

Tower

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more than one tract of land and a conceptual design of the structure," McCall said after the vote. "Those objecting must appeal to the zoning board if a zoning permit is granted."

Kozick explained the process for determining to grant a permit. "If I determine it meets the limits of the zoning code, I can issue a permit," he said. In the case of the Cellular One tower, Kozick consulted planning commission attorney James Geddes.

An ongoing issue with the tower was its height. Township zoning ordinances require any structure that is higher than 35 feet to go before the zoning board for a height variance, except if that structure is a public utility. The debate in Dallas Township now centers on whether or not the company is a public utility.

Geddes said the cellular company is not defined as a public utility by definition of the state public utility commission. "The township and Cellular One recognize they are not a public utility in the general sense," he said. "There is a section of the zoning ordinance that says 'utilities are not subject to height ordinances.'" In the end, Kozick decided Cellular One is a utility. The company will have to wait 30 days before beginning construction.

Township resident, Roger Landry will be appealing the decision. "I'm disappointed, but I'm not surprised," Landry said in response to the awarded permit. "We've already sent a letter appealing," he said. He also intends to submit a formal appeal to the supervisors so that it may be discussed at a township meeting.

Landry lamented the lack of planning that has gone into this particular tower. "I believe we are leaving our environment in the hands of different groups who have different priorities," he said. "I think in this time, when the potential to ruin the environment is so great, to not have a plan is dangerous."

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This is not the only tower that will be built in the township. The zoning board recently approved a 250-foot cellular tower near Irem Temple Country Club. The Irem Temple tower will be built by 360 Communications.

Township supervisor Glenn Howell feels the supervisors acted in the best interests of the township by signing the contract with Cellular One. "We have to do what is best for the majority of the people," he said. "It's income without raising taxes and that's always good for helping people." The township will lease the land to Cellular One for a fee of \$800 per month.

That's the same amount Cellular One has offered Kingston Township to erect a much smaller "monopole" on that township's property. The proposed monopole would be only a 100-foot structure. The Kingston Township supervisors have scheduled a hearing to gauge public opinion in regard to the Cellular One tower as well as a proposed tower on Hillside Road to be built by Omnipoint Communications. In order to keep residents aware of the potential changes, the township has sent out 85 letters to neighboring property owners to inform them of the meetings.

Landry said although he is disappointed in the local government, "We will try to dissuade them and hope that democracy wins." Landry hopes to bring the issue before the board of supervisors in late July or early August.



Lake-Lehman drum major Katie Martin leads the marching band in competition at Sherburne, NY, June 7.

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Band pageant

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"It was also a good accomplishment that we moved up a class from last year, and still placed high, which is rare to do," Taggart added. Of assistant instructor Maureen Richards he said, "She deserves a lot of credit, and is definitely a strong link in the chain."

Richards also wanted to pay tribute to the 13 senior members graduating this year. "They made a tremendous contribution, and will be sorely missed," he said.

The Lake-Lehman Band Sponsors also deserve some credit, as Richards pointed out. "The school district had some budget problems this year, and we definitely would not have done as well without the parents' help," he said. Added Taggart, "Because of them, we keep the program moving forward."

Rezoning

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to tear it down. This would be the best of both worlds. This would cut down the traffic drastically because there are two apartments," he explained. "It's the least provocative plan of any."

The apartments are what grabbed Lembke's attention. "They're gorgeous apartments. They cover the whole second floor," said Lembke, who heard about the apartments through a friend. "They were used as offices, but everything was left in tact." Lembke estimates the apartments to be a combined 3,500 square feet.

Lembke, who is a certified public accountant, also owns both residential and commercial property throughout Wyoming Valley. He prefers residential.

"I didn't want strictly commercial around here either," said Lembke, who lives off Machell Ave.

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Dorothy Peiffer
Sterling Ave. Association

in one of a small string of apartments he owns with his wife.

Lembke believes the apartments would be great for retired people. "We don't have complexes here for retired people. It's a quiet area and I think they would like that," said Lembke, who mentioned that he might eventually

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Kenneth Lembke
Plans offices/apartments on Machell Ave.

like to live in the building.

As for the offices on the ground floor, he would move his accounting firm there and rent the other half to a similar professional office.

The Sterling Ave. Association and other neighbors rallied their support last November to oppose a plan to change the building's zoning to commercial, which would allow any business. Professional offices only allow doctors, lawyer, architects and the like.

Peiffer hopes a similar number will turn out for the zoning meeting next week. "Everyone was great during the last meeting. A lot of people spoke up," she said. "We just want to keep it residential."

Lembke said, "I could have just stuck a bunch of offices there, but I didn't want to do that."

Bealla found guilty of assault, other charges

Dallas resident Jason J. Bealla, 24, was found guilty of simple assault, recklessly endangering, resisting arrest, harassment and disorderly conduct by a Luzerne County Court Jury on June 12.

The charges stemmed from a Jan. 7 incident, in which Bealla led police on a foot chase through Toby's Creek and up to Rt. 415 near the Crab Claw restaurant. Bealla ran from police after Dallas Borough patrolman Russell Devens and probation officer Thomas Parratore attempted to serve an arrest warrant to him at an apartment on Main St. in Dallas.

His resisting arrest caused injuries to several officers. Assisting officers were Dallas Twp. patrolmen, Brian Feeney and Doug Higgins and Kingston Twp. patrolmen, Chris Maransky and James Ibbotson.

Tower requests go public

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KINGSTON TWP. - The board of supervisors is asking for public comment on two requests for cellular phone towers.

Omnipoint Communications has made an agreement with the Majors Family to install a 100-foot "monopole" on the former Russ Majors Sales & Service property on Hillside Rd. A public input hearing will be held June 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the township municipal building.

Cellular One wants to construct a "monopole" in the township. The cellular company wants to place the 100-foot pole behind the present township building. A public input hearing was held June 17.

"We want to gauge public opinion first," said Jeffrey Box, township manager, of the hearings. "Our intention is to make sure everyone is aware (of all developments)." The board sent 85 letters to neighboring property owners of the "monopoles" inviting them to attend the hearings.

Box said that cellular phones are becoming a fact of life. "There is certainly a demand in the marketplace for increased and improved cellular phones," said Box. "The demand is there and these companies are responding to the demand."

If Cellular One's request is ap-

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Jeffrey Box
Township manager

proved, the township would sign into an \$800 per month lease agreement.

In other business, the board authorized Ben Jones, solicitor, to commence all necessary legal action regarding the Slocum Park Manor Subdivision. The development was built more than 20 years ago with no subdivision plan recorded, which is technically a violation of township and state law.

"The solicitor will seek out an order to have the plans recorded depicting what is in reality there on the land," said Box. "He will correct the errors commenced many years ago."

Candy Striping positions available

Applications are now available for the summer Candy Striping program for teens 13 to 18 at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas. The session begins with orientation on Wed., June 18 and Thurs., June 19 from 9 a.m. - noon, and teens can choose to attend either date. Uniforms will be provided by the Meadows.

Students can assist the activities and nursing departments with various assignments during the day, evening or weekends.

To apply call the Volunteer Department at 675-8600, Ext. 138.

Dallas Class of 1978 to hold reunion

Dallas High School Class of 1978 anyone interested in helping to organize a 20 year reunion, please call Lori Gaylord Pettit at 696-2020.

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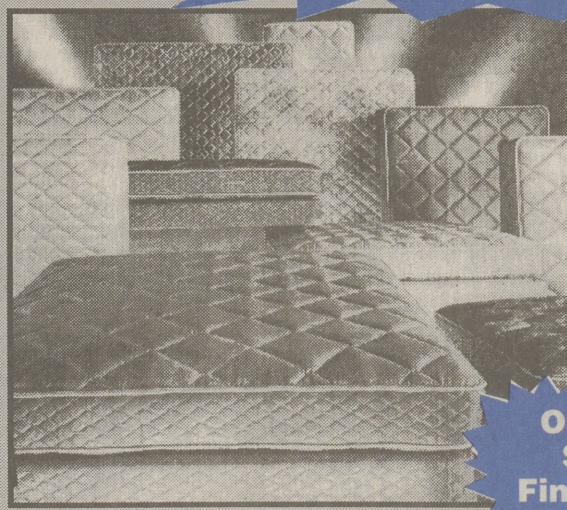
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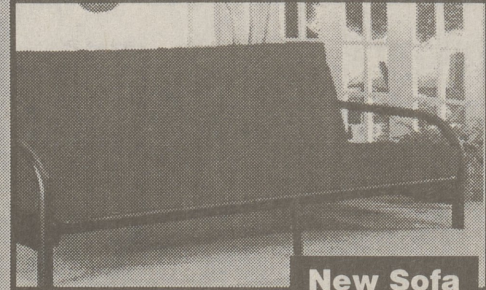
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