

## E-News 8 April 2011

### Gay Reed's Indian Lake Post

We all know Gay Reed, Indian Lake's ex-officio Corresponding Secretary and Cruise Director. Gay organizes the monthly community mixer luncheons/dinners and has inarguably the most comprehensive e-mail mailing list, which gets relied upon regularly.

Gay is now issuing a monthly document called the *Indian Lake Post*. The purpose is to provide a "classified ad" section of a newspaper but without the rest of the paper... Items "For Sale", "Help Wanted", "Lost and Found", "Free to a Good Home" or whatever Gay will publish. These will also be posted/archived on the [www.indianlake-pa.net](http://www.indianlake-pa.net) community service website under the **FIND** tab.

<http://indianlake-pa.net/asp/FIND/GayReedsIndianLakePost.aspx>

Contact Gay directly for any ads at [GayleneReed@comcast.net](mailto:GayleneReed@comcast.net) . Thanks Gay !!

### DEP EHB Appeal Ruling

The DEP's Environmental Hearing Board (EHB) is their own internal "judicial system" for adjudicating complaints and appealing DEP rulings, actions, and permitting. One of the ongoing items of litigation was an appeal by Mr. Lyons and Mrs. Takacs of the DEP encroachment permit to St. Clair Development for the docks at Kickapoo. Last week the EHB issued a rather lengthy ruling affirming the permit and denying that appeal. You can read this ruling if you would like at:

<http://ehb.courtapps.com/efile/documentViewer.php?documentID=9056&opinion=true>

Reading this will give you some idea of what you have to go through if DEP (or a neighbor...) feels your boat dock is dangerous or non-compliant. In my own opinion it is sad to have DEP involved in our boat docks to begin with; the basis for their involvement is solely dam safety and floodplain issues, none of which are even remotely involved in this case, or any I can think of... [my opinion alone] This does not mean at all that I dispute a resident's, or group of residents', right to voice their concern. I just wish DEP did not have to be involved as an instrument (or weapon as some contend) to have that occur. We maybe can learn from what DEP has done to keep their own squabbles in their own back yard.

### Dam Phase III

I haven't heard anything new on the dam. At the next (April 13th) Council meeting I expect a favorable report from CME on their discussions with DEP on the lower cost, simpler alternatives to an elaborate secondary spillway. Maybe it's more a wish than an expectation... I will try to keep you informed on this and other important issues via the community service web site at <http://www.indianlake-pa.net>

***Registration on [www.indianlake-pa.net](http://www.indianlake-pa.net) is not required, but if you do register you will be subscribed to e-newsletters issued via the site.***

### Election 2011

The last day to register to vote in the May 17 Primary Election is **April 18th**. Visit the Community Service site at <http://indianlake-pa.net/asp/Elections2011/KeyDates.aspx> for other key dates.

Candidate pages are being set up. Candidates will be providing biographical info as well as their views on key issues. All candidates are welcomed and will be given equal access to the site and its features.

Of interest is the fact that all five candidates vying for the three open positions are Republicans; there are no Democrats registered for the primary. **This means that the May 17th primary could very well determine the final election results** as there will be no Democrats on the November ballot and **only** the 3 Republicans who win the primary. [Independent (no party) candidates have until August to get on the ballot and write-in candidates are always a possibility]

**Your vote is important.** Seven Council members, hopefully representing you and your views, have to address the Borough's huge expenses such as the dam remediation and legal/litigation. These expenses will determine the Borough tax rates (millage) for the next two to three decades.

**Our legal expenses have risen by a factor of ten since 2000-2005.** [<\$6,000 to >\$60,000] While today they may represent "only" 10% of our overall millage (1.5 mils out of 15 total), today's legal expense represents nearly one-third of 2005's millage rate (1.5 mils out of 4.79). **Legal expenses are controllable.** That is my opinion and I'm sticking with it.

What is important is that you decide and, if you can, vote accordingly. Find out where the candidates stand on that issue and what they credibly plan to do to fix it.

### **Happy Easter**

The Easter Bunny is non-denominational, so I hope I'm not being politically incorrect... If the Holiday holds more significance to you I sincerely hope you enjoy it spending time with friends and family.

...And yes, this is finally my last e-newsletter... Promise.

I appreciate your time,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bob Hanson". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Bob Hanson

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