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Stormwater Management Ordinance 156

In November Council enacted a federally mandated Stormwater Management Ordinance, applicable to all new construction. Although applicable to all new construction, only larger projects are truly impacted. You may need some professional help addressing the 'trip point', or steering clear of it. If you have a large project and a SWM Plan is required, the Borough must have it professionally and independently reviewed, and at your expense. View Ordinance 156 at:

[<http://www.indianlakepa.us/dotnetnuke/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=Ve3iUMDHVWc%3d&tabid=56&mid=381>]

Floodplain Management Ordinance (no number yet)

Our new Ordinance is complete and has gotten favorable review by the state and the feds. It will not be enacted this year, however, since FEMA is behind schedule on the new digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), now scheduled for early 2012 in our region. The latest draft, with all comments incorporated, is on the web site:

[<http://www.indianlakepa.us/dotnetnuke/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=DYHPyMP7E7Y%3d&tabid=56&mid=381>]

2010 Audited Financials

Our 2010 Financials are on the web site under "**Reports**". 2009 data is also provided for reference. The good news is our numbers are accurate, and our cash/cash flow situation is good. The bad news is the dam debt.

[<http://www.indianlakepa.us/dotnetnuke/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=SSoK5EPlaco%3d&tabid=83&mid=417>]

Smoke Signals - update

The Indian Lake/Lake Stonycreek Info Network web site <http://www.indianlake-pa.net> has been overhauled using the same software as the new Borough site. Perhaps the most popular area on the site is the 'News Archives' that contained all of the old **Smoke Signals** newsletters from the 60's and 70's that we could locate (30+). They are under the **News** tab. We recently scanned another dozen or so. We are missing 5 in 1965, 2 in 1966, 1 in 1967 and 4 in 1968. 1969 thru 1971 are in the to-be-scanned file.

What is on the web site is searchable, but the optical-character-recognition (OCR) is poor. I just got some new OCR software which is super, so the next project will be to re-do the OCR.

One use that seems to be entertaining is to see if you can spot your, or a friend's, home in the many "under construction" photos. Some are easy...

Building Code Official - No Change

Based on further consideration following the Mayor's veto, Council has reconsidered last month's decision to change, and will remain a member of the Somerset County Municipal Co-op. This means Somerset County Building Inspections, exclusively, will continue to issue all building permits and conduct all inspections. Thank you to those who provided input.

Election 2011

The Indian Lake/Lake Stonycreek Info Network web site also has added a tab for info regarding the 2011Municipal Elections at: <http://www.indianlake-pa.net/asp/Elections2011/KeyDates.aspx>. A listing of key

dates for the May 17th primary and the November 8th general elections are provided: **Candidates for the major party primaries must get petitions signed between 15 Feb and 8 March (next 3 weeks).**

Candidates may ultimately use this site to communicate as they wish, similar to what was done for the 2009 election. Election info will not be added to the Borough web site.

Comcast - Wrap Up

Enough has been said already, but it was pointed out that I may have been unclear about what to do if you have not been able to pick up your free adapters. **They are still available, for free, but by mail.** The only time you might need to pay is if you need a service call to install it or get it working.

One resident (Regis Walsh) who lives in Pittsburgh and travels through Monroeville regularly has offered to pick up boxes if need be, but the mail option seems easier... Those of us who have been through the install can be resources if you have a problem.

I want to thank Paul Balint and Harry Elinski, and everyone else who voiced concern and provided input and assistance. I received a number of thanks myself from people who were otherwise unaware, but I have to admit I was clueless until alerted by Paul and Harry. Glad it's working out.

Business/Commerce Development Committee (The Lakes Business Council)

Borrowing on Jim McIntyre's book title, this tribal committee, formed earlier this year, represents all the businesses at Indian Lake, and hopefully Lake Stonycreek and some surrounding areas. After a couple of meetings, chaired by Marc Alaia of the Marina and with just about all the businesses attending at some point, they are already planning for growth, raising some funds, and a community event this summer. Mark your calendars; the weekend of **August 5-7th** promises to be a great weekend. Save up some Wampum, plan to hang around the Reservation, and stay close to the WigWam in case a PowWow breaks out.

For the time being this group is combined with the Community Events committee and will remain a Committee under the Borough and will use the Borough for their mailing address, etc. (like the Service Corp).

If you have questions, ideas or want to help out, please contact them directly. Their web page is:

<http://www.indianlakepa.us/dotnetnuke/BoroughHOME/Committees/BusinessCommerceDevelopment/tabid/107/Default.aspx>

And their e-mail address is BUSINESS@indianlakepa.us .

Resignation

After a year of fun and games I will be resigning as Council President effective March 9th (the next meeting). I will remain on Council, but in a non-leadership role. I will also be relinquishing my assignment as Emergency Management Coordinator now that our EAP and EOP have been completed and issued. I plan to complete my term on Planning and remain as Chair.

This is a decision made for personal reasons and has caused me great angst as I am not a quitter. I'm also not a politician. It is no secret my views on important issues differ from our legal advisors and at times the majority of Council. Being asked to either defend them or keep my mouth shut is not fair to me (actually the latter is impossible...); equally important, **not** defending them is likewise not fair to the rest of Council, and perhaps you. It has taken a while, but I now understand that to be true.

I will stay in touch via www.indianlake-pa.net. Maybe a blog 'nat... If you want my thoughts, just ask. These newsletters may continue with a different author; maybe not.

Happy Valentine's Day

I'm looking forward to spring/summer and getting away from this computer... How 'bout you?

Thank you for your time.

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