

DALLAS BOROUGH

Final plans presented for Young Memorial Park

By REBECCA BRIA
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Andy Mears, an architect with Johnson Mirmiran & Thompson, presented council Wednesday evening with the final plan for renovations to Kenneth Young Memorial Park.

Mears said neighbors and members of the community overwhelmingly requested the conversion of Burndale Road into a cul-de-sac in order to block traffic from going by the park. A pavilion with restrooms was also requested.

Other features of the plan include a playground for children ages 2 to 5 and a separate playground for ages 6 to 12, multi-purpose courts and a trail that loops around the park's perimeter.

The total cost of the project according to the plan is \$1,551,763.

Employee resignations

Council accepted the resigna-

tions of two borough employees. Russell Eyet resigned as the summer recreation program director, effective August 24. Attorney Matthew Reinert resigned as the borough's solicitor, effective August 31.

Attorney Jeffrey Malak was appointed as the new solicitor by council. Malak, who was at the meeting, said he looked forward to working with the mayor, council and borough officials.

No replacement was named for the summer recreation program director position.

Downtown master plan

Council passed a resolution affirming its support for the implementation and completion of the borough's downtown strategic master plan as submitted by Kairos Design Group, LLC.

The downtown master plan was approved by council in July. The plan includes increased retail space, parking, light posts,

trees, sidewalks, bike racks and garbage receptacles. The municipal building will stay in its current location and will not move to an area behind CVS Pharmacy as proposed in a draft of the design.

The plan is a result of survey findings from residents, businesses and students. Borough officials also met with students from Misericordia University to discuss what they would like to see in the downtown.

Project bids awarded

A base bid for the Orchard Street bridge demolition project and an alternate bid for a storm water improvement project was awarded to Papillion and Moyer Excavating and Paving, LLC, of Stroudsburg. The company was the lowest bidder with a total bid amount of \$66,948.10, pending final solicitor approval and any alternate project approvals required by the Federal Emergency

Management Agency and Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

Bridge repair

Authorization was granted to notify Barbose Masonry to begin repair work on the stone arch bridge on East Center Hill Road in the amount of \$9,910, pending project approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) for utilization of state liquid fuels funds.

Appeals board

Council also authorized the creation of an appeals board in accordance with the International Property Maintenance Code. The board will hear appeals from residents cited with property maintenance violations.

The following borough residents were appointed to serve on the board: Nancy Eckert, with a term to expire Dec. 31, 2010; Jo-

Funds to Dallas Fire and Ambulance

The borough manager was authorized to distribute the 2009 Commonwealth allocation supporting the Volunteer Fire Relief Association in the amount of \$16,960.19 to Dallas Fire and Ambulance Association.

Charitable donations

Contributions as budgeted in the 2009 operating budget will be made by the borough to the following non-profit organizations: Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, \$500; Back Mountain Memorial Library, \$2,500; and Dallas Fire and Ambulance, \$6,000.

Reimbursement for recycling containers

Recycling containers were purchased in the amount of \$2,346.66. The borough will send an invoice to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for reimbursement under the Act 101 Section 902 Municipal Recycling Program grant contract.

PennDOT systems

Borough officials were authorized to execute an agreement between the borough and PennDOT to authorize electronic access to PennDOT systems.

Manager's report

Borough manager Tracey Carr noted that curbside leaf pickup is scheduled to begin on or about October 19.

Carr also thanked volunteers and sponsors of the annual Dallas Harvest Festival. This year's festival will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. today along Main Street in the borough.

LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Despite opposition, board hires new volleyball coach

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Gordon Steele asked the Lake-Lehman School Board on September 14 to postpone a vote to hire a new coach for the varsity girls' volleyball team.

Steele, whose daughter is on the team, said he was asked to speak on behalf of the volleyball parents. He said the parents have nothing against Kevin Koziol, who has been the assistant coach for several years and was set to be hired as head coach.

However, Steele said the parents want a head coach who has more knowledge of volleyball because most of the girls are seniors and some hope to play the sport in college.

Noah Pickett, who served as head coach for the girls' and boys' varsity volleyball teams, resigned from the two positions effective August 20.

"I've been subbing in the district for the past five years and I've been trying to land an elementary job," Pickett said.

Pickett says he could no longer afford to substitute teach and coach and that it would be difficult for him to work elsewhere and make it to practice on time.

Lake-Lehman Superintendent Jim McGovern told Steele he feels a coach should be appointed before the season progresses any further.

The board unanimously voted to hire Koziol for the position later in the meeting. Tiffany Hettes was hired as the assistant girls' volleyball coach.

Tax anticipation note

In other business, the board ap-

proved a tax anticipation note with PNC Bank because of funding constraints caused by the failure of the state to pass a budget.

Albert Melone of Albert Melone and Co., business manager for the district, said the district does not need financial assistance at this time. Melone said the motion will provide the district with needed approvals should the cash flow become necessary.

Ross construction

The board approved Ross Elementary School construction project disbursements for September 14 in the amount of \$193,864.20.

Board member Charles Balavage said it concerns him that the district has paid for about one-sixth of the entire project so far, but not much has been done on the project.

Hires

The board appointed Erin Cragle, of Hunlock Creek, as a professional employee in the district. Cragle's initial assignment is to work as an elementary learning support teacher in Lehman-Jackson Elementary School at a salary of \$42,291.

Mary Lou Kocher, of Dallas, was appointed as a one-to-one aide at a rate of \$9.50 per hour.

The following people were appointed as substitute teachers pending clearances: Barbara Paulauskas, Shavertown, emergency certification; Amber Bennett, Mountain Top, elementary K-6; Krystal Miner, Shickshinny, health and physical education; Alyson Piatt, Dallas, elementary K-6, early childhood N-3, special

education; Kathryn Mullins, Wyoming, elementary K-6; Kelly McCabe, Nanticoke, elementary K-6; Aindrea Wharton, Pittston, elementary K-6; Charleen Ann Higgs, Mountain Top, elementary K-6.

The following individuals were appointed as athletic coaches: Kevin Koziol, head girls' volleyball coach; Tiffany Hettes, assistant girls' volleyball coach; Brian Cutter, head boys' basketball coach; Jason Blazosek, junior varsity assistant boys' basketball coach; Jeffrey Shook, ninth-grade junior high assistant boys' basketball coach; James Spencer, head girls' basketball coach; Charles Levan, varsity assistant girls' basketball coach; Barry Horvath, varsity assistant girls' basketball coach; Janine Kasarda, ninth-grade junior high assistant girls' basketball coach; Sherry Metz, seventh and eighth-grade junior high assistant girls' basketball coach; Cecilia Candelario, junior high assistant field hockey coach; Thomas Chipego, junior high assistant football coach; John McDonald, junior high golf coach; Philip Lipski, head wrestling coach; Joseph Koniguis, varsity assistant wrestling coach; William Weber, head junior high wrestling coach; and Brandon Higgins, junior high assistant wrestling coach.

Volunteer assistant wrestling coaches approved were Robert Lipski, Dr. James Junta, Jason Maciejczak, Keith Harry, Stan Brudnicki and Michael Tereska.

Reassignments

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The "Drifter On Wheels" recreational-type airplane piloted by David Markarian, of Scranton, will be on display at Skyhaven Airport today.

Skyhaven Airport site of breakfast, crafts, displays and demonstrations

Skyhaven Airport Association will hold its annual Fall Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser today, Sept. 20, at the airfield on Route 29 in Tunkhannock.

An all-you-can-eat breakfast with eggs, pancakes, ham and sausages will be served from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the main hangar. Unlimited servings of free coffee, milk and orange juice are included at the price of \$7 for adults and \$3 for children.

People who choose to be spectators only are invited to attend

at no charge and entry to the airfield grounds is free of charge. There will be displays of antique automobiles, old-farm equipment, motorcycles, and first-responder public safety vehicles.

There will be a bluegrass band and other aviation-related treats throughout the day as well as hangar tours by request. Skydiving demonstrations will be given, weather permitting. Spectators are asked to bring lawn chairs.

Homebuilt types of high-

wing/low-wing aircraft; regular-type classic airplanes, vintage models and smaller recreational-type airplanes will be on display. Remote-control model airplane flying demonstrations will take place and scenic airplane rides will be available at a cost.

The arts and crafts show features a wide-array of vendors from throughout the Endless Mountains.

Vendors are asked to call Jaime at 677-0536 or 836-5236 to reserve a spot.

DALLAS TOWNSHIP

Supervisors approve road takeover

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Supervisors approved the takeover of four roads in Saddle Ridge on Tuesday night, providing the developers meet two requirements.

Canter Drive, Pennbrook Lane, Saddle Ridge Drive 1 and Saddle Ridge Drive 2, all part of Phase I in the Saddle Ridge residential subdivision, will become part of the township's public road system if the developers meet conditions set by township engineer Tom Doughton.

Doughton said three swales in Saddle Ridge have been filled in with modified stone. He wants the stone removed and driveway pipes to be installed so the new roads aren't damaged by storm runoff.

In addition, Doughton is requiring hazard signs to be placed near several catch basins in the development.

Solicitor Thomas Brennan noted the township does have an ordinance prohibiting the takeover of roads past August 1, but that it is legally allowed to make exceptions to it as it desires. The cutoff date is necessary

in order to meet a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation deadline of September 1 for reimbursement of materials for winter maintenance.

Brennan said the township has enough time to take over the roads because PennDOT has extended its deadline to October 15 this year.

Doughton said he is giving the developers a deadline of September 30 to meet the requirements of road takeover in order to make the PennDOT cutoff date.

Paving project

The supervisors also opened bids for the Old Tunkhannock Highway Phase II Paving Project.

Pennsy Supply Inc., doing business as Slusser Brothers, was the lowest bidder with a combined base bid and alternate bid (for a guide rail) in the amount of \$95,757. The second lowest bidder was Pikes Creek with a combined base bid and alternate bid of \$97,012.

Pennsy Supply Inc. was awarded the bid for the project. Doughton said the project calls for the paving and line

painting of the Old Tunkhannock Highway from Kunkle Motors to the Wyoming County line. It will be funded by a \$100,000 grant from the Office of Community Development.

Police officer resigns

The resignation from township police officer Wayne Miers, effective September 24, was accepted by the supervisors with regret. Police Chief Robert Jolley said Miers has been on the job for 22 years and is taking an early retirement because of medical issues.

Nuisance properties

Dan Levitsky, of Overbrook Road, complained of an alleged nuisance property next to him. Levitsky says he first complained of the property to the supervisors back in 1992. He is worried that the barn on the land will collapse.

Brennan said the township will send a letter to the property owner, informing him he is in violation of the township's dilapidated building ordinance.

Zoning officer Leonard Koz-

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JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Supervisors proceed with legal issues

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Supervisors gave their stamp of approval to proceed with legal actions to resolve issues with a local developer and announced a proposed sewer ordinance that will be on the agenda for next month.

Supervisors voted to allow Attorney Jeffery Malak to take legal action against Heritage Hills Est. Inc.

Since the beginning of the year, supervisors, through means of legal letters, have tried to solve three main problem areas of storm water run off, road construction not up to PennDOT's specifications and issues surrounding a bond for financial services with developer John Pieczynski.

Nine months into the year, supervisors threw in the towel and

gave their attorney the green light to take legal action to resolve these issues.

Supervisors are also turning to Malak for help in writing a proposed sewer ordinance which would govern how long temporary holding tanks can be used.

Supervisor David Roskos said many residents in the township use septic tanks and, if a tank should malfunction, a temporary tank is often used while a more permanent solution is sought.

"These temporary tanks are required to be pumped out on a regular basis and are only authorized to be in the ground for a given time period," Roskos said.

Supervisor Al Fox said the township is working with the architecture firm Quad Three Group Inc., of Wilkes-Barre, for recommendations and specifics

on holding tanks and their capabilities.

Malak will have the completed proposed sewer ordinance for supervisors to review at next month's meeting.

In other news ...

Supervisors offered their thanks to Plymouth Township and Larksville Borough for a cooperative paving project on Weavertown Road. By sharing resources, the estimated savings to the township was \$80,000, reported chairman John J. Wilkes Jr.

"We saved the township a lot of money and it was good to work with the other municipalities," Fox said.

Supervisors said farewell and offered good luck wishes to Police Officer Robert Spencer who has accepted a full-time position with Kingston Township.