

A meeting of the Lehigh County Board of Commissioners was held at 7:30 p.m. on this date in the Public Hearing Room of the Lehigh County Government Center with Percy H. Dougherty presiding as Chairman.

Present: Commissioners Percy Dougherty, Jane Ervin, George Laughlin, Grayson McNair, Joseph **Maher**, Joseph Pascuzzo, Sterling Raber and Linda Rosenfeld. Commissioner McHugh was absent.

Others: Rick Klotz, Director of Administration; Bill Berndt, Deputy Court Administrator; John Stoffa, Director of Human Services; Gloria Zimmerman, Cedarbrook Nursing Homes Director; Robert Korp, Director of Planning; Ed Sweeney, Director of Corrections; Judy Johnston, Executive Administrator; Janice Nisbet, Human Resources Director; Michelle Griffin, Public Affairs Manager; Henry **Perkin**, Solicitor; Renee Smith, Deputy District Attorney; Ron **Rossi**, Sheriff; Christopher Christman, Legislative Aide; Stephen Van **Natten**, Deputy Solicitor; David Barilla, Clerk to the Board; reporters Dan Hartzell, Morning Call and Dan Holzman, WAEB.

Commissioner McNair and Rosenfeld moved to approve the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners' meetings held April 12, 2000. Commissioner **Maher** said there was one notation on page nine in regard to the discussion between District Attorney Jim Martin and Commissioner Pascuzzo were the word not was left out, the fact that it did not cost the County anything to conduct the program according to the testimony of the District Attorney. Commissioner **Maher** moved to amend the minutes to add that word. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McNair and approved by a unanimous voice vote. The motion of Commissioners McNair and Rosenfeld to approve the April **12, 2000** minutes as amended was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Under Executive Sessions, the clerk announced that there were none held since the last meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

Under Citizens Input, Phil **O'Reily** said he is here to follow-up on a letter he wrote to the Chair about his concerns about the JDN project in Lower Macungie Township to build a Walmart store. He said for some time he has been acting as a pro-se opponent against this project because of the environmental problems. He said he feels that the Conservation District, which reports to the County, is not adequately overseeing this project. He said there have been 45 violations as of the last article in The Morning Call and since then there have been additional ones. He said with all of these violations there have been no penalties and he feels that is a travesty. He said pollution has been occurring. He said he took photos from the April 21st rainfall that shows the water runoff from this site. He said it is silt laden and some kind of chemicals are showing up in the storm water runoff. He said that runoff goes into the golf course next door, then into a swale on the middle school site, under the bridge on Lower Macungie Road and into the Little Lehigh Creek, which is a protected stream and is a source of drinking water for Allentown. He said he is concerned with the Conservation District not responding in a timely fashion or in fact citing actual violations and contamination. He said they are not doing their job and he asks that the County look at this and ensure that they do spot these

violations. He asked why there are no penalties and why they are not required to fix the problem.

Commissioner Dougherty said he received Mr. O'Reily's letter. He said he would like to state that he knows Mr. O'Reily personally and he served on his campaign committee when he ran for **office**. He said rather than taking care of this individually, he forwarded copies to Paul Sell and Commissioner Pascuzzo who chairs the Planning Committee. He said he will turn this over to Commissioner Pascuzzo.

Commissioner Pascuzzo said he appreciates Mr. O'Reily's letter and his being here this evening. He said he thinks it is important that we have citizens like him who become active and stay on top of things. He said he is concerned about the environment and that is one of the reasons why he has called a Planning Committee meeting for tomorrow night to talk about the Panda Power Plant Project. He said he personally called the technician inspector who has gone out to the site, John Bowman. He said he also spoke to his supervisor, Paul Sell. He said he asked them how this compares to other sites in terms of the infractions, the number and severity, and how they are handled compared to other construction sites. He said he feels that initially there were a **large** number of infractions, although he felt that they were all minor. He said Bowman told him that he has been visiting the site every two weeks which is more frequently than they would go out to most sites, in part because of the citizens concern and the magnitude of the project. He said asked if in terms of the kinds of the infractions, if this construction company is being treated any differently than any other construction company and he felt they were not. He said one of the things they look at is how the construction people are handling these things. He said he felt that they are really making an effort and have fixed problems. He said he told him that he has never found a construction site that did not have any infractions. He said in part he needs to rely on these people who are the experts in the area. He said the EPA was also out there at the same time and they had no complaints about this. He said he is not trying to minimize this or the number of infractions. He said we do not have oversight per-se. He said on these areas they are under contract with the DEP. He said he also asked that the Conservation District keep him informed. He said he will make follow-up phone calls because he is concerned.

O'Reily said he appreciates that, but he would like to point out that they do not go out while the violations are occurring, but ten days later when it is a dry day. He said technically they have up to ten days to respond, but it is necessary to go out when the pollution is occurring. He said this is a very large project that is affecting the Little Lehigh. He said he thinks they should be more responsive. He said he has gone to the environmental hearing board and is appealing the permit. Commissioner Pascuzzo said he encourages O'Reily to continue to stay on top of things, file complaints and feel free to call him personally. He said he will follow-up with the inspectors including Mr. Sell. O'Reily said there is actual pollution occurring, but the violation report always says the potential for pollution. He said if you visit on a clear day, when it is not occurring, it is just potential.

Commissioner **McNair** asked to see O'Reily's photos and asked if he has any photos prior to construction. O'Reily said he can make them available.

Under Chairs Review, Commissioner Dougherty said Johnstown, Pennsylvania has asked for a Commissioner to attend a Civil War Monument Rededication. He said the connection with Lehigh County is the 54th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry to which this monument was erected, was composed of men from Cambria, Somerset, Dauphin, Jefferson, Indiana, Northampton, and Lehigh Counties. He said the rededication is May 13th at 1:00 p.m. in the Central Park located in the downtown. He said this is a fascinating piece of history.

Lehigh County Cooperative Extension 4-H Presentation.

Liesel Driesbach thanked the Commissioners for being invited tonight. She said with her are two representatives **from** the Lehigh County 4-H Teen Council. She said they will be narrating this brief slide show which will give you an overview of the wide variety of programs that we run in Lehigh County 4-H. She said last year we touched the lives of more than 3,000 boys and girls. She said Lehigh County government helps to support youth development, which includes 4-H programming, through its annual financial allocation to the Cooperative Extension Office. She introduced Katie **Harwick** and Rachel Rene who narrated the slide presentation.

Under Appointments, the clerk announced the following reappointment to the Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority:

William K. Malkames
3 18 North Broad Street
Allentown, PA 18 104

Term expiring March 3 1, 2005

Commissioner Dougherty said this reappointment went through the Intergovernmental & Appointments Committee on April 12. Commissioner **Maher** said the appointment of William K. Malkames was reviewed and it was the unanimous vote of the committee to recommend that the full Board confirm the appointment of the County Executive. He said he spoke with Bill Malkames and he mentioned that he could not attend this evening due to a commitment at a zoning hearing board meeting. He said Malkames is appreciative of the reappointment. The reappointment of William K. Malkames to the Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority was approved on a motion by Commissioners **Maher** and McNair and a unanimous voice vote.

Under Old Business, the clerk announced Commissioner Bill 2000-2 1: Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Community Action Development Corporation of the Lehigh Valley (sponsored by the Board of Commissioners), and the deputy solicitor provided a summary for the record. Commissioner Dougherty said this bill was reviewed by the Development Committee on April 5 and is being sponsored by the full Board. Commissioner Rosenfeld said this was covered extensively in committee, at First Reading and last July. She said it was recommended for approval by the Development Committee. Commissioner McNair said he would like to point out that this is aimed at downtown Allentown. He said he thinks it is a great project and he wishes it success. Alan Jennings said all he would like to say is to thank the Board of Commissioners.

With no further discussion, Bill 2000-21 was approved by the following vote: Commissioners Ervin - yes; Laughlin - yes; McNair - yes; Dougherty - yes; **Maier** - yes; Pascuzzo - yes; Raber - yes; and Rosenfeld - yes. The Chairman declared the bill's approval and it now becomes Ordinance 2000 - No. 123.

Refer to the Ordinance Book for County of Lehigh Ordinance 2000 - No. 123

Re: Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Community Action Development Corporation of the Lehigh Valley.

The clerk announced Commissioner Bill 2000-22: Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Health Network Laboratories, L.P. for the Provision of Laboratory Services to both the Lehigh County DUI Center and the Lehigh County Probation and Parole Department (sponsored by Commissioner Ervin), and the deputy solicitor provided a summary for the record. Commissioner Dougherty said this was reviewed by the Judiciary and Corrections Committee on April 12. Commissioner Ervin said this was discussed at our last meeting. She said she would like to point out again that this agreement has no costs to the County, these fees are covered under fines and fees to those who are arrested by DUI. Commissioner **Maier** said he received a follow-up e-mail from Sue Schellenberg who explained that only about 20 clients had their blood drawn from the probation and parole department. He said as we discussed extensively last time, the biggest user is the District Attorney's **Office**. He said it was pointed out that a \$200 fee is paid which covers the cost of the County.

Renee Smith, Deputy District Attorney, said she must apologize to the Commissioners for missing the first reading. She said somehow it got on her calendar for April 19th. She said District Attorney Martin kindly stepped in and answered the Commissioners questions. She said as of April 12th we have handled over 2,500 driving under the influence suspects who have been processed at the DUI Center and it has been quite successful. She said the Lehigh Valley Hospital Health Network provides this center **free** of charge. She said we are getting a great benefit from them and they are giving us results usually the next day or sooner for any results we need to handle prosecution. She said police officers who normally spend about two and one-half hours are now spending about 45 minutes with each person and then they are back patrolling the community. She said we do know that there is an increase in DUI arrests every year and we are hoping to make Lehigh County safer. Commissioner Pascuzzo said he received a very nice letter from Attorney Smith and he appreciates her coming this evening. With no further discussion, Bill 2000-22 was approved by the following vote: Commissioners Laughlin - yes; McNair - yes; Dougherty - yes; **Maier** - yes; Pascuzzo - yes; Raber - yes; Rosenfeld - yes; and Ervin - yes. The Chairman declared the bill's approval and it now becomes Ordinance 2000 - No. 124.

Refer to the Ordinance Book for County of Lehigh Ordinance 2000 - No. 124.

Re: Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Health Network Laboratories, L.P. for the Provision of Laboratory Services to both the Lehigh County **DUI** Center and the Lehigh County Probation and Parole Department.

The clerk announced Commissioner Bill 2000-23: Adopting an Investment Policy for the County of Lehigh (sponsored by Commissioners McHugh, Ervin, McNair and **Maher**) and the deputy solicitor provided a summary for the record. Commissioner Dougherty said this went through the Administrative Committee on April 12. Commissioner Ervin said this is just a housekeeping issue that we need to keep things current. Commissioner McNair said he would like to point out that not only does this provide for the current alternatives for County investments, but future County investments. He said as the state statute is amended from time to time, we would still be in compliance. Commissioner **Maher** said he would like to commend Rick Klotz for bringing this forward. He said it is something that has been long overlooked and he appreciates his diligence. With no further discussion, Bill 2000-23 was approved by the following vote: Commissioners McNair - yes; Dougherty - yes; **Maher** - yes; Pascuzzo - yes; Raber - yes; Rosenfeld - yes; Ervin - yes; and Laughlin - yes. The Chairman declared the bill's approval and it now becomes Ordinance 2000 - No. 125.

Refer to the Ordinance Book for County of Lehigh Ordinance 2000 - No. 125.

Re: Adopting an Investment Policy for the County of Lehigh.

Under Motions, Commissioner McNair made the following motion: that the May 10, 2000, meeting of the Lehigh County Board of Commissioners be held at the North Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3256 Levans Road, North Whitehall Township, beginning at 7:30 p.m. This motion supersedes the location that was established for this meeting at the Board of Commissioners' Organizational Meeting that was held January 3, 2000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenfeld and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Under New Business, the Clerk announced Proclamation 2000-No. 1: Proclaiming the Week of May 1 to May 7, 2000 National Corrections Employees Week (sponsored by Commissioner Ervin). Commissioner Ervin said she would like to congratulate all of the Department of Corrections employees on a job well done. She said on May 2nd and May 3rd at 8:00 p.m. there are programs in observation of National Corrections Employees Week. Upon the motion of Commissioners McNair and Laughlin and a unanimous voice vote, all Commissioners present added their names as sponsors. Ed Sweeney, Director of Corrections, said we appreciate the support of the Board of Commissioners. With no **further** discussion, Proclamation 2000 - No. 1 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Refer to the Proclamation Book for County of Lehigh Proclamation 2000 - No. 1

Re: Proclaiming the Week of May 1 to May 7, 2000 National Corrections Employees Week.

The clerk announced Resolution 2000-16: Honoring Joseph C. Bortz for Attaining the Rank of Eagle Scout (sponsored by Commissioners McNair). Commissioner McNair said an individual boy scout who has attained the highest rank in scouting, the Eagle, is being recognized tomorrow evening. He said he is privileged to sponsor this resolution congratulating him. He said his Eagle Scout project involved

work at the Emerald Playground. He said we appreciate that work that is done to make for a better community. With no further discussion, Resolution 2000 - No. 16 was approved on a motion by Commissioners McNair and Laughlin and a unanimous voice vote.

Refer to the Resolution Book for County of Lehigh Resolution 2000 - No. 16.

Honoring Joseph C. Bortz for Attaining the Rank of Eagle Scout.

The clerk announced Resolution 2000-17: Honoring the United Veterans of the United States, Allentown Chapter and Past President Ziba Berlew (sponsored by Commissioners McNair, Pascuzzo and Laughlin). Commissioner McNair said he and Commissioner Pascuzzo attended the United Veterans of Wars luncheon honoring past presidents and we were remiss in not having a resolution. He said he feels that it is appropriate to sponsor this resolution recognizing past president Ziba Berlew. He said hopefully, he and Commissioner Pascuzzo can make the presentation at one of their monthly meetings. Commissioner Pascuzzo said this is a way that we can not only honor Mr. Berlew, the most recent past president, but this organization represents all of the veterans organizations and all of the veterans of the Lehigh Valley. With no further discussion, Resolution 2000 - No. 17 was approved on a motion by Commissioners McNair and Rosenfeld and a unanimous voice vote.

Refer to the Resolution Book for County of Lehigh Resolution 2000 - No. 17.

Honoring the United Veterans for the United States, Allentown Chapter and Past President Ziba Berlew

The clerk announced Resolutions 2000-Nos. 18-22: Honoring the Following Retirees for Ten or More Years of Service to Lehigh County (Sponsored by the Board of Commissioners).

No. 18 - Joan C. Reimert

No. 19 - Mary A. Harkins

No. 20 - Rosanne Carpenter

No. 21 - Janice Siegfried

No. 22 - Carmen Martinez De Pinillos

Commissioner McNair said he would like to thank all of the retirees for their work for the County and the residents of the County and wish them well in their retirement. Commissioner **Maher** said over the years he has had the opportunity to work with Janice Siegfried. He said as a practicing attorney, he has been in the Clerk of Courts **Office** many times and she always handled herself with grace and charm. With no further discussion, Resolutions 2000 - Nos. 18-22 were approved on a motion by Commissioners McNair and **Maher** and a unanimous voice vote.

Refer to the Resolution Book for County of Lehigh Resolution 2000 - Nos. 18-22.

Re: Honoring the Following Retirees for Ten or More Years of Service to Lehigh County.

The clerk announced Resolution 2000-23: Requesting the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to Include a Leaser Lake Repair Project in the Commonwealth's Capital Budget and Appropriate Necessary Funding (sponsored by Commissioners McNair, Ervin, Dougherty, Laughlin, **Ma**her, Pascuzzo, Raber and Rosenfeld). Commissioner McNair said at the Lehigh County Conservation District seedling distribution day he met Warren Wanamker who was instrumental in convincing the state and others to build the Leaser Dam and create that lake which has given many people hours of enjoyment. He said unfortunately, there is a leak in the dam which was discovered last year. He said they slowly drew down the level of the lake to where it is now, 23 feet below its normal level. He said in this resolution we are asking for the state legislature to allocate funds in the capital budget for next year that would allow for further investigative work to be done and include the dollars for the repair of that dam so the water level can be restored to normal. He said a number of Commissioners were at a press conference this afternoon and saw what it looks like and the limited amount of recreation that can currently take place.

Commissioner McNair said it is a Fish and Boat Commission dam and Lehigh County has a partnership with the state and we basically operate the park surrounding the dam. He said it is important for us to place emphasis on this with our state legislators and that is what this resolution intends to do. He said there is another opportunity that we will be exploring further. He said the Governor has a Growing Greener **fund** and funds may be available through that mechanism if the County were to apply to it. He said it is not our intent to become responsible for the dam, but if we can get the dollars we will be pursuing that. He at this time we feel the more appropriate approach is to do this through the state capital budget and this asks our area legislators and others to do that for us.

Commissioner Pascuzzo said this may be a long term project. He said he thinks this will benefit all of the citizens of Lehigh County in terms of recreational use as well as the fisherman of the Lehigh Valley. Commissioner Ervin said this is the only lake in Lehigh County and it is critically important that we maintain it. Commissioner **Ma**her said the Intergovernmental and Appointments Committee unanimously recommended that the full Board adopt this resolution. He said it was suggested that there may be some additional members of the State House and Senate that we may wish to send it to. He said particularly, the Senate Majority Leader and the Speaker of the House. He asked if Commissioner McNair was willing to amend the list to add additional people. Commissioner McNair said it if it is necessary to amend that would be fine or by the statement that you made we would send the resolution to those individuals. Commissioner Dougherty said that is a comment well taken and the distribution list will be expanded. He said this is a very important project to that part of the County from a recreational aspect. Commissioner McNair said he would like to add that a representative from the Fish and Boat Commission was present at the press conference and is very appreciative of these efforts.

With no further discussion, Resolution 2000 – No. 23 was approved on a motion by Commissioners McNair and Laughlin and a unanimous voice vote.

Refer to the Resolution Book for County of Lehigh Resolution 2000 • No. 23.

Re: Requesting the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to Include a Leaser Lake Repair Project in the Commonwealth's Capital Budget and Appropriate Necessary Funding.

The clerk announced Commissioner Bill 2000-24: Approving a Recreation Reinvestment Grant With the Borough of Fountain Hill to Support Improvements to the Stanley Avenue Recreation Area (sponsored by the Board of Commissioners) and the deputy solicitor provided a summary for the record. Commissioner Dougherty said this bill was reviewed by the Planning Committee this evening. Commissioner Laughlin said almost one year ago, the Lehigh County Board of Commissioners adopted an ordinance which created a recreation reinvestment policy to stimulate municipally sponsored projects. He said he is proud to say that the Borough of Fountain Hill is the first project under this new recreation reinvestment policy. He said to review some of the provisions of this, eligible projects must have at least a 50% match, including at least 25% municipal participation. He said the improved facilities must be open to all Lehigh County residents. He said the minimum grant is for \$10,000 and the maximum grant is \$100,000. He said municipalities shall receive no more than one grant, including land acquisition under Parks 2005, per calendar year and the grant shall be authorized by an intergovernmental agreement. He said the Department of Planning is authorized to administer the disbursement of the funds to Lehigh County municipalities for eligible projects.

Commissioner Laughlin said the Borough of Fountain Hill is embarking on a very ambitious \$3 million program and this is going to be accomplished in ten stages. He said the stage we are currently interested in is stage two. He said this policy was adopted by the County in May. He said in August, Fountain Hill decided to go ahead with their recreation project. He said in September, we began contact with the Borough. He said as far as phase two, the initial estimate was about \$179,000. He said it came in around \$173,000 and we are watching the money very **carefully** in Fountain Hill. He said through this bill, the Borough shall receive **\$86,632.50** or 50% of the total cost of the capital improvements to renovate the Stanley Avenue recreation area. He said he wants to thank his fellow Commissioners for joining him in this very worthwhile project. He said Fountain Hill has certainly met all of the criteria that is necessary for this grant. He said this evening we have with us the President of Borough Council, Anne Korves and our former Borough Council President, Dr. Barnes.

Anne Korves said we would like to thank the Board of Commissioners for supporting us. She said the youth in our Borough are very important to us and you are showing that you join in that support. She said this phase of the program is scheduled to be done on May 15, so please come and spend the summer with us.

Commissioner Ervin said she would like to congratulate Fountain Hill on being the first municipality to access these funds. She said this program is a real benefit to boroughs who are land locked and can not access open space. She said our Parks Fund had previously been used for open space acquisitions. She said with this adjustment to the parks plan, renovations of existing park space can be accessed. Commissioner **McNair** said he would also like to congratulate Fountain Hill. He said it is a delightful

area that has been set aside for the park. He said as Commissioner Ervin has said, this is an opportunity for boroughs to participate in the County's program to maintain open space and this certainly does that in the Borough of Fountain Hill. Commissioner Rosenfeld said she is excited that a municipality has taken advantage of this opportunity. Commissioner Dougherty said he would also like to congratulate Fountain Hill. He said he grew up in a small borough and he knows what this means to you and the children of the borough.

Sandra Pascuzzo asked how much money has been appropriated in the budget overall for projects like this. Bob Korp said at the moment none. He said in the coming budget he would hope that there would be a figure, so we would have some idea of what we have to work with. With no **further** discussion, the Chair announced the bill's first reading. Second reading, discussion and vote will be held on May 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Public Hearing Room of the Lehigh, County Government Center.

The clerk announced Commissioner Bill 2000-25: Amending the 2000-2004 Lehigh County Capital Plan to Include Rex's Covered Bridge Restoration (sponsored by Commissioners Raber and McNair), and the deputy solicitor provided a summary for the record. Commissioner Dougherty said this was reviewed by the General Services Committee on April 18 and the Planning Committee on April 26. Commissioner Raber said this is a bridge in North Whitehall Township and the paint needs to be removed to allow the wood to breathe,. He said this project needs capital plan inclusion. Commissioner McNair said he believes that it is very appropriate that we amend the capital plan to include this work on the bridge. He said it is our responsibility to -keep these in good maintenance. Commissioner Dougherty added his name as a sponsor of this bill. He said he thinks these bridges are part of our historical heritage. With no further discussion, the Chair announced the bill's first reading. Second reading, discussion and vote will be held on May 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Public Hearing Room of the Lehigh County Government Center.

Commissioner McNair said he would like to respond a little more to Sandra Pascuzzo's question. He said it is not that we are spending money recklessly here. He said we agreed when we prepared the operating budget for this year that we did not know how many dollars would be requested by various municipalities and that we would not budget anything for it, to get some sense of where the boroughs are, and how many dollars we would have to have to look at spending. He said this is certainly not aiming towards any type of tax increase, because this project and several others would not exceed the amount of money that was in the fund balance at the end of last year. He said within the budget we have the dollars in which to accomplish this and it certainly is not going to require any type of tax rate increase to cover these types of expenditures.

The Committee Reports were given as follows:

Judiciary and Corrections - No report.

Planning ▪ Commissioner Pascuzzo said the Planning Committee met this evening and reviewed Bills 2000-24 and 2000-25 and unanimously recommended approval of both of those bills. He said we will also meet tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. in this room to review the potential effects on Lehigh County of the Panda Power Plant Project. He said the Planning Committee will also meet on May 1 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss projects related to the Arts Walk.

Administrative - Commissioner **Maher**, Vice Chair, said he is not aware of anything planned.

Cedarbrook ▪ Commissioner Laughlin said the next Cedarbrook Committee meeting is scheduled for May 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Development - Commissioner Rosenfeld said she has scheduled the next three meetings. She said on May 16th at 7:00 we will be reviewing the overall economic development plan. She said on June 21st at 4:00 p.m. there will be tour of the Game Preserve, focusing on the 2000 capital projects and the proposed capital projects for 2001. She said on July 18th at 7:00 p.m. we will get an update from LVEDC.

General Services ▪ No report.

Human Services - Commissioner **McNair** said the next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2nd at 3:00 p.m. in the Government Center in the Commissioners Conference Room. He said we will get an update on the Pennsylvania Health Choices Plan, an update on the status of budgeted staffing increases and a presentation by Janice Lovegrove from the Lehigh Valley Council for Children, Adolescents and Families.

Intergovernmental & Appointments - Commissioner **Maher** said we met earlier this evening and reviewed Resolution 2000-23. He said earlier today he spoke with Michelle Breslin, who is a department head at the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, who has a great deal of information on grants including the Growing Greener initiative. He said she is available next Wednesday in the morning and we are going to try to set up a meeting for May 3rd at 11:00 a.m.

There was no Citizens Input On Committee Reports.

Under Commissioner Announcements, Commissioner Rosenfeld said tomorrow night is culinary night in Allentown from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. She said there are 12 restaurants and five galleries participating. She said May Fair begins the Thursday of Memorial Day weekend. She said they are still looking for volunteers at 610-437-6900.

Commissioner **Ervin** said she attended a press conference today in the Lehigh County portion of Bethlehem about a plan for people with home gardens to plant an extra row of food and donate it to the Second Harvest Food Bank. She said this is being

proposed by the City of Bethlehem. She said they have allotted a plot of land next to the municipal pool and will donate all of the food from that plot of land to the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Commissioner McNair said last weekend a press conference was held to announce the racing card for the Lehigh Valley Velodrome. He said it will be a very exciting season. He said a number of Olympians, not just Americans, will be **here** training as they prepare to compete in the Olympics in Sydney, Australia. He said we expect a number of the racing cards to be televised through Service Electric TV.

Commissioner Raber thanked Commissioners Ervin and McNair for taking his place in handing out tree seedlings.

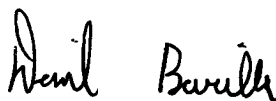
Commissioner **Maher** said he would like to remind all of his fellow Commissioners that they have been invited to attend the annual Bar **Association** of Lehigh County Legislative Dinner which is May 4th at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner McNair said the grand reopening of the Game Preserve's 2000 summer season is this Saturday and Sunday.

Commissioner Dougherty said the flier for the next symphony season is out. He said the renovations of Symphony Hall has made these tickets a very hot item. He said he would like to remind the Commissioners of a regional CCAP meeting on May 21st in Pottsville. He said the statewide meeting for CCAP is in Hershey from August 6-9.

There was no Citizens Input at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.



David Barilla, Clerk to the Board