

Dallas pool

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entire middle school project was still looking to be done for \$15-16 million, because even the larger of the two pools was smaller than the original estimate.

The board also discussed the size and scope of the locker facilities at the pool. The board was leaning toward splitting the lockers into smaller units rather than build all new lockers. The demands for locker space are driven by curriculum, said Griffiths. The district needed locker space to separate students of different ages, as well as from different schools, after scheduled classes and meets.

The board decided to use polymer material, rather than metal, to build the lockers in the new field house. The polymer lockers were more expensive to install than metal ones, but they will last longer. Polymer lockers would cost \$34,000 to install, while metal lockers would cost \$25,000. Anthony Barbose, a school director asked if the lockers required special tools or training to install, but Angstead said that a carpenter could install them.

The architects were also preparing for their meetings with the state. The district must submit the total cost of the proposed construction, the schematics of the project, and the architectural options the board had discussed before getting any reimbursement.

Jeff Angstead, of Foreman Construction Management Corporation, gave an update on the reconstruction of the football stadium. As of July 10, the project was 15 percent complete.

Angstead played a video of the construction site, showing that the bleachers on both sides had been removed, as had fencing around the perimeter of the stadium and the track.

"Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we'll continue at this pace," Angstead said. Construction is still in line for the September 1 completion date, even though three and a half days have been lost due to rain.



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Large boathouses like the one in the center have caused Harveys Lake officials to begin drafting ordinances that clearly spell out what facilities and sizes are acceptable on the lakefront.

Borough trying to downsize 'boathouses'

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HARVEYS LAKE - Borough officials are trying to prevent the construction of more large structures on the lakefront.

The Ordinance Review Committee chaired by Richard Haas is currently working to update or add to guidelines to the Borough Code. One example is, "The unclear definition between boathouses and bathhouses. We are working on defining each separately and clearly," he said. As anyone driving around the lake can see, there are many structures built over water, ranging from simple boat docks to actual living quarters.

The borough brought legal action in the 1980s against a property owner on the grounds that they had not built within the bounds of their permit. The bor-

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Borough councilman

ough lost the case and thousands of dollars in legal fees, mostly due to the lack of specifications defining the limits of the structure. As the population of the lake area continues to grow, the committee wants to prevent future problems.

Councilman Ed Kelly added the term cabana to the boathouse-bathhouse mix. Webster's Dictionary defines cabana as a shelter with an open side facing a beach or swimming pool, or a lightweight structure with living facilities. He pointed out that anyone seeking a

borough permit must first get permission from the state Department of Environmental Resources and the Department of Environmental Protection. "In 1980 the borough passed an ordinance banning two story boathouses," he said. But by placing a flat roof on a structure, some people have made the roof into a deck which is within legal bounds but not the intention of the ordinance.

"There has always been a problem trying to curtail living over water," said Francis Kopko, liaison to the zoning commission. Before the sewer was in place, there was a health and environmental hazard, which has since been eliminated.

Kopko and others said the borough would not attempt to enforce any changes retroactively. "We are trying to make a transition without inconveniencing the present occupants," he said.

Township still waiting for payment on spill cleanup

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JACKSON TWP. - Solicitor Blythe Evans reported that Sun Oil Company still has not paid any of the bills submitted by Christopher Zwiebel, the township's independent environmental consultant. To date, that amounts to approximately \$4,000.

A Sun Oil pipeline burst in January, leaking several thousand gallons of gasoline near Chase Corners. The company had agreed to pick up the township's cost in dealing with the leak.

Evans said he was surprised at no response from Russell Jones, Sun's representative, since his follow-up letter more than a month ago. "We will use our letter of agreement as proof," stated the

solicitor. "He (Jones) said there was no limit to the amount of work that Zwiebel could do."

Township resident Fred Murray supported Evans' impression. "Mr. Jones said he would pay the bill in front of the public," Murray said. He suggested the township withhold payment in order to pressure the company into living up to their commitment.

However, the supervisors discussed the possibility of paying Zwiebel's bill and then being reimbursed from Sun Oil. The last correspondence directly from the company was a letter dated March 24 to Supervisor John Wilkes, Jr.

The supervisors want further action taken, and requested the solicitor put Sun on notice that the township will seek legal means to collect the bill, if necessary.



Women's club donates to library

Recently representatives of the Dallas Area Federated Women's Club presented the club's annual donation to the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Pictured, left to right, are Jean Hillard, Martha Butler, librarian; and Mary Perugino.

Supervisors wary of 'do nothing' image on Am. Asphalt

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JACKSON TWP. - Residents came to the July meeting of the Jackson Township Supervisors with questions about what will change now that American Asphalt has been denied a zoning change for a portion of its mining operation.

"What's happening with American Asphalt, now that the zoning change is denied?" asked Ed Chesnovitch. Solicitor Blythe Evans responded that he is in the process of completing a brief on behalf of the township, now that the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors have made

their decisions. "The judge has all the testimony and other materials and can make a decision with or without briefs from the Township or American Asphalt," he said.

Supervisor John Wilkes wanted to know how long it might take for the judge to reach a decision and asked, "What do we do in the meantime to enforce the ordinance?"

"We wait, because it's in court," Evans replied. Since this is a civil case, there is no time limit applied.

Chesnovitch asked if damages

might be awarded. Evans responded affirmatively. "The judge decides if there is irreparable damage, such as to houses or wells," he said. Some resident complaints included claims that they were unable to sell property because of location near mining operations after they disclosed a history of structural damage due to blasting shocks.

Supervisor Michael Lando asked if John Krupa, the zoning officer, can issue zoning ordinance violations from the last meeting on, after the vote to deny a zoning change to mining. Evans doubted

the value of such an action. "Since it's before the court, it is unlikely that the magistrate will take it," he said. "It is already being reviewed."

Lando was concerned that residents have the impression the supervisors aren't doing anything to prevent further mining in the area. "I suggest we try to bring it to Magistrate Tupper," he said. "It will cost us \$35. If he says he won't take it, then we can report to the citizens." Evans felt there was no legal reason not to file charges, but that the effort would be fruitless.

Chicken and biscuit dinner July 22

The Noxen-Monroe Sportman's Club will hold a Chicken & Biscuit dinner between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., on July 22, at the Sportman's Hall, Main Street, Noxen. Price will be \$5 per diner.

Come early and enjoy the townwide yard sales. Table space will be available at the hall for \$10.

Peter Tomasek author of the book "White Gold of Mountain Springs" will hold a book signing with a slide presentation and a display of tools used for harvesting ice.

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