TO COUNTY COURT

Two defendants arrested for driving while under the influence (DUI) waived their rights to preliminary hearings before District Magistrate James Tupper. Their cases will be heard in Luzerne County court.

Robert G. Ellis, 36, of Wilkes-Barre, was arrested May 29 by Jackson Township police chief Donald Jones after Ellis's van hit the rear end of a pickup truck operated by Grant R. Cooper. Ellis

failed two field sobriety tests and admitted to Jones that he had been drinking, according to the arrest warrant affidavit.

His blood alcohol level was .19, nearly twice the legal limit.

John F. Kontra, Jr., 28, of Conshohocken, was arrested May 28 by Dallas Township patrolman Jeffrey Dennis after being stopped at a sobriety checkpoint on Route 309 and failing field sobriety tests.

His blood alcohol level was .152, according to the arrest warrant affidavit. The legal limit is .10.

Shavertown firefighters recycling cans

Residents and business owners of the Back Mountain and surrounding communities are asked to donate aluminum cans to the Shavertown Volunteer Fire Co. to help purchase of a new state-of-the-art pumper/aerial ladder truck.

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