

Rec Park

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the heels of a completed study and having found sufficient need and long-term community support for the center.

"This has been an ongoing process. For the last year things have fallen in line just as they were supposed to," said Griffiths.

The project is now entering Phase II, the development of soccer and baseball fields. According to Griffiths, that two-year construction process will begin in the fall of 2003.

Phase III is outlined as the construction of the indoor facility consisting of a pool and gymnasium. Phase III outdoor projects will include rustic areas with hiking, biking, walking trails and picnic areas.

According to Griffiths, much of Phase II and III will depend on whether the needed monies can be raised. The board is currently approaching private donors and organizations and plans to open donations up to the public after a \$2-3 million goal is reached.

Griffiths said the board has raised around \$1.5 million of its \$7 million overall goal.

The public is invited to attend the ground breaking and press conference on Thursday, Oct. 24, at 10 a.m. The Lake-Lehman Middle School jazz band will play and light refreshments will be offered.

Volunteers needed at Mercy Hospice

Volunteers are needed for Mercy Hospice in the Wilkes-Barre area as well as the surrounding communities. Mercy Hospice is a non-profit, hospital-based, certified agency that offers a way of caring which brings comfort to people at the end of life.

Volunteers can assist by visiting patients in their homes to give families a rest or allow them to work or run errands. They can also assist with shopping for the family, provide general comfort and support or work on clerical projects in the Hospice Office. If interested in volunteering, contact Nancy James, Mercy Hospice Volunteer Coordinator at 826-0102.



Lehman Township Supervisors say drainage and roadway issues in The Pines development haven't been addressed.

Lehman

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rail requested by the Lake-Lehman School Board for Mountainview Road.

Supervisors said they and people who live on Mountainview felt the guard rail was aesthetically inappropriate for the country setting of the road.

The guard rail was planned by the district to prevent cars from driving over school property. In addition to being unattractive, the board said the addition of the rail would essentially create "parking stalls" along the road, which is inconsistent with the current township ordinance that doesn't allow parking on either Mountainview or Old Route 115.

"I'm not sure, but probably we'll need them (rails) further off than 20 feet, (they'll) park and then back out into traffic," said Ide.

"There's going to be a serious accident one of these days," said Sutton about the illegal parking.

Supervisors' sentiment was against the rails and in addition, to put up no parking signs along

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

David Sutton
Chairman
Lehman Twp. Supervisors

Mountainview Road from the high school to the Lehman United Methodist Church.

The board did not, however, have an objection to the campus using wood posts, similar to those used at the Dallas campus, in place of a guard rail.

Supervisor Raymond Iwanowski said 19 or 20 municipalities are currently trying to get a seat on the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority. The authority's current by-laws don't allow for others to gain a seat until 2008.

Iwanowski said the township pays money toward the authority, but like the other municipali-

ties that built sewer systems after the authority formed, they have no representation.

"It's a minor form of taxation without representation," said Iwanowski.

According to Iwanowski, when the authority receives grant money, only those municipalities represented on the board receive a share. In addition, when there is a leak, or other problem with the sewer system, those municipalities represented have special services available to them those that joined later do not.

Also, the board members expressed interest in joining the proposed Back Mountain Council of Governments (COG).

"There could be some real advantages to it," said Sutton.

Iwanowski, who suggested the benefits of the COG during the meeting, said he would forward to solicitor Savage a copy of the paperwork needed to start drafting the ordinance.

Visioning

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tersection.

Another short-term goal is to create a brake retarder ordinance, which would seek to prevent trucks from making unusually loud noise as they come to a stop. An additional goal is to establish a liaison to be part of larger regional traffic studies and meetings.

The group set a traffic study of the entire Back Mountain as a long-term goal as well as looking into the possibility of a bypass to alleviate congestion.

The group acknowledged Church and Foster streets as a problem and pedestrian safety as an additional concern.

Nancy Eckert, chairperson of the downtown task force, said the group defined boundaries for the downtown area and will catalog the businesses within them.

"We determined Lake Street and Church, Route 415 north to Center Hill Road, Main Street—a block and a half out and south 415 to Offset Paperback as the downtown," said Eckert.

In the event Dallas Borough is awarded grant money for its downtown revitalization, Eckert said the businesses determined to be within the "downtown" area will be able to use the money for facade improvements.

"Anybody (in downtown) who is willing, there will be money for facade improvements, that's my understanding," said Eckert.

Eckert said interested businesses within the defined area will also be able to work with the Penn State Extension Service to take advantage of virtual before and after tours of their businesses after possible facade changes.

The group narrowed down five areas they will work on within the downtown: lighting, parking, facade, landscape, and green areas.

Eckert talked about putting out potted plants and flowers in the downtown by spring.

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Nancy Eckert
Chairperson
Downtown Dallas task force

thing is being done, even if it's just window boxes," she said.

Connie Scott, who chairs the services task force with her husband Durrelle, said her group established five service areas they will seek to address including cultural, educational, recreational, transportation, and social services.

The group set the short-term goal of developing a virtual community center, a web page everyone in the community can access that has a listing of what is going on in the area.

Scott said the group decided there is a need to improve public transportation in the area. She said current schedules and drop-off points are not convenient.

She said the group's long-term goal is to locate space for teens to gather.

"We're not sure of what a master plan committee does," said master plan task force chairman Anthony Liuzzo. "We agreed we need a vision, before we can move forward."

The steering committee of the organization will meet next to summarize the reports, create benchmarks and come up with an overall mission statement.

The steering committee will meet at the Dallas Borough building on November 6 at 7 p.m.. The next meeting of the whole will take place December 11 at 7 p.m. at College of Misericordia.

Lions seek new members

The Dallas Lions are looking for new members. Anyone interested in joining the club should contact any club member or they can contact Frank Rollman at 675-4485.

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