

Watershed

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ordinance. It states that, among other things, the land can be used for agriculture, horticulture, greenhouses, game lands, public parks and single-family houses. In Dallas Borough, single-family houses in a conservation zone must be on two-acre lots with certain setback requirements.

Jackson Township has similar requirements. "The classification for zoning purposes was never changed. It was always classified as conservation district," said John Krupa, Jackson Township Zoning Officer.

"The conservation district is used to protect mountainous areas and watershed areas from intensive development," said Krupa who has been the zoning officer for eight years. "Single family homes can be built on two-acre parcels if the grade is less than 15 percent. From 15 to 25 percent, three acres are required. No houses can be built if the grade is more than 30 percent," he said.

"Requests for zoning changes would have to go through the township supervisors and planning commission," said Krupa. "We haven't had any requests for a change in that zoning."

Rights to remove timber the property have already been sold. That has raised concerns about potential excessive timbering or clear cutting.

The removal of timber is a protected right of a landowner. "There is nothing in our township ordinance to prevent the removal of timber. It is strictly up to the landowner," said Charles Bartlett, zoning officer for Lehman Township. "Requests for zoning changes go through the supervi-

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sors and planning commission." Although zoning ordinances don't apply to timbering, other regulations and restrictions do apply.

"Landowners have the right to timber but they can't go in and cause problems by the activity," said Mark Carmon, PA Department of Environmental Protection spokesman.

"They still would need to get approvals and permits if they are encroaching on wetlands. Also, if they need to build roadways to haul the timber out, they need to do erosion and sedimentation control plans and secure those necessary permits," Carmon said.

Other factors may come into play in the hauling of timber. "In Jackson Township, they would need to secure permits to haul timber on township roads," said John Krupa.

All change, for better or worse, takes time. "A municipality has the ability to make changes and to amend their ordinances," according to Adrian Meroli, of the Luzerne County Planning and Zoning Office. "They have to be very careful about how the change would affect the whole municipality."



Bobacks named to Who's Who

Dr. Karen Boback and son B.J. have been selected for inclusion in current volumes of Who's Who. Dr. Boback, a teacher in the Tunkhannock Area School District, was notified of her nomination and inclusion in Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2000. B.J., a student in the Lake-Lehman School District, will be cited in Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1999-2000. Teachers are nominated by former students who feel a particular educator has "made a difference in his/her life." Students are nominated by teachers on the basis of academic and personal merit. The Bobacks reside at Harveys Lake.

Wilkes nursing department honor society welcomes new members

Wilkes University's Nursing Department admitted eight new members into the Zeta Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society.

Sigma Theta Tau International seeks out and rewards all students in baccalaureate or higher degree nursing programs who have demonstrated ability in nursing as evidenced by superior academic achievement.

Undergraduate students must attain a grade point average of 3.0

to be eligible for membership, and graduate students must achieve a 3.5.

A community nurse leader with a minimum of a baccalaureate degree, who has demonstrated marked achievement in nursing education, practice, research or publication is eligible for membership in any chapter.

Inductees from the Back Mountain were: Beth Ann Wagner, Dallas; and Lynn Dretzel, Hunlock Creek.

Customers could end up paying price for watershed changes

When rain is shed onto the land it ultimately flows toward the sea. It flows overland and underground, affecting and being affected by everything it touches. In pristine areas, the natural flow of the water feeds groundwater tables and nourishes living things in the area. Developed areas are a different story altogether. But, both can be watershed lands.

Rain that falls on hard-packed roadbeds and pavement runs off quickly and can fill streams and rivers to flash-flood capacity. Rain falling on manicured lawns picks up chemicals and pesticides used to maintain those lawns.

All rainwater can eventually end up in reservoirs and water treatment plants. Turning these waters back into drinking water requires a costly and scientific procedure. Engineers and scientists must take many variables into account when they design, build and operate a water treatment plant.

Many types of water treatment plants can be built. Conventional treatment plants are capable of accepting water of widely varied quality. They are very expensive to build, operate and maintain because they employ many steps and processes to make the water meet safe drinking water standards.

A modified conventional water treatment plant does not employ all of the same steps because it treats a higher quality of raw water. The filter

cleaning schedule is directly affected by the quality of the raw water that the plant receives.

Optimally, 90 percent of the daily output should be available to the distribution system. Otherwise, expenses go up.

Many diverse and expensive studies were done to determine the expected quality of the raw water that was flowing on the 28,500 acres of the 40,000 acres of recently purchased watershed area before treatment plants were designed.

With this specific information in mind, modified conventional water treatment plants were built. It is critical to the continued usage, operation and cost of these plants that the source water be maintained as it currently is. Otherwise, the modified conventional water treatment plants currently being used would no longer be as effective and would either have to be replaced with more expensive conventional plants or less water would be treated.

Renovations

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be able to make the front face of the middle school building look like new," said architect Dave Sanders.

The estimated dollar figures put the renovations at \$11-\$13 million for the middle school and \$16-\$17 million for the high school. Flynn wanted to bring on a construction manager as soon as possible, in order to finalize the numbers and submit the plans to the state. The architects were most interested in moving the plans for the middle school forward to start construction. "We're looking for direction with the middle school," said Flynn.

"This is a renovator's dream. I see dollars everywhere."

John Litz
Dallas school director

The proposed swimming pool became a topic of discussion. "It's a philosophical question," said Dr. Gilbert Griffiths, Superintendent of schools. Depending on where the pool would be located, he said, its purpose would change. Although the board continued to debate the location, the exact placement was left unresolved. "That's a question we'll have to answer with the numbers," Griffiths said.

Ray Lowery of PNC bank discussed several financing options for the new projects. Lowery explained two options, but focused on issuing a \$10 million dollar bond for three years. At current interest rates, a three year bond borrowed at 5.2 percent and invested at 6 percent would net between \$200,000 and \$300,000 dollars over two years. If left out for that long, the bond principal would drop \$200,000 when converted to permanent financing. "You should avail yourself to take advantage of the arbitrage. The earnings would reduce the costs of the project," Lowery said. Current estimate predicts state reimbursement at 10 percent, or 10 cents for each dollar spent by the district.

Asked if the renovation plan would mean higher taxes in future budgets, Griffiths replied, "Oh, yes."

Flynn also reported that construction of the bleachers was still on schedule. The district is negotiating to have the utility company pick up the cost of moving the power line. The district would still be responsible for the cost of preparing the site by clearing the trees and preparing the ground.

The finalized 2000-2001 budget will be discussed and voted on next week. For the month July, the board decided to have one meeting instead of two because the first Monday of the month falls on July 3, a holiday.

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