

# New board starts with cooperative feelings

By BILL O'BOYLE  
For The Post

**LEHMAN TWP.** — At Tuesday night's reorganization meeting, the board elected officers, appointed committee members and pledged to work together for the good of the district.

"I really feel this group is ready to work together for the taxpayers and students and staff," said newly elected board President James Mahon. "We now have a strong majority, which we have never had on this board."

Mahon's fellow board members agreed, with most motions approved by 8-0 votes with some abstentions.

Elected first vice president was Lois Kopcha, who retained her seat in the November election. Also sworn in were new members Harold Cornell, Mark Kornoski, Robert Peron and James Welby. Moderno Rossi was elected second vice president and Welby was named treasurer.

Mahon appointed the following committee chairpeople: curriculum and instruction, Sheila Gionfriddo; athletics and

activities, Peron; buildings and grounds, Cornell; transportation, Balavage; support services, Kornoski; finance, Kopcha; school board, Welby; legislative chairperson to Pennsylvania School Boards Association, Mahon.

Balavage, Peron and Rossi were appointed to the West Side Area Vocational-Technical Joint Operating Committee.

The board set monthly meetings for the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. and work sessions for the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

"What I see here are fresh faces with fresh ideas," said Peron after the meeting. "I have a very good feeling and a sense of cooperation here."

Cornell agreed, adding, "This is a new board and all of us, I feel, want to work together for the entire district."

Kornoski said he is looking forward to getting the district back in good financial shape. "In two years, we will be negotiating a new teachers contract. This board will have to make some tough decisions, but I feel we can get the job done."



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## Fire claims woman's life

Fire investigators back on the scene Tuesday combing through debris left behind from a fatal house fire December 1 in Ross Township. Helen Stryjewski, 49, has been identified as the person killed in the fire, in the log home located at 403 Old State Road. Her body was found inside after the fire was extinguished.

Neighbor Lois Williams called 911 about 12:20 p.m. when a driver passing by spotted the fire and stopped. Stryjewski was identified by dental records. The cause of the fire remains undetermined, state police at Shickshinny said last week.

# Bids for maintenance building vary widely

By CAMILLE FIOTI  
Post Correspondent

**DALLAS TWP.** — Three bids were received by Dallas Township for the construction of a building to house the township's maintenance equipment. Glenn Howell, Treasurer opened the bid envelopes at Tuesday night's board of supervisors meeting. The bids were submitted by C.B. Structures Inc. of New Holland, PA for \$49,403; Berger Construction of Freeland for \$68,993 and Grim Construction Inc. of Waymart for \$105,400. Howell made a motion to accept the

bid from C.B. Structures Inc. with Phil Walter, Chairman seconding the motion.

In other business: Robert Tupper of Old Goss Manor asked the board if something could be done about the large dropoff alongside the road near Sago Street. The section of road is in front of the land which was recently cleared. Ron Buckman, Roadmaster said that his crew can fill in the area with cinders and possibly install reflectors along the section of the shoulder. Tupper will consult with his neighbors about the repairs and get back to Buckman.



POST PHOTO/ERIN YOUNGMAN

A home that was condemned by Kingston Township earlier this year has been demolished. A parking lot for Snowdon's Funeral Home will take its place.

## Razed home will become parking lot

By ERIN YOUNGMAN  
Post Staff

**SHAVERTOWN** — A condemned home on Main Street has been demolished and a parking lot will likely be put in its place.

The home, located across the street from Snowdon's Funeral Home and next to Mary's Flower Garden, was razed the week of Thanksgiving. All remnants of the home had been removed by November 29.

Harold Snowdon Jr. said Wednesday that he is planning to save a large tree on the property, and add shrubs and flowers to make attractive. "I'd like to have it be some-

thing other than a big piece of blacktop," he said.

If the weather cooperates, Snowdon hopes to put the lot into use over the winter, then have final paving done in the spring.

Bill Eck, Kingston Township zoning officer, said he condemned the property in February when clear indications of poor structural integrity arose. He said pipes in the walls had frozen, causing the ceiling to fall and putting stress on the walls.

Snowdon said a garage on the lot was demolished in the summer after it had become a dangerous hangout for teenagers.

Eck said there is one other condemned home in the township, but the Main Street house was the first to be condemned and demolished since he's been zoning officer. It was the third razed in almost nine years.

Eck said he thought the home had been on Main Street for about 70 years.

# Complaints made about litter, odors

By VICKI KEIPER  
Post Correspondent

**JACKSON TWP.** — Requests for cooperation from residents regarding quality of life issues were made at the December 1 Jackson Township Board of Supervisors meeting.

Supervisor Chairman John J. Wilkes, Jr. said tires are being illegally discarded by many side roads and asked residents to contact the police if they have any information. Wilkes said that although the township will clean up the tires, doing so is costly.

"They are expensive to you, the taxpayers, to remove them," he said.

Wilkes also addressed complaints about an odor in the vicinity of American Asphalt, saying that the smell of blacktop is most prevalent in the morning. Zoning Officer Andrew Sholtis said he tells residents to call the Department of Environment Protection whenever they smell the odor. "I have called the DEP myself," Sholtis said.

The supervisors also dealt with the upcoming winter season. In his supervisor's report, Allen Fox said the recreation board is talking with the township's insurance carrier about a proposed ice rink, which could open by January 2004.

Wilkes said road crews are "prepared for winter" even though the township was "well over our heads" with problems brought on by the weather during the past year.

Wilkes also said the township is in the process of preparing for a Christmas tree drop-off and called the recycling program a success. "You're really hustling with recycling," he said. Wilkes also took a moment to thank members of the Crime Watch committee for helping to decorate the township building for the holidays.

In other business, the supervisors accepted the Lake-Lehman Board of School Directors' decision to exonerate the following Shavertown residents from payment of their 2003 per capita taxes: Marisa Ann V. Michaels, Gregory Piazza, Chelsea A. Scharding-Taras, Joanne Shoemaker, and Marci Smolow.

The board will hold a budget meeting on Dec. 17 at 9 a.m. in the township building.

## Public swimming schedule

The Dallas School District is offering a variety of public and school age aquatic programs for fall and winter 2003 - 2004.

Evening Public Swim is offered on Wednesdays and Fridays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5 p.m. The pool is open to the public for lap and recreational swimming. No one under 18 will be admitted without a parent or guardian. Proof of residence and a \$2 daily fee apply.

The Mini Mountaineers, an Age Group Swim Team, part of the Northeast

Pennsylvania Age Group Swim League (NEPAGSL), will run through March 1. No competitive swimming experience

is required, however, members need to be able to support themselves in the water.

Practices will be held Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. Swim meets will be on Saturdays and Sundays.

The Mini Mounts age-group swim team is a NEPAGSL ten team competitive swimming league for swimmers 6 to 14 years of age. There are dual meets between all the teams during the regular season and a championship meet at the end of February.

For more information contact Matthew Stretanski at mstretanski@dallassd.com or 675-5201.

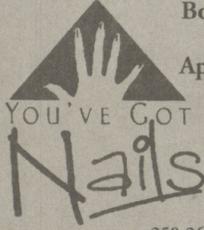


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