

Jackson fields

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"There is no interest from residents and a lack of financial support," said Dougherty. Although a mail campaign raised a few thousand dollars from residents and organizations, interest in the park has declined.

"It's very frustrating. We're trying to do something for our own community. We need the soccer field and a baseball field. There is nothing for kids to do in the area. They have to go to Dallas or Lake-Lehman," said Dougherty.

He also believes it has been difficult getting all seven recreation committee members to commit to the project. "If we could get all seven committed, it would make a difference. It's hard to get seven members to show."

Karen Whipple, who joined the recreation committee in 1989, also recently quit the project. "I spent seven years and never had the support of the community or the supervisors," she said.

"We couldn't get people to show at our recreation meetings. If you can't get seven people together you can't get a whole community," said Whipple.

After nearly a decade of fighting for what she concedes is an obvious asset to the community, Whipple is a mixture of sad and angry about what could have been. "It's a shame because it had so much potential. The land is an environmental showcase. There are natural wetlands and many different birds. We wanted to get

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a baseball field in there and get schools involved. The scouts were interested in doing Eagle Scout projects there," she said.

Whipple said many people were involved and excited about the project, but its pace wore on their patience. "The wheels moved so slowly, it was painstaking. We lost many wonderful people who lost interest or who got discouraged," she said.

Whipple does credit one of the supervisors for keeping the recreation committee's dream on the table. "Had it not been for Glogowski, the project never would have flown," she said.

Despite his frustration, Dougherty is pleased there is a soccer field and is thankful to area companies who donated materials and the people who did support it, such as American Asphalt and Eastern Penn Supply.

Lately some parents have voiced concern about the condition of the soccer field. Ruts and other irregularities have been a concern since many young children play youth soccer games on the field. Whipple, who has not seen

the soccer field lately said there are many water problems that still need to be fixed and she isn't surprised. But, she has little sympathy for complaints.

"It's not surprising that people are complaining. Some are probably the same people we asked for help," she said.

Glogowski said the township is trying to improve the field as money is available. "The field needs to have work done, there are no two ways about it," he said. "We have limited budgets and can't go in and resurface. This is long range for us. We're out there correcting what we can."

Asked if liability was a concern, Glogowski said it is always a concern, but that he depends on responsible parents and guardians. "We have two choices," he said. "We can continue use it and rely on appropriate supervision or shut the whole thing down."

Whipple fears even the soccer field will end up abandoned if community support stays at its current low point. "We'll have a \$47,000 field with sheep grazing on it," she said.

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Karen Whipple
Served on rec committee

Golf course

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members to enhance management standards.

Johnson said the three main contributions of the club are, "Its use of drought resistant grasses, integrated pest management and designing of bird habitat by making nesting boxes to encourage bird life. Also, the nature walk."

The club applied environmental golf course management from day one. "We became involved with the Audubon Society right away. I had the luxury of doing things right from the beginning," said Schukraft.

Doing things right includes spot spraying for specific pests, planting indigenous grasses, creating wetlands and irrigation systems. Also, recycling also is a priority on the grounds.

Spot spraying has been effective and Karen Balchunas, club horticulturist, encourages other clubs to try it. "People are afraid not to spray. Once they see it can be successful I think more will do it. The word is getting out," she said.

Schukraft said practicing environmentally sound practices saves the club money. "We use less pesticides, water and fertilizer. It cuts down on costs and provides a balance," he said.

The course recently became a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary after completing a six category certification process. The categories included environmental planning, integrated pest management and public involvement.



Birdhouses for bluebirds, ducks and owls are placed on club grounds.

Huntsville was the "case study" in Audubon's annual report. Five years into the program, 85 golf courses nationwide are certified and 162 more are working towards approval.

Balchunas said Huntsville members are involved in many club activities set up to further the environmental focus. "There is a resource committee that comes up with ideas. If it's feasible we'll do it," said Balchunas, who helps create a monthly newsletter about upcoming events.

The club offers bird watching tours that have proven a success. "We have had an excellent response from our members. Everyone loves the bird walk. I was

surprised considering it is so early in the morning," she said with a laugh.

A nature trail was created for club patrons who want to duck out of the game and relax under the natural canopy. The 1.4 mile trail leads to a natural spring where members take advantage of benches and read or relax. "The only complaint we've had about the trail is that it isn't long enough," said Balchunas with a smile.

Wyoming Seminary students have built bluebird, duck and owl houses for the local birdlife that have been placed throughout the property. Balchunas said Huntsville plans to give tours to area school children by appointment.

The Seventh Annual Environmental Partnership Awards and Dinner will take place Thur., Oct. 9. This year's Keynote Speaker for the dinner will be John Sawhill, president and CEO of The Nature Conservancy. For dinner reservations or additional information, contact the PEC's NE office at 831-4997.

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Club superintendent

New teachers

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McKeown of Kingston, social studies, B.S. education/social studies, Bloomsburg University; Wendy Wagner of Pittston, science, B.S. biology, King's College; Bill Hatzis of Noxen, math/science, B.S. physics, Worcester Polytechnic Institute and teaching cert. in math and physics from Wilkes University. **Middle School:** Catherine Palfe of Wilkes-Barre, middle and high school music, B.S. in music, West Chester University; Roy Phillips of Kingston, sixth, seventh and eighth grade physical education, B.S. exercise

and sports science from Penn State University; Daniel Flynn of Mountaintop, eighth grade science, B.S. biology, Towson State University; **Dallas El.:** Jennifer Froham of Wyoming, third grade, B.A. in elementary/psychology, Wilkes University; Carolyn Cooper of Kingston, fourth grade, B.S. in elementary/early childhood, Kutztown University; Thomas Traver of Harveys Lake, fourth grade, B.S. elementary education, Bloomsburg University; Lynne Kosak of Harveys Lake, gifted program, B.S. elementary education, College Misericordia; and Christina Neyman of Taylor, physical education, B.S. and Health and Physical Education, East Stroudsburg University.

Marywood College and M.S. elementary guidance counselor, Marywood College; **Westmoreland:** Shelby Girard of Dallas, fourth grade, B.S. elementary education, College Misericordia; Paula Crispell of Harveys Lake, fifth grade, B.S. elementary education, Bloomsburg University; Lynne Kosak of Harveys Lake, gifted program, B.S. elementary education, College Misericordia; and Christina Neyman of Taylor, physical education, B.S. and Health and Physical Education, East Stroudsburg University.

Women's Club to meet October 9

In lieu of the Oct. general meeting of the Dallas Area Federated Woman's Club, members will meet for dinner and a performance of Phantom at the Music Box Theatre between 6 and 6:30 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 9.

The November meeting will be held at the Appletree Terrace.

Republican Assoc. to meet October 1

The Back Mountain Republican Association will be having a Candidates' Forum at the Kingston Township Building, in Trucksville on Wed., Oct. 1, at 7:30 p.m.

County Commissioner Joseph "Red" Jones will be introducing the following row candidates: Carolee Medico (Prothonotary); Clarence "Mike" Michael (County Controller); and Lynette Villano (Register of Wills).

The meeting is open to the general public. New members are welcome to apply.

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