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Marietta offers to re-hire Breckline

(but he's not sure he wants the job back)

Marietta Borough Council narrowly voted to offer Bill Breckline his former position as roads supervisor last Tuesday.

Breckline was fired last August after he was accused of stealing parking meter receipts.

The charges were recently thrown out of court, and a motion was offered at the last council meeting to

reinstate the former roads chief.

The Council was split 3-3 on the question. Council President Oliver Overlander, Councilman Ken Ross and Councilman Jim Howell all voted against the motion.

Councilmen John L. Parker, Jr., John Reuter and John Hinkle voted to offer Breckline his old

position.

Mayor J. Robert Flanagan broke the deadlock by voting in favor of Breckline.

The resolution passed with the mayor's help will pay Breckline's salary from the day he was dismissed up to the day of the preliminary hearing, when the charges against him were dismissed.

Bill Breckline has not decided whether to accept the offer. On the advice of his attorney, S. R. Zimmerman III, he is waiting for a formal apology and offer of reinstatement to appear in his attorney's office. At that point, he will make a decision.

He is now employed by the Donegal School District.

Free trees after all

The "Free Trees" headline the *Susquehanna Times* ran two weeks ago, incorrect at the time, has turned into a reality—Marietta's project Tree-mendous is no longer collecting "donations" from residents wanting trees planted in front of their houses.

The \$10 donation policy was overturned Tuesday a week ago at the Borough Council meeting. Councilman John Parker motioned that the donations be returned and all trees be

provided free. He made this motion because he believes the donations to be improper or illegal. "There should be no charge, because that's the way the government [i.e., the Federal agency that granted the money for the trees] set it up," he said.

Mr. Parker stated that he would have had no objection to the policy set up by the Tree Committee if he had not believed this to be the case. He feels that the committee acted with good intentions, but over-

stepped their jurisdiction.

Councilmen Ross and Howell voted to retain the donation policy.

Mr. Ross told the *Times* that some options under the old plan have been eliminated by Council's decision. Such options include free bricking around planted trees and public trees in the park.

The limitation comes in because only a fixed sum from the grant, about \$3000, can be used for materials. The rest must go

to pay wages.

Ross feels that people would have taken better care of their trees under the old plan. "This way, people will think of them as Council's trees, not their trees," he said. He added that, despite the change in plans, project Treemendous is still "very much alive."

The order of planting of the trees has not been altered by the decision. The trees will still be planted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Why Indians may lose biggest game in DHS history

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Who's running for office

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East Donegal gets \$38,000

recreation grant

East Donegal Township supervisors Thursday announced confirmation of \$38,000 from the Lancaster County Redevelopment Authority to develop a recreation area in the township.

Supervisors requested the funds from the county group, and they recently received verbal notification that the request has been approved.

Supervisors said the East Donegal Park Commission will use the funds to develop a recreation area adjacent to the municipal building off Rock Point Road outside Maytown.

The tract currently is eight acres. It is landscaped and includes a pavilion.

Plans for the future call for a 12-by-32-foot addition to the pavilion, kitchen, rest rooms, tables and benches, and additional trees for the tract.

Also proposed is equipment for a children's playlot, including swings and sliding board, and tennis courts.

In other business, Harold Drager, an appointee for the unexpired term of the late James Johnson, as-

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Massive mains

in Mount Joy attract motor enthusiasts —fenders are rigid, too

"Listen to this fender!" exclaimed the 1800 enthusiast, pounding his meaty fist onto the auto's sheet metal. "Hear that? That's a solid fender!"

The fender did indeed sound solid, letting out, not a tinny whang, but a quiet, dull thud.

The scene took place at Strickler Imports near Mount Joy last week, when the Volvo Sports America Club met there. The club is composed of enthusiasts of the Volvo 1800 sports car, which was imported into this country between 1962 and 1973.

The ardent devotion of the club members to their 1800's is based not on exotic engineering or fast acceleration—the 1800 lacks either—but on durability.

In addition to heavy-duty fenders, the 1800 engine is very sturdy. It was described by *Road and Track* magazine as "an almost indestructible motor."

Last Sunday a number of club members told a reporter about the 1800's five main bearings, the secret of its durability. "They're like diesel mains," said one. "Massive," declared another.

After most of the club members climbed into their 1800's and headed back to New Jersey or New York, Strickler Imports mechanic Rich Kushner showed us the block of an 1800. It did indeed have five massive main bearings, as well as

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Volvo 1800 enthusiasts crowd around their favorite car in the Strickler Imports showroom. Most had come from the Philadelphia area, but one man who signed the guest register was from California. The Volvo 1800 in

the photo is 11 years old. Another at the get-together has 300,000 miles on it but "still no squeeks," according to its owner. Fans like the car's durability.