

DALLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board continues to oppose station

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The Dallas School District will continue to "raise objections if needed" at zoning hearings for Chief Gathering LLC's application to build a metering station about 1,300 feet from the four district schools, said the district's attorney for the hearings at Monday night's work session.

Concerned parents and taxpayers attended the Dallas School Board work session to confirm the board's position on a natural gas metering station planned for an area near the school district campus.

Kim Jacobs, a resident and member of the Dallas Parents-Taxpayers Group, expressed concerns about natural gas companies' intentions for the area.

She said the Hildebrandt Road location where two natural gas companies are planning metering facilities and pipeline tap-ins is "so strategic" for the companies, despite the fact they have stated in the past that metering facilities "do not need to be at the Hildebrandt Road location, but it is financially best for them."

Jacobs added it would cost about \$50 million for the companies to relocate equipment to keep children and employees safe, and maintained the companies have a "moral and ethical responsibility" to do so.

"Our children are worth so much more than that," she said to the board. "Please do not put a price tag on them."

An agreement proposed between Chief and the school board was presented at last month's meeting and stated the flammable odorant mercaptan would be removed from the planned location if both parties followed the stipulations of the agreement.

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Jack Dean of Elliot, Greenleaf and Dean, the district's attorney throughout the zoning hearings, said he was approached by Chief attorneys on the agreement, but the board did not agree to the terms.

Solicitor Benjamin Jones III said there were "so many questions unanswered" about the agreement and site plans for the metering station that the board could not agree to any terms.

Dean also said, in addition to removal of mercaptan, Chief will eliminate a 100-foot communications tower from the plans. He said what will be left on the site is a metering facility and a biodegradable glycol container, which he said the board will continue to investigate.

In other news...

- The board received a construction update from Bob Nesbit of Crabtree Rohrbaugh & Associates on the new high school construction project. He said demolition has begun on the former high school and the new building is "virtually finished."

- He also presented a credit of more than \$13,000 to the board for compensation of telecommunications services. The board opted to purchase its own services at a cost savings to the district.

- Superintendent Frank Galicki announced there will be a dedication of the new building at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 28.

- Martin O'Hara was hired as the high school technology education teacher at a salary of \$35,000.



Alana Eveland, of Dallas, checks out a watering can at the annual Meadows Market on the Pond in Dallas.



Janice Mikolajczyk, of Lake Silkworth, says she stays out of trouble all year by making these handcrafted items to sell.

'Market' attracts crowds

The weather was beautiful and the crowds aplenty for the annual "Market on the Pond" sponsored by the Meadows Auxiliary at the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Dallas.

In addition to the many vendor booths, auxiliary booths featured odds and ends, plants, books, baked goods, raffle baskets and tie-dye t-shirts. Food and entertainment rounded out the offerings of the day.



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Hundreds of bargain hunters search the booths at the annual Meadows Market on the Pond.

LEHMAN TOWNSHIP

Residents want speeding to stop

By CAMILLE FIOTI
Dallas Post Correspondent

Several Mountain View Drive residents complained to the Board of Supervisors Monday about the condition of and speeding on the road.

The board agreed that the road is in bad shape, but said because of a lack of funding, only sporadic paving and milling has been done over the years.

"We're trying to stretch our paving dollars as far as we can," said township Roadmaster Doug Ide.

John Niezgoda, who has lived on Mountain View Drive for more than 70 years, said it would be senseless to pave the road until two major drainage pipes in front of his house are unblocked.

Niezgoda, who lives in the 1400 block, said the pipes have been "blocked tight" for at least 20 years. Due to the blockage, storm water floods the road, causing the

road to crack.

"I can't see the purpose of paving a road unless you have a place for the water to go," he said.

Niezgoda and the others also asked if a police officer would monitor the speed of motorists on the road.

"The speed limit is 35 miles per hour," he said. "If you can catch a car going less than 60, I'll buy you a hamburger."

Niezgoda said the speeding is at its highest around 8:50 a.m. on weekdays during the school year.

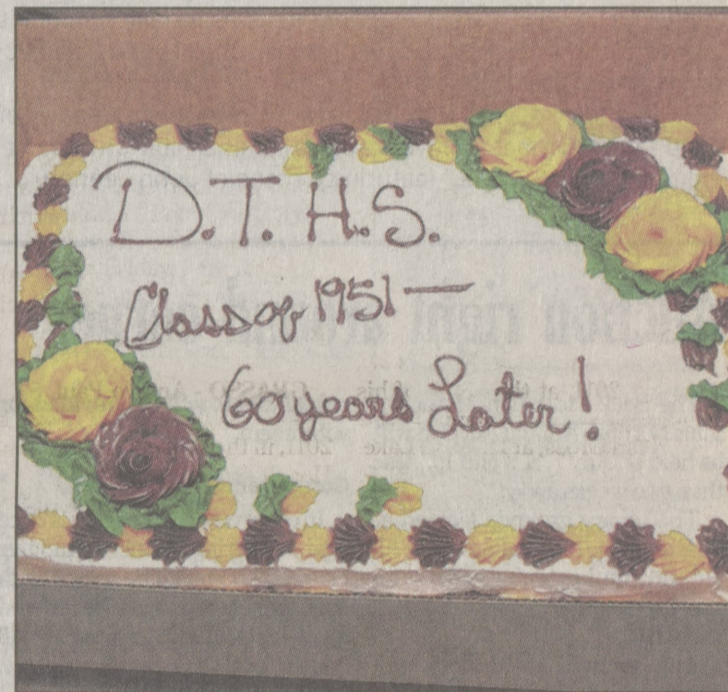
Police Chief Howard Kocher said he would have the area monitored.

In another matter, Supervisor Ray Iwanoski announced that the township may be able to address blighted and nuisance properties with the backing of a bill in the state Legislature referred to as Act 90.

The bill could help speed the process of tracking down owners of abandoned nuisance properties.



Beverly Cushner looks over an old yearbook at the Dallas Township Class of 1951 anniversary reunion.



A cake celebrates the reunion of the Dallas Township High School Class of 1951.

DTHS '51 class reunites

Members of the Dallas Township High School Class of 1951 gathered May 28 at the home of Al Hudak on West Overbrook Road, Dallas to celebrate their 60th anniversary reunion.



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Members of the Dallas Township High School Class of 1951 who recently attended a reunion are, from left, first row, Joe Oblen, Louise Kubasti, Romayne Conklin, Dorothy Searfoss, David Roberts. Second row, Virginia Warren, Barbara Evans, Christine Fowler, Pat Wenchak, Julia Scott. Third row, Al Hudak, Jack Lancia, Nelson Ashburner, Glen Swank and Larry Sutton.

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She was a member of the Tunkhannock United Methodist Church.

Surviving are four sons, William S., of Meshoppen; Edward, of Friendsville; John, of Mon-

trose; and Dale, of Tunkhannock; a daughter, Shelby Riker, of Montrose; a brother, Harold Grow, of Tunkhannock; 17 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

SECORA - Flora L., 84, of Tunkhannock, died Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at the Golden Living Center East Mountain Manor

in Wilkes-Barre.

She was born in Pittston on July 10, 1926, and was a graduate of St. John's in Pittston and Lackawanna Business College. She was employed by St. Michael School for Boys for many years as well as Catholic social services.

Surviving are her daughter, Sandra Horvick, of Wilkes-Barre; her son, Gregory, of Tunkhannock; two grandchildren; nieces

and nephews.

SHULTZ - Julius L., 85, of Dallas, died Saturday, June 18, 2011, at Hospice Care of the VNA, Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre, after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born in Larksville on March 9, 1926, graduated from Dallas Township High School in 1944 and joined the Army Air Force the same year. He worked

as an airplane mechanic on the islands of Leyte, Luzon and Okinawa. He was attached to the 13th Air Force Squadron and was discharged in 1944.

Before retiring, he was employed at Native Textiles where he was a machine operator and mechanic for 40 years. He was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, and the Daddow Isaacs American Legion Post

672, Dallas.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Lillian Pastula Shultz; sister, Irene Hope, of Melbourne, Fla.; brother, Raymond, of Dallas; nieces, nephews, great-nephews and great-nieces.

Memorial donations to the Medical Oncology Associates Prescription Fund, 382 Pierce St., Kingston, PA 18704 or Hospice Care of the VNA.