

## Downtown

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like a merchants' association — in marketing the downtown.

"No funding source is going to dump a one-time pot of money into the borough," said Moskowitz about the need for the association.

"If we're going to attempt to gain outside funding from state, federal, or private organizations, you need to demonstrate you have a perpetual organization," he said.

"We definitely plan on joining the merchants' association," said Maryanne Ochman of Ochman Coins and Jewelry.

Ochman, whose business has been in the borough since 1979, said she liked many of the ideas discussed at the meeting, but also had some reservations.

"Some of it was really good. We're excited about the flowers and the benches," said Ochman.

The possibility of changing outdoor sign ordinances to make them more uniform and within restricted size requirements, worried Ochman somewhat.

"We already have a hard enough time now with people seeing our building," she said.

Jim Eason, owner of Dallas Centre Hardware, didn't make it to the meeting last week, but has seen the photos that depict many of the changes. He said he thinks the "sprucing up" is a good idea. Eason particularly liked the idea of lamp posts and flower boxes, but joked that the improvements would probably end at the alley situated just before his business.

Ochman pondered whether a more attractive downtown would draw more people and her business would benefit.

"I'm hoping it will have a positive impact on our business," she said.

Ten out of some 60 area businesses attended the meeting. Ochman said she thinks it's important that more neighboring businesses participate. "Because everybody's business is involved. Their input is needed because it will effect their day-to-day (business)."

People interested in forming the Dallas merchants' association are tentatively scheduled to meet at the May 1 visioning meeting.

Moskowitz said the borough has \$2,500 set aside for community betterment that could be used for the flower boxes, and to replace a chain link fence with a cast-iron one. Council would have to approve the spending. Moskowitz and Eckert said they expect those changes to take place this summer.

## Election

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due to Edward Donahue's resignation at the end of last year. John Appel took his place, but because he was placed mid-year, has to run in the election. Dallas Borough will be an open and shut case with five seats open and five Republicans running, including incumbents Bill Peiffer, Barbara Barnes and Kathy Kupstas.

A majority of the seats on the Dallas School District board of directors is open. Five seats out of a total of nine are open. There are nine candidates and all are cross filed. Seeking re-election are John Litz, Thomas Russ, James Richardson, Deborah Morgantini and Ernest Ashbridge Jr. They are challenged by Dennis Gochoel, Bruce Goeringer, Gary Mathers and Russell Bigus.

The Lake-Lehman School District, which is broken up into three regions, has a total of five vacancies. Region 1 has two openings and four candidates, incumbents and Lois Kopcha, Michelle Maher-Coombs, and challengers Mark Kornoski, and Jeffrey Pauley.

There are two openings and four candidates in Region 2; incumbent Chuck Boytin, James Welby, Edwin Kern and Harold Cornell.

In Region 3, incumbent Joseph Kapitula is challenged by Robert Peron.

The Lake Township tax collector position has drawn a lot of interest, with four candidates on the ballot to replace the late Ruth Valick, who served for many years.

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