

The Lehman Township Supervisors have voted to abandon Fern Ridge Road in the township.



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traffic on Trojan Road to Route 118 dangerous, she asked the supervisors if the township could impose limits on the hours worked by the paving company. Hannigan said she had written letters of inquiry to DEP but had received no response as yet. "I hope you will consider some of these things and help us keep some of the tranquility back there," Hannigan said.

Sutton said the township would look into posting limits on truck weight on Trojan Road. "The road wasn't built for continual running of loaded tri-axles. We don't want that."

In a related matter, Lehman Township zoning officer Charles

Bartlett responded to a complaint letter from Alan and Deborah Petroski of Coslett Road in Hunlock Creek regarding the zoning of a 54.5-acre parcel of land owned by Reading Materials, Inc. The current zoning of the land is M-2, heavy industrial. The acreage was rezoned from A-1, agricultural in December of 1991 when it belonged to Naugle Sand and Gravel Co. Bartlett also said township zoning ordinances permit mining in an A-1 zoning district with zoning hearing board approval as outlined in the uses permitted by zoning districts.

Bartlett advised the Petroskis to contact Reading Materials,

Inc. directly.

In other business:

- Construction of a new treatment center facility will commence in July at the Lehman Sunoco gasoline contamination facility on Route 118. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of the year said Thomas R. Hartnett, hydrologist on the Environmental Cleanup Program of the DEP in a letter to the township. The cleanup of a gasoline spill there has been ongoing for several years, said supervisor and roadmaster Douglas Ide.

- The supervisors made a motion to recommend James Welby to the governor and the Office of

Homeland Security to be appointed as Emergency Management Coordinator as the last EMC resigned two months ago.

- A hearing was held prior to the supervisors' meeting concerning the abandonment of Italian Road, also known as Fern Ridge Road, on behalf of Paul Lumia and Fred Valentine. No dissenting parties showed up at the hearing. The supervisors voted to vacate the road.

- Resolution 2002061702 was passed relative to the Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Act to obtain reimbursement for the training program offered through Penn State for the Lehman Police officers.

## Library Auction Corner

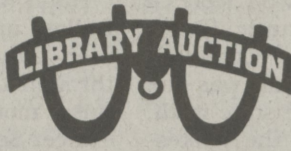
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## Windsor Farms

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"I think it was the right thing to do," said Halbing. "We're all after the same thing. It was only a question of how we were going to get there. None of us wanted to go to court over this."

Halbing must also construct a paved emergency access road from Tamanini Drive in Sunrise Estates, complete with an emergency gate or fence and a four-foot strip of land for pedestrians to move between the developments. He must also provide the board with a PennDOT Highway Occupancy Permit, a Department of Environmental Protection wetlands permit since the access road for the subdivision will travel partly through a wetland area, and prove he has purchased the water company.

"Mr. Halbing bought the water company and made us think a little more about it," said board chairman Paul Sabol. "He asked for (reconsideration), and there's always the possibility of a lawsuit."

Issues concerning domestic water usage and fire protection have been a key issue in accepting the plan since March, and problems with not providing adequate fire protection in developments came to the forefront after fire crews attempted to hook up to a hydrant in the Cedar Lane subdivision which did not provide the amount of water needed to fight the fire.

Halbing had received waivers from the board last month which allow him to install domestic wa-

ter to the homes without providing fire protection or a storage tank for water needed for the hydrants.

"I think it's unfortunate that the majority of the supervisors granted a waiver for fire protection and water storage last month, when clearly this month Mr. Halbing was apparently willing to agree to most of the township's demands," said former township manager Jeffrey Box, who lives in a development close to where Windsor Farms will be built. "I further think it's unfortunate that the preliminary plan was granted, given in my opinion, there are many more flaws in the plan that aren't being corrected by granting this approval."

Box outlined some of the problems at the meeting.

He said an easement should be put into the plan, allowing for a 10-15 foot area to be set aside from the subdivision into neighboring Frances Slocum State Park, as well as land to be set aside which could extend road into undeveloped land for future development.

But Halbing strongly disagrees with Box.

He said Box was "180 degrees off base."

"It's ludicrous. It is totally off base," Halbing said. "This is a development where we are trying to eliminate through traffic. If people want to go to Frances Slocum Park, they can use the main entrance."

## Kingston Township police will get bulletproof vests

**KINGSTON TWP.** — The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously last week to provide 50 percent of the funds needed to purchase bullet-proof vests for the Kingston Township police department, and voted to allow township manager Ed O'Neill to publicize and hire an administrative assistant for the department.

"I thought years ago that we needed them (vests)," said

Sabol, who served as the township's police chief prior to current police chief James Balavage. "Then we had to buy our own. The guys deserve them, but they will have to wear them. We are going to set some rules down so they do."

In other business:

- The board appointed 10 people to serve on the township's long-range planning commission. Those appointed in-

clude: Justin Bergman, Bob Zaruta, Bill Bachman, Ellen Ferretti Alaimo, Adrian Merolli, Dr. Sam Merrill, Mary Dyleski, board representative J. Carl Goodwin, Sabol and O'Neill.

- The board voted 3-2 not to pass a resolution allowing township employees and vehicles to voluntarily participate in community events, such as parades. Goodwin and Supervisor Neil Allen cast the dissenting

votes.

- The board authorized the resignation of Goodwin and appointment of Supervisor Chris Yankovich as liaison to the Public Works Department.

Goodwin served as interim liaison to the department following the deaths of former Supervisors William Tippet and Herbert Hill and the resignation of Randall Glidden, who moved to Florida earlier in the year.

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