## Boathouse

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for the Metzes, who were out of town at the time of the hearing. Halbing told the board the change was needed so that "roof water gets dissipated" as

well as for appearance.
"We all like to have aesthetics," he said.

Saying it was only his opinion, Halbing added that he thought the addition "could bring some old world character

back to the lake.' He said rough calculations showed approximately 25 square feet would project above the previously allowable height limit of 14 feet. "In our opinion it's a relatively small area," he said.

Frank Lutinski, board chairman, asked where the height was measured from. Halbing responded that the measurement was taken from the main ock, not the lowest dock, which is allowed under the current ordinance.

Board attorney Mark Mc-Nealis asked if the addition required other encroachment permits from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Halbing responded that it had.

McNealis also inquired as to whether the Metzes owned property on both sides of the street, to which Halbing replied they owned 10 acres across the street and 600 feet of waterfront property.

Board members voted unanimously in favor of the addition after a five-minute recess.

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> John Halbing Representing the owner

al height because the actual roof that will be above the allowable limit "is a very small

Richard Haas told the board he and his wife, Lynn Banta, would like a variance to raise a roofline 2.6 additional feet. The change would raise the roof height from 12 to 14.6 feet. Banta, a zoning hearing board member, recused herself prior to her husband's testimony.

Haas said he would like to change his existing rubber flat roof to a peaked shingled roof. Haas said a continuous leak with the current roof has caused rotting and made it unsafe.

"Sometimes I think my middle name is 'leak'," Haas joked. He said the change would mean not having to replace the roof every four years.

Haas presented photos to the board that showed how tall shrubbery along the property would block the view of the roof extension almost entirely.

"I don't believe it will have any effect on the environment or view," said Milton Lutsey, Harveys Lake Zoning Officer. Lutsey reported that neighbors had been notified and that



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The roof on this boathouse at pole 102 will be getting a new roof now that the Harveys Lake Zoning Hearing Board has granted a variance for it to exceed the maximum allowable

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Back Mountain Recreation Inc. is letting a contract on construction of the first field at the Back Mountain Recreation Complex in Lehman Township. It is the field at top right in this rendering of the entire site.

## Rec field

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has planned a field superior to the typical youth soccer field. An eight-inch combination of high grade sand and organic material will be installed resulting, Grove said, in a more level and well drained field that will be easier and cheaper to maintain.

"It will be costly to construct," he said, "but by far it is the best way to go. It will be about equivalent to what you would find at a Division 1 col-

Equal amounts of grant money and "cash on hand" will be used to build the field. Also included in the project are two parking lots and an underground irrigation system. The field will be located off of Outlet Road, just down from the

Not all the money needed to build the rest of the recreational area has been raised, said Grove. The entire project is to include seven soccer fields, five baseball fields, two multi-purpose fields, an ice skating rink,

Lake-Lehman middle

walking, hiking and picnic areas and more. A capital fundraising campaign to raise the remaining \$3.5 million required is expected to begin in the spring. Grove said he hopes building

the first field prior to the beginning of the fundraising efforts will "show folks the project is making progress," and that those involved are "serious" about its completion.

Back Mountain Recreation board members have said that approximately \$1.5 million has already been raised. State grants and private donations in

the amount of \$750,000 were used to purchase the formerly private 130 acres.

Construction of the first field was originally scheduled for last spring. "We're maybe a little bit behind," Grove admitted and said the delay was due to unexpected details that have arisen.

"We're really trying to go the extra mile because the facility is going to get tons of use," he said. The up side is that the board has learned so much that "Planning the other fields will be a lot easier," said Grove.







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