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Spotlight: ZORC. An Interview with Annville Township Commissioner Jim Scott on the Work of the Zoning Ordinance Review Committee

President's Message, by Michael Schroeder

As the happy melodies of nesting songbirds and the hum of lawn mowers fill the air with the sounds of spring, we're only days away from this year's 26th Annual Historic Old Annville Day on Saturday, June 13, which promises to be bigger and better than ever. Hope you can make it! See the pullout inside this edition of the *Landmark* for more details.

Other recent happenings include Annville Township's preliminary approval of Harrisburg-based PinnacleHealth's plans to revamp and expand the Annville East Center at 1251 East Main St. (with bike and pedestrian paths and other tweaks added at the commissioners' insistence); Williams Partners' filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for its proposed underground 42-inch, 1,480 p.s.i. natural gas pipeline, despite not specifying a precise path through the pipeline's bottleneck at Route 422 near Annville Township's recently upgraded Wastewater Treatment Plant; the upcoming Phase 2 of the Quittie Creek Streambank Restoration project; and much else.

But here I'd like to spotlight the work of what is probably, for most Friends of Old Annville, an obscure and shadowy group, but what is in fact a merry little band of hard-working volunteer public servants whose work will shape Annville's future in important and enduring ways: Annville Township's Zoning Ordinance Review Committee, or ZORC. In what follows we delve into the mysteries of ZORC via the following interview with one of the committee's co-chairs, Annville Township Commissioner Jim Scott. (Other members of ZORC, a.k.a. ZORCians, are Zoning Hearing Board member and ZORC co-chair Fred Richter, Township Commissioner Rex Moore, Township Administrator Nick Yingst, Zoning Hearing Board member Marty Brandt, and Planning Commission member Millie Kish.)

Q: COULD YOU GIVE US A BRIEF HISTORY OF ZORC'S WORK AND GIVE US A SENSE OF WHY IT MATTERS?

A: "The Committee began its work in January 2014, and since then has met three Thursdays each month from noon to 4:30 PM. We are working through a 2008 draft of a revised zoning ordinance prepared by Township engineers to replace the ordinance currently in force, which was adopted in 1983. (The draft is available on-line from the Township website, www.annvilletwp.com; the current ordinance may be downloaded from the same site.) We review this document line by line, sometimes word by word, with the goal of crafting a document that respects the reality of Annville's situation—a town from the 1763 that has developed continually through more than two and a half centuries—and seeks to preserve its historic character while allowing

for future growth and positive change. Zoning came about in the early 20th century to regulate development and preserve property values (New York City passed the nation's first comprehensive zoning code in 1916). The basic notion presumes that birds of a feather should flock together. Our work matters because zoning is by nature an intrusive regulatory practice mandating what individuals can and cannot do with their property for the greater good of the entire community. As we review the proposed regulations, we call upon our collective experience with life in town, the various requests over the years for variances and relief from current zoning restrictions, and best practices other communities have adopted for dealing with current and anticipated developments.”

Q: GIVE US AN EXAMPLE OR TWO OF SOME OF THE MAIN ISSUES AND CHALLENGES ZORC HAS FACED AND HOW IT ENDED UP RESOLVING THOSE ISSUES.

A: “One large issue is the presence of Lebanon Valley College. Until now, each new development has typically required a number of variances. Our revision will propose an institutional zone which will give the College the right to adapt and build according to its needs and an institutional overlay on College owned properties that border the community. The overlay provides for certain uses not permitted in the underlying zone, but requires review and approval by the Zoning Hearing Board; it is intended to provide a buffer for development between College-owned properties and the residential district in which they are located.

“Another large issue was signage. Signs are necessary accouterments to civic life: they inform, direct, regulate, and advocate; but they can also distract, disfigure, devalue, and clutter. We found the current ordinance confusing and outdated. We responded with two, user-friendly charts: one for the purpose of an intended sign and another for its form. The charts then give details for the size and location of signage intended for each of the various districts.”

Q: WHAT DO YOU SEE AS SOME OF THE MAIN CHALLENGES AHEAD?

A: “One huge challenge will be rereading and final editing of the entire document. We will be looking for consistency of style, accuracy and transparency in the organization. Another will be the public rollout of the completed document. Part of our process has been to send sections to our Zoning Officer (Lebanon County Planning Department) for review as we complete them. But we will post the entire document online and hope for energetic participation by members of the community who will have to live with what we have proposed once it is adopted. The more eyes we have on this project, the more likely we are to arrive at a document that will help shape Annville's development in a good way for at least the next generation, if past experience is any guide.”

ZORC expects to finish its work by this coming fall. We are grateful for the efforts of the hardworking volunteers comprising the ZORC, and encourage all community members to heed Commissioner Scott's advice and review this emerging document - one that promises to shape Annville's future for many years to come.■



HISTORIC OLD
ANNVILLE
DAY

Saturday, JUNE 13th 9 - 2pm
Downtown Annville on Rt. 422

**PROGRAM OF
EVENTS &
ATTRACTIONS**

LIFT OUT THIS PAGE & TAKE WITH YOU

MUSIC: BAGPIPES * BANJO * CELTIC * CLASSICS * ROCK *

BANDSTAND

Washington Band
Quittie Highlanders
Lee Moyer, Ricky Herb, Jon Leffler
Sherri Mullen & Friends
The Celtic Martins

Bob Balthaser Banjo
Matt Miskie Folk/Pop
Jim Rule
Mockingbirds Pop/Rock

**BATDORF
STAGE**

VENDORS: HANDCRAFTS & HOME DÉCOR

1st Floor Attic - Collectibles
A-C Football Boosters - Spirit Items
A-C Youth Soccer League - Apparel & Sign-ups
A-C Varsity Cheerleaders - Spirit Items, Face Painting
Athena's Home Novelties - Spa Products
Barbara Fox Studios - Murals & Face Painting
BMB Photography
Chelle Chic Boutique - Kids' & Adults' Accessories
Cindy's Crafts - Knitted Items
Doll Clothes by Donna
doTERRA - Essential Oils
Healthy Suds - Handmade Soap
Hershey Area Art Association
Hooks & Needles - Crocheting
Itumiray - Jewelry, Dresses
Jamberry Nail Wraps
JP Rose Kids - Kids' Items
Lo-Mo Studio - Artisan Jewelry
Made by Ranai - Jewelry

Mia Bella Candles/Avon
Michael-Angel-O's Crafts
MVOco - Greeting Cards
Nordic Rain Designs - Crafts
Origami Owl Jewelry
Pampered Chef
Paparazzi Jewelry & Hair Accessories
Rockwood Soy Candle Company
Silpada Designs
SPLAT Art Studio
Stewart's Gift Peddler
Stubljar Studios - Art & Jewelry
Tastefully Simple - Food & Gifts
Thirty-One Bags - Purses & Bags
Three Little Peppers - Kids' Access
Trending Village - Repurposed Items
Tupperware
Woodturning by Dr. Bob (Silverman)

FOR KIDS:

Balloon Animals, MJM Entertainment
Family Craft - SPLAT Studios



VENDORS: SERVICES, EXHIBITS, & INFORMATION

Annville Free Library
Annville High School Alumni Association
Annville Inn Bed & Breakfast
Annville Senior Community Center
Basement Waterproofing Specialists
Bath Saver
Brennan Chiropractic
Compeer of Lebanon County
Congressman Charlie Dent
CPRS Physical Therapy
CT Security
Dental Art Images
Fulton Bank
Groomer Training Center
HACC
It Works - Health & Wellness
Kitchen Saver
Knights of Columbus #9875
Lebanon Pipeline Awareness
Mental Health Association of Lebanon County
Mid-Atlantic Water Proofing
New Cumberland Federal Credit Union
PA Nonbelievers
Pennsy Supply
Quittie Creek Nature Park & Garbage Museum
Quittie Glen Center for Mental Health
Raiders Law & Environment

FOOD:

AC Kiwanis Club - Lemonade & Crocks
Annville American Legion Auxiliary - Hot Dogs
Annville United Methodist - Apple Dumplings
Blazing Swine - BBQ Food
The Bread Man - Artisan Breads
The Catering Chef
Dude With Dogs
Endless Concessions
Girl Scout Troop 70428 - Baked Goods
Grilled Cheese Café - Sandwiches, Etc.
Huey's Concessions
Laudermilch Meats
Lazzaro's Italian Bistro



QUARRY TOURS

A highlight of last year's Historic Old Annville Day, bus tours of Pennsy Supply's Millard Quarry just west of town, will once again be offered on a first-come, first-serve basis.

To take the tour, visit the Pennsy table near where the buses will be loading & unloading, at Main St. and North Cherry St.

The first bus will depart at 9:15 am and the last tour will depart at 12:30 p.m., with additional runs in between as time and interest demand.

Renewal by Anderson
The Retro Room
SHARE Northeast
The Literacy Council of Lancaster/Lebanon
The Wellness Point
Wenger Meeting House Preservation



MS Walk Fundraiser - Baked Goods
Phil's Concessions - Rib Eye Steaks & Fries
Relay for Life Team - Baked Goods
St. Anthony's Coptic Church - Middle East Food
Sugar Whipped Bakery - Dessert Food Truck
Tastefully Simple Foods & Gifts
Texas Roadhouse Palmyra



Quittie Park Summer Program on Saturday, June 20 at 8 AM

You are invited to a guided, early-morning walk through the Quittie Creek Nature Park, followed by breakfast served in the park. This event is a fund raiser for Quittie Park and requires pre-registration. The suggested registration donation is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 8 and under.



The leisurely 45-minute walk will explore the main creek trail and will take you through the recently-purchased new land east of Spruce Street. We will also explore the woodland trails and the trail around the quarry pond. Following the hike, we will be set up for a sit-down breakfast near the Raymond J. Swingholm Pedestrian Bridge on Bachman Road.

The hike begins at 8 AM at the Swingholm Bridge, and breakfast will be served at approximately 9 AM. You can park at the park entrance on Bachman Road. We will have a large tent for breakfast, and the program will be held rain or shine.

You can pre-register by filling out the form below (or by creating your own facsimile) and mailing it in with your check. Space is limited so get your registration in early! For further information, call Owen Moe at 867-4326.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR QUITTIE PARK HIKE/BREAKFAST ON JUNE 20

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

of Adults _____ @ \$10 = \$_____ # of Children (8 & under) _____ @ \$5 = \$_____

Mail this form (or facsimile) with your check to:

Owen Moe, 308 East Main Street, Anville, PA 17003



Box 99, Annyville, PA 17003
Address Service Requested

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Permit No. 184

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please remember that your MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DATE can be found on the mailing label of this issue of The Landmark. Please send your dues and address change to: Rachel Noll, 1673 Louser Road, Annyville, PA, 17003-8856. Have questions? Call Rachel at: (717) 867-2137.

Individual & Student \$ 5.00 Family (2+ persons) \$ 10.00 Business \$ 25.00 Friend of FOOA \$ 50.00 ★
Benefactor \$100.00 §

RENEWALS:

Rev/M Dan & Becca Lebo
Dan Massad & Scott Eggert *
Julie A. Maurer
John & Linda McKlveen
Lori Nalley
Phil & Maryann Palanzo
Elton & Judith Kindt Palm
Anthony & Alissa Perrotto
Dave & Joy Leland Riegert
M/M Robert Roberts, Jr.
Nancy S. Salamandra

Ms. Stasi Schaeffer
Alvin E. Shroyer III
Michael Smith /DBA Annyville
Sheet Metal
David H. Wallace §
Ms. Marian R. Walters
Robert & Sally Wentling
Mark W. & Beth (Biely)
Wethington
Mrs. Ruth Wolfe

NEW MEMBERS:

Stewart's Gift Peddler
Dr. Timothy Brennan
Robert & Cheryl Faust
Correne Fawver
M/M John Hinshaw
Rev/M Dan & Becca Lebo
Glenn A. Miller
M/M Rudolph Scheer
Wallace Shepler