

Sheetz

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of Real Estate for the Eastern region: Mike Lewis, Traffic Engineer; and attorney Ron Lucas.

When the meeting began, Ed Price, Jr., Planning Commission Chief, pointed out there were 22 omissions, corrections, and clarifications required to be remedied in the preliminary plans. Lucas said Sheetz had no problem with the "fairly standard housekeeping items" the commission had pointed out, and wanted to know if the commission could conditionally approve the application, providing Sheetz promised to clean it up in time for the supervisors' work session on Jan. 13. He agreed the fundamentals could be remedied by January 8, which is when the plan must be ready to give to Christopher Borton, Kingston Twp. Engineer. He did warn the commission that the required letters from such authorities as the Dallas Area Municipal Authority and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) may take more time, as Sheetz had no control over those agencies.

Planning commission member Michael Kolesar then made the motion to recommend the Sheetz subdivision application for approval to the Board of Supervisors: Sean McAndrew seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. The mistake in designation of the subdivision will be remedied, and the major subdivision plans will now be submitted to the Board at its Dec. 13 meeting.

The second item of business was to review the preliminary land development application. Some of the problems included the lack of a highway occupancy permit from PennDOT (although it has been applied for); Sheetz has not yet shown compliance with the Toby's Creek Stormwater Ordinance; there must be an easement through the existing two properties, Grange Bank and Verizon; the required wetlands report has not been done; and Sheetz must provide a proposed solution to the groundwater problem at the end of the property.

Frank Grabowski, Planning Commission Vice-Chief, informed the Sheetz representatives the township had a specific sign ordinance; Sheetz would have to address the zoning hearing board in regards to its sign. Price asked about the lighting at the new location — had a footcandle reading been done?

Shavertown UMC Christmas program

A musical Christmas gift to the community will be presented by the children of the Shavertown United Methodist Church on Dec. 17 at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The program is titled "A Very Extraordinary Merry Christmas Mission." The show stars Mary Ketchner as Angelica, Michael Dennis as Michael, Debra Ketchner as Lady Seraph, Bryant Clark as Joseph and Hannah Frantz as Mary. It is under the direction of Debbie Kelleher, Jennifer Ash and Andrea Frantz. A reception will follow in the social room. The church is located at 163 N. Pioneer Ave., and the phone number is 675-3616.

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Newell Fuel and NewMart

Mike LaCesa said it had not, but as in the case of the sign ordinance, Sheetz would be happy to follow the dictates of the township. "We conform to the municipality in which we build the store ... we're willing to work with you folks on that," he said.

If the board of supervisors approves the land development plans, site preparation work can begin — that is, the land can be cleared to ready it for development — but no construction or paving can be done until final approval is given. Sheetz does not intend to begin construction until given the green light to do so.

Russell and Sherri Newell, of Newell Fuel, have been circulating petitions — "Opposed to Proposed Development of Sheetz Store" — in the community and in their NewMart on Memorial Highway; thus far they have gathered 240 signatures. Eric May, of Pen Fern Oil Co. has retained a lawyer, Attorney Tom Brennan, who got up during the portion of the meeting for audience comments and spoke on his client's behalf. Brennan said there were "substantial issues" in regards to the Sheetz plan and a report was being compiled; he had already sent a letter to the planning commission, which had been received but not distributed.

Solicitor Benjamin R. Jones III asked if there was any objection to the commission's decision to approve Sheetz's preliminary subdivision application.

"I don't like to approve something until I have what it is I'm supposed to approve," Brennan replied. However, he said, "We want to be constructive and work with you."

After the meeting, the Newells appeared a little dazed at how quickly things had moved. "It's unusual for them to do that — they wouldn't do that for us," Russell Newell said of the commission's apparent willingness to overlook the 22 items in the Sheetz application. "That still doesn't mean it can't crumble on them," he added.



Business group honors 'retirees'

The board of directors of the Back Mountain Business and Professional Association met recently to reorganize for the coming year. The new slate of officers is: President, Tony Macri; Vice President, Atty. Bernard Walter; Secretary, Helen Edgerton; Treasurer, Bobby Steever. Outgoing president Tom Robinson, right, and long-time board member Francine Ochman were presented with gifts of appreciation for their service.

DHS 2000 Yearbooks are now available

Dallas High School Yearbook Advisor William R. Wagner is pleased to announce that the 2000 Dallas Yearbooks have been delivered to the school and are available to the students who placed orders earlier this year. Alumni may pick up their yearbooks from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily in the high school main office. Receipts are helpful, but not necessary. Additionally, a limited number of extra copies are available on a first-come, first-serve basis for those who did not order earlier. These extra copies go quickly, so alumni are encouraged to visit the school as soon as possible. Payment is due in full upon receipt of the yearbook.

Senior Girl Scout Troop 665 offers gift wrapping, babysitting services

Senior Girl Scout Troop 665 of Dallas is offering holiday gift wrapping and babysitting services Saturday, Dec. 16 at the Dallas United Methodist Church in Dallas.

Gift wrapping services will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Holiday paper, bow and tags will be provided - you provide the gift and box. Gifts may either be dropped off, or can be wrapped while you wait. Donations will be gladly accepted.

Babysitting services will also be available for mothers or fa-

thers who would like a few hours to spend shopping without their children. There are two sessions available for children 4-12 years old. Session 1 is from 9 a.m.-12 noon, and session 2 is from 1-4 p.m.. Price per child is \$5/session, and includes activities and snack. To make reservations, call Katie at 696-2429. The maximum number of children is 15 per session.

All proceeds from the holiday services offered will be used towards yearly troop activities

Water main work in Kingston Twp.

Kingston Township has announced the Pennsylvania American Water Company (PAWC) will soon complete the installation of new water mains on various streets in the Trucksville area.

The water company will resurface the streets in the spring of 2001. The permits issued by the Township, and by agreement with PAWC, require a full width overlay of all streets where trenches were dug for the new water lines. Work was not completed in time for the resurfacing to be completed in 2000.

"The Township does not want the paving completed in poor weather conditions," said Twp. Manager Jeffrey Box.

The Township assures residents that PAWC will complete the resurfacing as early as possible in the spring of 2001. The Township regrets any inconvenience to residents; however, residents should understand that the water company's work schedule is beyond the Township's control. Questions about the project should be directed to Twp. Manager Jeffrey Box at 696-3809.

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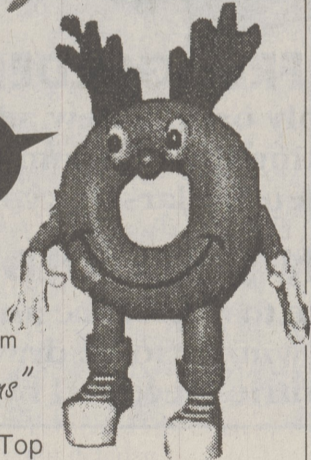


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