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Visioning group getting down to specifics

Task forces sketch out goals

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
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DALLAS - Lake Street one-way? A Dallas community center on the web? Despite low attendance at the October meeting of the "Our Dallas: Today and Tomorrow" visioning committee, individual task forces reported headway in key areas.

Less than half the people that attended the last visioning meeting made it through heavy rain to the October 16 meeting, but as one person said: "It's still productive and has ongoing energy."

The individual task forces — downtown Dallas, traffic, master planning, and human services — reported on the progress they have made since the August meeting.

Each task force had met twice to define its issues and narrow down goals. Most managed to outline short-term goals, defined as those to be completed within a year, as well as long-term goals, those to be completed within five or more years.

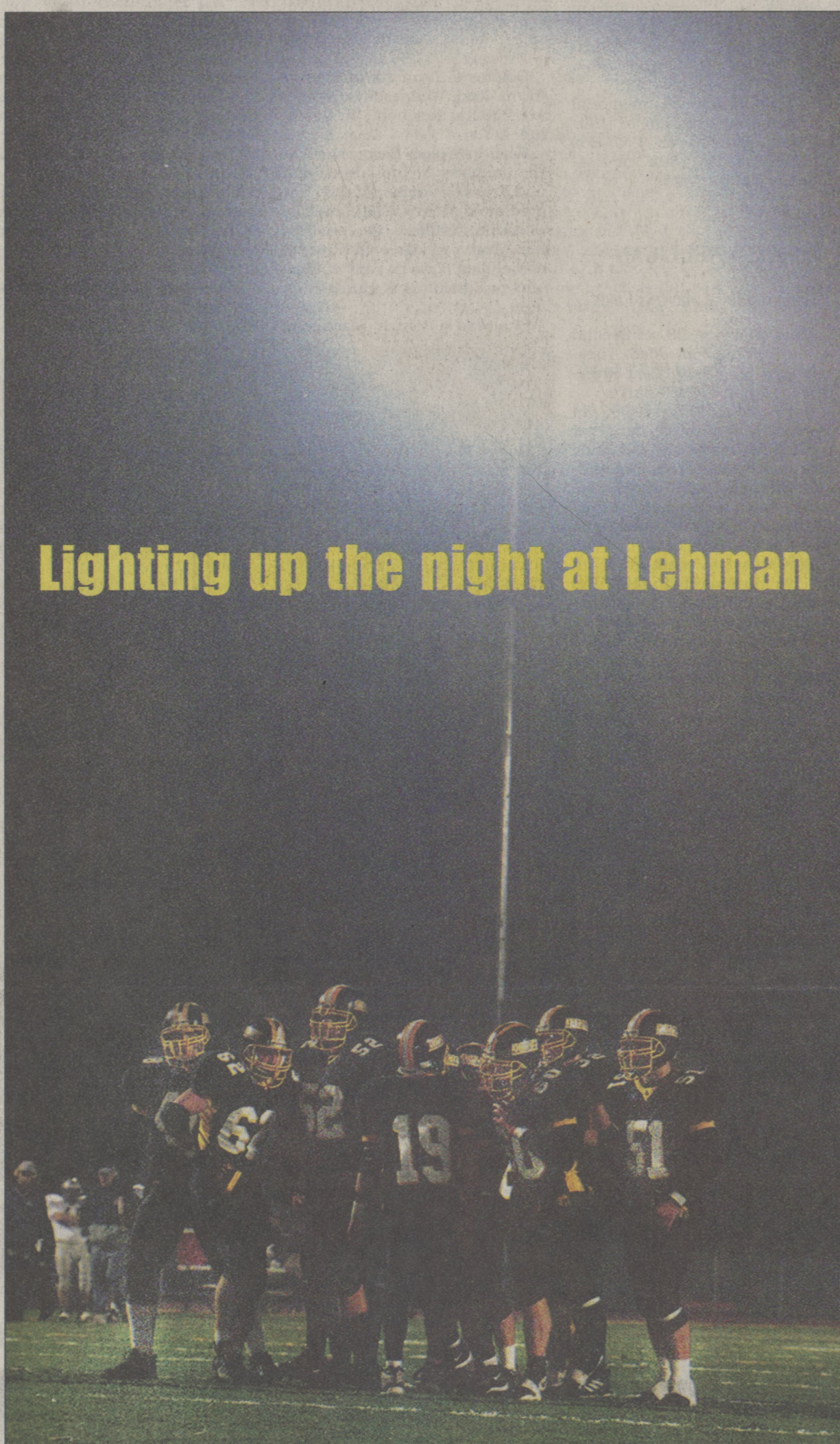
Ron Bartizek of the traffic task force reported his group targeted reduction of congestion and waiting time in the center of Dallas as a top concern.

The group met with Chuck Mattèi, district engineer from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), about the congestion at the intersection of Route 415 and Main Street.

As a result of the meeting, one of the groups short-term goals will be to pursue making Lake Street one-way going out of the center of town. It was Mattèi's opinion that doing so would shorten the wait time at the in-

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Lighting up the night at Lehman



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Lake-Lehman football players huddled under the new lights at Edward Edwards Stadium for the first time Saturday night. The night before, the Lake-Lehman and Dallas soccer squads met on the field for the first official event. Stories, photos on sports page.

State will deliver rest of rec park \$\$

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
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LEHMAN TWP. — The Back Mountain Recreation Center is coming closer to reality. Ground-breaking is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 24, with John C. Oliver, secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), on hand to present the final grant check for the balance of the 130 acre land purchase.

Thursday's ground breaking is the culmination of over four years of planning. The grant money will secure the remaining 50 acres on Outlet Road off of Route 118 in Lehman.

"This is the final piece of Phase I, the financing and acquisition of the property. It now opens the door for the second and third phases," said Gil Griffiths, a member of the board that is overseeing the project.

For the last year and a half, the board has been working with

"For the last year things have fallen in line just as they were supposed to."

Gil Griffiths
Back Mountain
Recreation Committee

Julie McMonagle, a Peer Consultant. The state Department of Natural Resources (DCNR) recommended the group hire a consultant to help them ascertain the needs in the community.

McMonagle's job was to determine through questionnaires and visits with organizations and municipalities in the area, the level of need, interest and commitment toward the project. The second DCNR grant to be awarded on Thursday, comes on

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Township threatens to seize developer's land

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
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LEHMAN TWP. — "If he doesn't get done, we're going to the bonding company, we'll take the property and sell it, because it's not fair to the residents up there!" said board chairman David Sutton about the long-standing road issue with Gerald Schraeder of Lifestyle Builders, the developer of the Pines development.

Sutton said about a dozen people have complained to the township of problems created by unfinished roads in the two-year old development on top of Idetown Road. Property erosion and standing water in the road and on lots have been reported on Birch, Hemlock and Pine streets.

Sutton said a group from the subdivision came to a meeting earlier in the year to find out when the township would take control of the problem roads.

As a result, the township solicitor, Peter Savage, sent a certified letter to Schraeder notifying him he had 60 days to fulfill

his obligations. The township received no return receipt, but Sutton said Savage should have received the letter last week.

"It's not paved, doesn't have base pave, and there's no gutter on the right," said roadmaster Douglas Ide.

"He's had all summer it's time. It's not fair to the people up there," reiterated Sutton.

Sutton said if the problem is not taken care of within 60 days from receipt of the letter, the township's recourse is to go to the bonding company, and if necessary, take the property and sell it. Schraeder could not be reached for comment.

Supervisors also agreed not to support installation of a guard

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Harveys Lake Council adds 'junior councilman' to board

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
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HARVEYS LAKE — At October's Harveys Lake Borough meeting, Richard Boice, Mayor, swore in Lake-Lehman senior B.J. Boback as a junior councilman. Boback is the first junior councilman to be on the board and the idea was largely his.

According to Ed Kelly, council president, there are only three other such programs in the state. The junior councilman program puts one motivated and qualified student per year on the board as a non-voting member. The experience brings youthful insight to the board while at the same time providing a practical political internship for the student.

Boback said he first came across the idea in an article that described a similar program in Pittston. Boback, who hopes to enter politics some day, said he then approached Council President Ed Kelly about starting the program at Harveys Lake and serving on the board for his senior year.

"I thought it was a good way to get involved with local government; that afternoon I approached Ed Kelly. I went to his house and he (Kelly) thought it was a fantastic idea," said Boback.

As a junior councilman, Boback will serve on the board until the end of the school year. He will attend regularly scheduled meetings, work sessions and give input.

Boback is currently Vice President of the Lake-Lehman senior high student council and has been a homeroom representative in the past.

"Senator Lemmond inspired me; I shadowed him for a day, he showed me the ropes. It was fascinating to me," said Boback.

"It's great for the community and for the young people, it gives them a voice," said Kelly. Kelly said Harveys Lake students will be able to voice their interests and concerns through Boback.

"Whenever I feel it necessary, I won't have a problem speaking

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B.J. Boback being sworn in by Harveys Lake Mayor Richard Boice as a junior councilman. Watching, from left: Carole Sampson, Borough Secretary; Larry Lucarino, council member; Bernie Castillo, council member; Ed Kelly, council president; Betty Jane West, council member; Clarence Hogan, council member; Joe Reilly, council member.

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