

LEHMAN TOWNSHIP

ATVs posing problems, supervisors table decision

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The board of supervisors fielded questions from residents on Oct. 15 regarding a proposed ordinance that would restrict the use of all-terrain vehicles on residential property. Many in the audience expressed disapproval of the ordinance, saying it is too restrictive. Some said the noise from lawnmowers and generators is more of a nuisance than ATVs.

The ordinance, which pertains only to properties zoned as R1, would prohibit riding an ATV within 100 feet from an adjoining or adjacent property line

and at least 150 feet from an off-site residential dwelling. The ordinance would also allow township police to cite violators after an initial warning.

Several ATV and snowmobile owners spoke out against the proposed ordinance, including a father who asked if his 4-year-old daughter will have to stop riding her mini quad around their yard.

Although the ordinance defines an ATV as any motorized off-road recreational vehicle capable of cross-country travel on land, snow, ice, marsh, swampland or other natural terrain, board chairman Dave Sutton said it doesn't pertain to such gas-powered toys as the 4-year-

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old's mini quad. The ordinance also excludes golf carts and other utility vehicles used for yard work and snow removal.

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division presented a petition to the board with 100 signatures of people in favor of ATV restrictions.

After hearing concerns from those in attendance, the board decided to examine the ordinance more closely and compare it to related state laws.

"We will not adopt the ordinance tonight," Sutton said. "It

obviously needs work. It's a little too restrictive for what our intent is."

Sutton pointed out that although this type of ordinance doesn't need to be advertised, the board wanted to give residents a chance to discuss it.

In the regular meeting that followed the discussion on ATVs, the board passed a property maintenance ordinance which requires owners and occupants of township structures and dwellings to maintain the exterior of their property in accordance to the ordinance. A full description of all township ordinances and proposed ordinances can be found on the township's websites: www.leh-

manpa.com or lehmantwp.com.

In another matter, two Lake Silkworth residents complained about constant barking from their neighbor's dogs and asked if the township has a dog barking ordinance. Sutton said the township had an ordinance in the past, but it was inadvertently omitted when the township's ordinances were rewritten several years ago. He assured the residents the ordinance would be adopted again in the near future.

Also, Supervisor Doug Ide reported that repairs to a bridge on Meeker Outlet Road would be completed soon and the bridge will reopen by the end of this week.



Third-grade teacher Mrs. Maureen Devine, left, and her students huddle with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins mascot Tux.



Lake-Noxen Elementary School third-grader Alicia Nikbakht, center, raises her arms in victory after winning the 'bobbing for doughnuts' contest at the third annual PTO carnival.

LN PTO Carnival always a BIG hit

The Third Annual Lake-Noxen Elementary School PTO Carnival offered snacks, crafts, entertainment, pumpkin decorating, scarecrow building, games and much more for students in grades K-6 on Oct. 12. Tiffany Kuhar is president of the Lake-Noxen Elementary School PTO.



Lake-Noxen Elementary School third-grader Benjamin Weiss pets Baby Blue, a Shetland pony, at the PTO carnival.



Lake-Noxen fifth-grader McKenzie Apaliski gets low to the beat of the Cha Cha Slide.



'Haunted Woods' will benefit the Lake-Lehman Last Knight Lock-In.

Dare to enter 'Haunted Woods'

Lehman-Jackson Elementary School Haunted Woods takes participants on an adventure through the woods and down the newly-finished walking trail behind the school.

The trail starts behind the playground and leads the most daring on a 15-minute walk through different skits.

Lake-Lehman Last Knight President Amy Spess said there will be a butcher shop, a lab, a

cemetery and much more but cautions that some of the skits may not be suitable for small children. A visit from the Lehman Witch is also expected.

Volunteers, including Lake-Lehman Key Club members and students, will perform the skits. Donations of props were accepted to help with the event.

The Haunted Woods benefits the Lake-Lehman Senior Lock-In known as the Last Knight and the

Lake Silkworth Fire Company. Lake Silkworth firefighters will be on hand.

The Last Knight Committee hopes Haunted Woods is successful enough to become an annual event.

"I think it will be a wonderful opportunity for the kids and, hopefully, more seniors and undergrads will get involved," said Spess.

-Megan Schneider

DALLAS TOWNSHIP

Fire depts. can recover costs when insurance in existence

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Township engineers Ryan and Tom Doughton informed the board of supervisors at its meeting on Oct. 17 that the township must submit an application to the state Department of Environmental Protection for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit.

This permit requires the township to locate all storm basins and waterways in the township, using a Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) system and documenting them on a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) map.

In another matter, the board voted to authorize Dallas Fire & Ambulance and Kunkle Fire Department to recover costs incurred for incidents in the township for which there is in-

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insurance coverage.

"We have a lot of truck and vehicle accidents in the township," said Kunkle Fire Chief Jack Dodson. "Believe it or not, a lot of people are from out of the area and without insurance. We get stuck paying the bill."

The board announced that another municipality has expressed an interest in purchasing the township's 2003 Ford F-450 mini-dump truck for \$25,000, but the township has not yet received payment for the vehicle. The board voted

to advertise the truck with a minimum bid of \$25,000 if the interested municipality does not commit to the purchase by next month.

In other business, the board voted:

- To hire Gina Marie Kotowski, of Mountaintop, as a part-time police officer, pending satisfactory completion of medical and psychological examinations.

- To contribute \$1,000 to the SPCA of Luzerne County and \$4,000 to the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

Family Halloween Party at Harveys Lake church has been canceled

A Family Halloween Party slated for Sunday, Oct. 28 at the

Outlet Free Methodist Church in Harveys Lake has been canceled.

For more information, call Sandra Serhan at 639-3299.