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## Work to begin soon on Phase II of Penn Forest Park

#### by Seth Isenberg

Bids came in low for Phase II of fields-building for the Penn Forest Township Park when they were opened at the township supervisors March 7 meeting. Township engineer Greg Pavlik was pleased to see two of the bids come in below estimates (only one came in high). Eleven companies took bid packages, and four submitted bids.

The low bid of \$1,097,370, and bidder Custom Contracting of Acme, PA, were to be checked over to see that everything meets conditions.

(They were approved at a special meeting on March 16.)

Construction is to start in April for a late summer completion (so as to get a grass growing season in). The fields will then be ready for next year, while the basketball and tennis courts will be open by

Since August, Lindsay Martin of Albrightsville, a 6th grader at the Penn-Kidder Campus, has been raising money for the Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors. Inc. in honor of her brother, Patrick, who is serving in the military now. She is holding programs and putting out collection jars around Albrightsville. So far, she has collected over \$200 for PA Wounded Warriors. In April, a Dress-Down Day at the Penn-Kidder School will raise even more. Look for the results of her work in next month's Journal of Penn-Kidder.

For more information about her chosen charity, Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors, Inc., go to www.pawoundedwarriors.org. early fall, if not sooner.

Treasurer Tammy Mc-Mahon's report shows \$2,377,037 in the township's general fund, \$721,916 in sanitation, \$241,730 in septic, \$134,317 in capital reserve, \$65,757 in Liquid Fuels, \$27,322 in payroll, \$9,209 in SALDO, plus \$591,705 in Park/Recreation, for a total of \$4.161.903. There's \$2,519,339 in the PLGIT and \$308,065 in the JTNB CDs. Supervisors approved the treasurer's report.

February bills of \$60,772 from the general fund. \$30,000 was paid to to Penn Forest VFC#2. Bills of note are a total of \$5,371 to the U.S. Treasury, \$5,243 for six bills to Barry Isett & Assoc. for engineering and professional services, \$3,907 to the PA Workers Insurance Fund. \$3,030 for bonding to H.A. Thompson Co., \$1,796 to Carbon County for 911 services, \$1,730 to Capital One Bank, \$1,702 for staff's health and vision insurance to Highmark, \$1,298 to Millennium Computer Services, \$987 to PPL for electric, \$800 to WEX Bank for vehicle fuel, plus 26 other smaller bills.

The Sanitation fund shows \$27,648 in bills starting with \$10,722 Waste Management and \$10,946 for payroll, \$1,702 for insurances, and 8 other bills. BIA was paid \$1,628 for septic work out of the Septic Fund. Liquid Fuels spent \$16,320 for two orders of rock salt, \$1,449 to Locust Ridge for anti-skid, \$1,345 for new signs for Behrens Road and \$742 for vehicle repairs, plus four other bills, for a total of \$20,480. From the Parks Fund, bills were \$989, All bills were approved unanimously.

Supervisors agreed to donate \$1,000 to the Jim Thorpe Summer Recreation Program, as budgeted.

Township Fire Police can help at the Carbon County Fair again this summer, approved 5-0.

In public comment, attorney Carole Walbert spoke on behalf of some Towamensing Trails property owners whose properties and homes are being flooded during heavy rains. Roadmaster and supervisor's chairman Butch Reiner explained that the township has met with the development on the issue before, and that

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#### Penn Forest...

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there needs to be bigger pipes under driveways in the area to direct flow. The township promised that it would take care of "our end" if the development fixes their issues. The water then should flow to the lake instead of through these properties.

Neil Goldman asked for information on electronics recycling, and wants to see the return of the per bag charge at the Transfer Station. On electronics recycling, Reiner called to State Rep. Doyle Heffley's office to see what they can do, as prices for the service and for TVs and such have gotten very high.

Walter Gibbon wants to know about the money that went missing at the Transfer Station. He also says people are coming to the Transfer Station without permits.

Former supervisor Paul Montemuro asked why there were no bathrooms in the park for Phase II. Supervisor Scott Lignore explained that it is cheaper to bid the bath-

rooms out separately.

In business, supervisors voted to approve the disposition/destruction of old, unneeded township records from between 1962 and 2001. They agreed to contract with PPL to install two LED-equipped street lights on Behrens Road, and convert all the other township street lights to LEDs.

Roadmaster Reiner got permission 5-0 to replace both of the township's dump trucks for \$48,500 each plus the tradein of the 2012 vehicles. The Chevy 3500s come via PA CoStars with a new plow, new

spreader and new lights set. It was agreed to buy one unit right now, and the other later in the spring.

The township did not receive any State of Emergency money from the January snowstorm.

Reiner will have the township crews apply 1 ton of lime and a ½ ton of fertilizer on the township park's new grass.

The Park and Recreation Board will begin to meet again on the 3rd Monday of each month, at 6 p.m.

The transfer station collected \$443 for bulk items in February. Sales of garbage permits for 2015-16 are \$239,831.

The township has started filing liens on delinquent garbage accounts. Collection letters are also going out. Supervisors voted 5-0 to clear errors and adjust for proceeds

from sheriff's and bankruptcy sales totaling \$6,763.

There were 17 septic, escrow and perc requests, and 17 right-to-knows last month.

In code officer Kathryn Forry's report on permit activity, issued were 4 zoning and 2 building permits, 7 zoning and 8 building certificates of occupancy. There were 18 zoning, and 40 UCC inspections, plus 4 zoning complaints to investigate, with 8 follow-ups.

Fourteen citizens, four staff and two press joined supervisors Reiner, Lignore, Judy Knappenberger, Chris Fazio and Phil Shedaker at this meeting.

The next regular meeting of Penn Forest supervisors is Monday, April 4 at 6 p.m. for the work session, with the regular meeting to follow at 7 p.m. at the township building on Route 903.

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Shots for both dogs and cats will be available for \$12 per shot. All animals must be in a cage or on a leash.

The clinic is dedicated in memory of Sandi Dietz, who passed away November 2,

2008. Dietz spearheaded the clinic to combat rabies.

Carbon County Treasurer Ron Sheehan will be on hand to sell Carbon County dog licenses. All dogs 3 months and older must have a dog license. Licenses are also available by calling the treasurer's office. Dr. Sharon Lachette of the White Haven Veterinary Hospital will again donate her time to administer the inoculations.

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## Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

Ah, springtime. Winter temperatures returned at precisely the wrong time on the calendar and kept our St. Patrick's weekend chilled. Mugs were naturally frosted. Mother Nature blew chills up kilts. It was a nice day, and a nice week.

On Sunday while Ruth and I were shopping, we passed by a fellow shopper who was kilted up. He wore a T-shirt and really nice plaid kilt, and my first thought was a smile for St. Patrick's Day celebrants, and my second thought was "Brrrrrrrr."

Our week was more dominated by Penguins than

Leprechauns. The WBS Penguins won both games over the weekend against archrival Hershey, so our locals are now tied for first place and have the playoffs in our sights. If the team keeps winning, and some of our rivals lose, our playoff position will be settled. There are home games Saturday and Tuesday. Come and enjoy a taste of the playoffs before the playoffs.

We are members of Rotary International. This past weekend, we attended an officers training program in Hanover, New Jersey, to get us ready for the next year. We learned

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what's new, and enjoyed exchanging news and ideas with clubs from PA, NJ and southern NY. The event tied us up all of Friday and most of Saturday, but the hotel was close by where my Uncle Slater works so we got to see him on Friday after the afternoon sessions wrapped up, and then again for a quick visit at his home on our way back to the Poconos on Saturday. On our way, we found gasoline at \$1.53 a gallon.

From my uncle's, we drove directly to the Kalahari Resort to attend the first ever Greater Pocono Home & Outdoor Living Show - and found it packed. It was great. The show filled the convention room and spread into the hall where this newspaper has a table. We walked the show and visited the booths, talking

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with many of the exhibitors. Then we worked at our table a bit, returning Sunday to do so again. It was good to meet some of our readers as they stopped by.

Saturday after we left the show, we headed into Wilkes-Barre to try to resolve an issue with my Sprint cell phone before going to that night's hockey game. No luck - Sprint customer service won't allow the local store to

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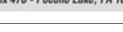


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## Sightings...

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fix the problem. It looks like I have a few hours more of phone calls to them before this resolves - no fun.

Sunday, after our time at the Home & Outdoor Living Show, we stopped in to catch some of the 40 Story Radio Tower show at the Mauch Chunk Opera House in Jim

Thorpe.

On our driving this weekend, we sighted blooms on the forsythia bushes in New Jersey, and some spring flowers adding color here and there. With more spring like temperatures, we may see some red buds on the hardwood trees soon.

I am diving into March Madness as it comes to women's college basketball. The Lady Huskies look great so far. With the men's side, I like some of the underdogs. I am also looking at the college ice hockey playoffs. One lucky local that I talked with is taking their family to Albany this weekend to see three of the games.

The Game of Thrones is now on our Netflix list, having just come available from last season. Time to catch our fa-

vorite characters to see what troubles they are in, or are due for. The filmmakers have reached the end of the books, so it's all new for everyone after that point ... dragons, walking dead, heroes, and lots and lots of villains...

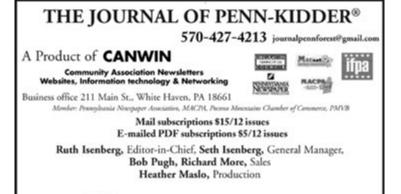
And, there's the presidential primary season to watch,

Sad news from Brussels. Keep alert everyone. Kind of an odd/cool vibe about the President in Cuba. Ruth and I want to go there some time soon, so here's hoping Cuba opens up to tourism soon.

This weekend, we plan to get our English pointer, Chess, out for some hiking and long walks since she didn't get any of those due to the Rotary training and the Home Show. We are hoping to take a long ride Easter afternoon, perhaps even for a

Happy Easter to everyone who is celebrating.





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be a final number for the entire cast to perform. If you are interested in helping with this program, call 215-285-7882.

#### MUSIC FOR LITTLE MOZARTS

Music classes for 5-6 year olds are coming to the Poconos! A meet and greet open house is scheduled for Saturday May 7, 2-5 p.m. at Schoolhouse Central Inc, next to the Albrightsville Fire Company on Route 534. Bring your child and meet Mary Kay Warner, a piano teacher with 20+ years teaching experience, and

owner of Mary Kay's Piano Studio. She is accepting 5 and 6 year-old students for classes in Music for Little Mozarts, a curriculum published by Alfred Publishing Company. Classes are limited to four students per group, or in private lessons.

Mary Kay is also accepting students of all ages. She is the music director for Salem St. Paul Lutheran Church in Kresgeville. Mary Kay has a B.S. in Music Education, and has been a member of the National Guild of Piano Teachers since 1997.

She teaches an average of 35-40 students per year.

She moved to the Poconos

from Albany, Georgia in July, 2015.

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by Stephanie Grega

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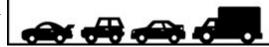
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- 7. Retirement investment
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## Police Beat by Seth Isenberg

Just after noon on 3-17, the body of 24 y/o Demetrio Hughes of Mount Pocono was found in the woods off the Jackson/Hypsie Gap Road in Jackson Twp. He had been shot, and his body partially burned. PA State Police – Fern Ridge is conducting a murder investigation, and seeks any information to help in finding Hughes' killer. If you can help, call to PSP-F at 570 646-2271.

PSP-Lehighton conducted

a death investigation about a 50 y/o Gilbert woman on 3-23, determining there was nothing suspicious. The investigation will remain open pending toxicology and autopsy results.

PSP-L is investigating two burglaries in the area during the past week. In each, a garage was broken into and items taken – in one case a Ruger SR 22 handgun.

3-3 at 6 p.m., PSP-F Troopers were called to detain a juvenile client of Child First in Albrightsville after he punched and kicked an SUV owned by the agency – doing minor damage.

A 60 y/o Albrightsville man got a call from what he believed to be his mortgage lender in reference to a loan modification on 2-22. The man was convinced to send a MoneyGram to the "Mortgage Company" for \$994.50. On 3-4, he learned he had been scammed and contacted PSP-F. Contact PSP if you suspect you too have been a victim of a scam.

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#### Police Beat...

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#### The Penn-Kidder Area is **NOT HIGH Enough for some**

PSP-L made 6 DUI arrests in their coverage area in the last two weeks.

PSP-F made a traffic stop on Interstate 80 east at mm283 in Tobyhanna Twp. just before 9:30 p.m. on 3-4. The Wilkes-Barre-area driver was suspected of driving under the influence, and was given sobriety tests. He failed, and was arrested for

DUI of a controlled substance. A pat-down found he was in possession of controlled substances. Charges are pending evidence evaluation.

A 47 y/o Delaware driver's car was stopped on Route 940 west of Moseywood Rd. in Kidder Twp. at 3:33 p.m. on 3-4. PSP-F Troopers determined he was driving drunk, and arrested him for DUI. Charges will be filed at District Justice Joe Homanko's office.

#### Keeping the Rubber Side Down ...

PSP-F is investigating a fatal crash near Maltese Rd.

on Route 115 in Effort at 1:43 a.m. on 3-17 where two vehicles hit head-on. Three people were pronounced dead at the scene, and two were taken by ambulance to Lehigh Valley MC's trauma unit. There are no further details at press time.

With the good weather, there were far fewer accidents than usual.

Snow is mainly in our rearview mirror, but there are still some icv spots on these cold nights for the next few weeks.

# Spring Train Meet in Palmerton

The Carbon Model Railroad Society will hold its Spring Train Meet on Sunday, April 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Palmerton Area High School gym. This is a model railroad, toy train and railroadiania sale for the serious and the amateur railroad and model train collector.

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# L-CCC main campus hosts spring job fair

Lehigh Carbon Community College will host a Spring Job Fair from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on April 7, in The Lisa Scheller and Wayne Woodman Community Services Center (CSC) at the college's main campus in Schnecksville.

LCCC students and alumni

are encouraged to attend. The public is also invited. Please bring resumes and wear professional attire as local and regional employers will be available to discuss full-time, part-time, seasonal, and internship opportunities.

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