

Good evening. I have a couple of things I would like to mention tonight.

First, I would like to thank Gina Reed and the Environmental Committee for hosting the Earth Day Celebration at Amico Island this past Sunday. I want to thank all the volunteers and the sponsors who made this event possible and a great success. I want to note that Gina Reed made a tremendous effort to secure sponsors for all of the events. Other than the cost of the overtime for the police to secure the event, the total cost to the taxpayers of Delran was ZERO.

I want to address the six-unit development at Pancoast Boulevard and Fairview Street that was brought to the Planning Board's attention at their last meeting by concerned residents. I hope that the Planning Board will find a way to deny this proposal. Based on several issues that were addressed at that meeting and the overall tax impact on the town, I feel that this development is something that we can do without.

I want to mention that even though it appeared that the Delran Sewer Authority was in agreement to put their meeting minutes on our township website, we were informed at our last work session meeting that they have refused. They felt that there was no need to put it on the township website, since they are a separate entity, and had no requirement. My feeling on this is, if we the residents of Delran have to pay our sewer bill to the Delran Sewer Authority then we should have a right to know what's going on at their meetings. They also denied a resident's request to change the time of their meetings. They currently meet on Mondays at 5:00PM and it is practically impossible for any working resident to attend at that time. Between scheduling their meetings at an unsuitable time for public attendance and not posting their minutes on the township website, I wonder what it is that they don't want us to know.

There's been numerous phone calls regarding the increase of vandalism and graffiti at our athletic fields; we have stepped up our police patrol and have asked residents who reside near these fields to keep a close watch for any suspicious activity.

The developer of *Walgreen's* met with council regarding their request to have an electronic sign at their future site. Council referred the proposal to the Planning Board stating such a request would require a variance from the Planning Board. *Mac's Car Wash* and *Wachovia Bank* had asked for similar signage and were denied their request. My opinion is, we either change the ordinance to allow all businesses the same privilege or we disallow them *all*. It's not right to allow one and not the others.

I want to thank *Aliamo Engineering* for their donation of two tickets to their suite at a future Phillies game. These tickets were donated to the Delran High School PTA in support of the Senior Class' Chinese Auction Fundraiser.

**Finally**, I want to thank Councilmen Mark Macey and Mike Chinicci who unfortunately is not present at this meeting, for helping me to bring the Nepotism Ordinance forward for a vote tonight.

I want to express my extreme disappointment in the other fellow councilmen (Bert Hermansky and Anthony Ogozalek) for not passing this Nepotism ordinance tonight. I have pressed for nearly a year to get this passed because I feel that, in this day and age, the residents of Delran need to know that no one is working at the township based on their family ties.

Thank you.