

HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH

Residents continue pressuring about boathouses

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Decreasing the building size of lake front properties through zoning was suggested for consideration to the Harveys Lake Borough Council on Tuesday night at a special public hearing to discuss redefining boathouses in accordance with the borough's zoning ordinance.

Last May, council approved a new zoning manual which defines boathouse as a "structure constructed either wholly or partially over a body of water to provide shelter for water craft or for marine-related equipment." Under the current ordinance,

kitchenettes and bathrooms are prohibited in a boathouse.

Since this ordinance was approved, residents have tried to have council reconsider and allow bathrooms in boathouses. Residents had cited safety reasons saying otherwise children, family and guests would have to cross busy Lakeside Drive to return home to have access to bathroom facilities.

In his absence, the borough's Planning Commission Attorney Mark McNealis submitted a letter indicating that the commission will continue to "prohibit the establishment of any living quarters or structures other than docks and boathouses in the shoreline zoning district."

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The Planning Commission also strongly recommends changes to property variances and side yard setbacks, the required space from a property line to where a structure can be built.

McNealis said the commission wants to change the requirement of building dock properties 25 to 50 feet wide to prevent overcrowding along the lake front area, a S-1 zoning district.

The Planning Commission also strongly recommends changing the side yard setbacks from 10 feet to 15 feet in the S-1 district. Council noted these changes would create many non-conforming lots within the borough. Council president Francis Kopko ended the public meeting so council members can discuss the issues before re-adjourning

to vote on them during the regular monthly meeting.

Lakefront property owners Jay and Molly Crossin, Pole 9, said, if approved, the proposed ordinance would be detrimental for them. Molly Crossin said the couple had blueprints made before last year's changes to the boathouse ordinance. She said their plan was to build a boathouse within the required 30 feet. If the variances are changed, it would only allot them 20 feet of building space.

After reconvening, council tabled its decision on the boathouse ordinance amendment for further discussion.

In other news ...

Council members sent letters to local and state legislators, asking for support to slow down gas drilling progress until strict guidelines could be enacted.

Council member Rich Williams III announced he had received information from the

Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund of Chambersburg, claiming it could write an ordinance to prohibit gas drilling within the borough.

Williams said the organization is a team of lawyers working on a voluntary basis that will write ordinances and defend them in court if necessary. He wants to have borough solicitor Charles McCormick review the information before proceeding with it.

"We must meet with our solicitor to make sure no loopholes are created and that we are fully protected," Williams said.

Mayor Clarence Hogan is arranging for a gas drilling information night next week but the time and date were not yet available. Hogan advised residents to watch the billboard outside the municipal building for details.

The next Harveys Lake Borough Council meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 21, in the municipal building.

Luzerne County Fair entertainment announced

The Luzerne County Fair will be held from Wednesday, Sept. 8, to Sunday, Sept. 12, at the fairgrounds, Route 118, Dallas.

Hours are 4 to 11 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, 4 to 11:30 p.m. on Friday, 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Sunday. Admission to the fair is \$8 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and free for children under 2 years of age.

Free parking is located in lot "A" on the fair side or Route 118 with a free shuttle from parking lot "B" on the north side of the fairgrounds. Handicapped parking is available by using Gate A or Gate B.

Entertainment includes:
Wednesday, Sept. 8: the Blues

Brotherhood, fair amphitheater, 7 to 8 p.m. and 9 to 10 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 9: Flaxy Morgan, fair amphitheater, 7 to 8 p.m. and 9 to 10 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 10: NOMaD - North of Mason-Dixon, fair amphitheater, 7 to 8 p.m. and 9 to 10 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 11: The Cadillacs, fair amphitheater, 3 to 5 p.m.; Doug Brewin as Alan Jackson, fair amphitheater, 7 to 7:30 p.m. and 9 to 9:30 p.m.; Ryan Pelton as Elvis, fair amphitheater, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 12: Two out of Three, a Meatloaf Tribute Band, fair amphitheater, 2 to 4 p.m.; Star Fires, fair amphitheater, 6 and 8 p.m.

A fireworks finale will be held at 9:15 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 12.

For more information, call 675-FAIR.



The Star Fires will perform in the amphitheater at the Luzerne County Fair at 6 and 8 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 12.

Philharmonic plans series of concerts

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic announces a new series of "lite" concerts.

Chamber Music Series concerts are performed by small ensembles of philharmonic musicians led by principal players and hosted by Music Director Lawrence Loh.

Presented in intimate local settings, this concert series is designed to showcase a different side of the Philharmonic.

"Magnificent Mozart" will be performed at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 7, at the Westmoreland Club, Wilkes-Barre.

Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic's Principal Clarinetist Pascal Archer will perform Mozart's "Clarinet Concerto with Strings" accompanied by members of the NEPA Philharmonic String Section.

"The Concertmaster and a Piano" will be performed at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 13, at The Colonnade, 401 Jefferson Ave., Scranton.

This sparkling concert features Grammy Award Nominee/Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic concertmaster Erica Kiesewetter accompanied by piano.

"The Horns Have It!" will be performed at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13, 2011 at the Westmoreland Club, Wilkes-Barre.

This evening of music features the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic's Principal Trombone Tom Olcott and members of the NEPA Philharmonic Brass Section.

"We've Got the Beat" will be performed at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2011 at The Colonnade, 401 Jefferson Ave., Scranton, featuring the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic Percussion Section.

Light refreshments will be served as the audience enjoys an up-close view of musicians in a casual atmosphere.

Tickets are \$25 each and are available by calling the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic box office at 341-1568.

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