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MAJORITY CAUCUS ADMINISTRATOR

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
HARRISBURG April 18, 1989

Honorable Boyd Wolff, Secretary  
Department of Agriculture  
211 Agriculture Building  
2301 N. Cameron Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110

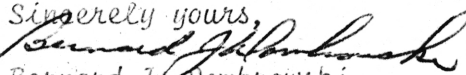
Dear Secretary:


As members of the Erie County legislative delegation, we have been approached by the Erie Humane Society with concerns over their financial well-being. To this end, we are hopeful that you could meet with our delegation on Monday, April 24, at 10:30 A.M. to discuss this situation.

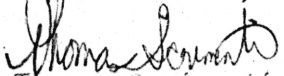
In order that we can fully review the Humane Society's concerns, we would ask that an assessment be prepared of all money received from your Department by the Erie County Humane Society within the last four years. In particular, we are interested in learning from which programs (within your Department) they receive funds, and what portion of the dog license fee increase is allocated to the Society. Additionally, if you could tell us if there are any other programs or funding streams, in which they currently are not participating?

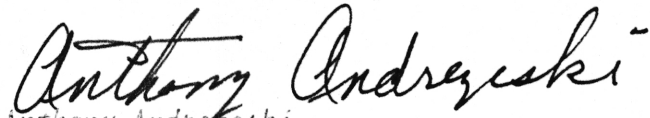
While we realize that the Erie County Humane Society's problems may not be unique, the situation is becoming very distressing for us. The Humane Society performs an invaluable service to our County and it is imperative that we do whatever possible to assist them.

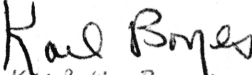
Your cooperation in meeting with us to discuss this matter would be greatly appreciated by all concerned. We will be meeting in Senator Andrezeski's office, Room 17 East Wing, next week and look forward to your joining us. Should you have any questions, please call Cheryl Reynolds at 7-2976. Thank you for your kind consideration of this request.


Sincerely yours,  
  
Bernard J. Dombrowski  
Representative, 1st District

  
Italo S. Cappabianca  
Representative, 2nd District

  
Thomas Scrimenti  
Representative, 4th District

  
Anthony Andrezeski  
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April 18, 1989

Mr. William Forrey, Director  
Bureau of State Parks  
Department of Environmental Resources  
Statesman Insurance Building  
2150 Herr Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Mr. Forrey:

As members of the Erie County legislative delegation, we periodically meet to discuss issues of mutual interest. One such issue recently discussed was our concern over what seems to be developing into a trend a Presque Isle.

There have been repeated attempts to reduce the lifeguard staff at the park, in an effort to save money. However, several previous cost-cutting measures have proven to be harmful to the Park. The maintenance at the Park has suffered greatly. The security at the Park is at a dangerously low level. We can not afford to risk the lives of the visitors to our area by further jeopardizing them while swimming.

It is our hope that we can meet with you and place our concerns before you at our next delegation meeting. That meeting will be Monday, April 24, at 11:00, in Senator Andrezeski's office, Room 17 East Wing. Please call Cheryl Reynolds at 7-2976 if you have any questions. Your attention and consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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April 24, 1989

Mr. Lawrence Devine, Superintendent  
Iroquois School District  
4231 Morse Street  
Erie, PA 16511

Dear Mr. Devine:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding funding issues for Education. We discussed your letter at our most recent Erie County Legislative Delegation meeting and thought it best to address your concerns collectively.

It is our information that, depending on incoming revenues, we anticipate full funding of the ESBE in the very near future. We must caution you that we can not give a firm date on when this will happen, but we are optimistic.

With regard to your concern over the FEE, the House Appropriations Committee has informed us that the 41% will probably get adjusted. This figure is based on estimated expenditures, which tend to be high. Additionally, more money has historically been put into this funding stream throughout the budget process.

We certainly agree that full funding is vitally important, and will do our best to meet your needs. Thank you for again bringing this matter to our attention. We will bear your thoughts in mind while reviewing the proposed budgets.

Sincerely,

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Senator, 49th District

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May 2, 1989

Mr. Edward Donn, Chairman  
Presque Isle Advisory Board  
1140 Wilkins Road  
Erie, PA 16505

Dear Ed:

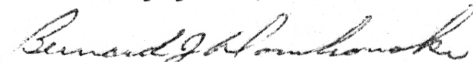
At our most recent Erie County Legislative Delegation meeting we met with Mr. Peter Duncan, of the Game Commission and discussed the situation that currently exists with the overpopulated deer herd at Presque Isle.


We discussed options to alleviate the problem of the growing herd. Our main concern centers around the possibility that these deer carry ticks, carrying Lyme Disease. As you know, this disease can become a very serious health threat, and we feel this issue needs to be addressed.

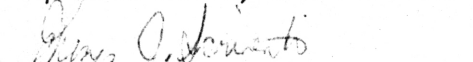
Mr. Duncan discussed the possibility of a controlled hunt in the Park. As he explains it, if the Advisory Board chooses to request such a hunt, the Game Commission feels it is able to execute a carefully controlled, yet successful hunt. He discussed several past instances where such hunts have been held, and we feel that perhaps the Board should consider this proposal.

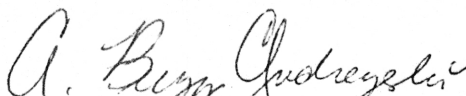
Essentially, our request of the Board is that you review the situation, and formally request the Bureau of State Parks to take corrective action. Since Lyme Disease is a growing concern, we are hopeful that the Board will be able to secure a commitment from DER within the very near future. Please keep us abreast of any and all action taken by the Board. Thank you.

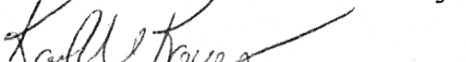
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Anthony "Buzz" Andrezeski  
State Senator - Erie County

  
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Representative, 5th District



# Harborcreek Township Supervisors



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SECRETARY AND TREASURER  
PHONE 814/899-3171

April 14, 1989

Representative Thomas Scrimenti  
9 East Main Street  
North East, PA 16428

Dear Representative Scrimenti:

Throughout our nation increased attention has been given to the veterans that served this country, even forfeiting their lives on behalf of the freedom that we all enjoy. So many people today take this freedom for granted and fail to appreciate the men and women deserving recognition for participating in the wars fought by the United States. It, therefore, seems appropriate to acknowledge our veterans in a special way; to pay tribute to them, to their families and to the allegiance to this county.

The Board of Supervisors of Harborcreek Township are proposing to construct a veterans memorial on the grounds north of the township municipal building. The memorial would consist of a small enclosure with commemorative plaques centered on a decoratively landscaped parcel. Access and parking facilities and appertenant features are also proposed as part of this project.

Although the memorial is to be located within Harborcreek Township, visitors both distant and local would be attracted and encouraged to enjoy the facilities. It is therefore hopeful that assistance from the State be provided to finalize the project's financing.

It is proposed that the project be completed in part by donations and contributions with the Township providing in kind services in the form of labor and materials. The following costs estimate is provided:

Memorial	\$	10,000.00
Plaques		21,462.00
Foundation		1,890.00
Driveway Parking (in kind)		4,000.00
Landscaping		
Miscellaneous		
TOTAL		37,352.00
25% donations		9,338.00
GRAND TOTAL		28,014.00

Response to the proposed veterans memorial has been nothing less than encouraging. Several local groups have indicated a willingness to contribute to the project.

The local veteran groups have expressed an interest with the following participating in our research and planning:

Paul Shaffer - 29th District Commander  
Gary Dumond - President United Veterans of Erie County  
William Hill - Director of Erie County Veterans Affairs  
Sandy Sandell - President Imperial Light Veterans Color Guard  
Harry Barton - VFW 4789 North East  
Jack Abele - Adjutant Post 571  
Ron Palmer - Commander Post 571  
Wilbert Dudenhoffer - Service Officer VFW 4789  
Roger Theis - Commander 105 North East

We are optimistic that this project could be completed this calendar year. However, it is imperative that adequate donations and contributions are made available in order to make the project feasible. Your consideration to this request will be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this project, please feel free to contact me. I am excited about the possibility of establishing this facility in honor of the veterans of our United State of America.

Very truly yours,



Donna L. Mindek, Supervisor  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
HARBORCREEK TOWNSHIP

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF MAJORITY ADMINISTRATOR

April 10, 1989

MEMO

SUBJECT: VARIOUS ERIE COUNTY PROJECTS

TO: MEMBERS OF THE ERIE COUNTY DELEGATION

FROM: REPRESENTATIVE BERNARD J. DOMBROWSKI *Bjdl*

For the past two months, several of us have been getting numerous requests from organizations in Erie County for help or answers to their inquiries. Skilled Training, the Department of Environmental Resources, and Public Library funding are among the items most talked about.

Please attend a meeting in my office, Room 115, in the Main Capitol, on Monday, April 17, 1989, at 9:30 A.M., to discuss these, and any other subject that may need our assistance.

Notify my office if the time and place are inconvenient for you, at 7-6126.

KARL W. BOYES, MEMBER  
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MINORITY VICE CHAIRMAN

APPROPRIATIONS

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
HARRISBURG

April 6, 1989

The Honorable Bernard Dombrowski  
House of Representatives  
Room 115 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Ben:

I received, as did you, a copy of a letter written by Judy Lynch to Mr. Gene Ware of the Northwestern PA Humane Society. Also in today's mail were letters from two of my constituents who expressed discontent with the spending priorities of the Humane Society.

Perhaps it would be a good idea for the entire Erie Delegation to meet and discuss the proposals before anything is written in stone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karl".

Karl W. Boyes  
House of Representatives  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

KWB:sw

cc: Erie Delegation Members



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS  
HARRISBURG  
17120

(717) 787-6441

March 23, 1992

The Honorable Italo S. Cappabianca  
State Representative  
Room 30  
East Wing - Main Capitol  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Representative Cappabianca:

Governor Robert P. Casey today announced that 90 municipalities were awarded grants under the Commonwealth's Recreational Improvement and Rehabilitation Act (RIRA) and the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) programs administered by DCA.

Attached is a copy of the letter from Secretary Karen A. Miller which is being sent to a community or communities in your legislative district as official notification of approval for a RIRA or LWCF grant.

The RIRA and LWCF programs are administered by the Department's Bureau of Recreation and Conservation and are the Commonwealth's primary source of financial and technical assistance to local governments for park, recreation, and conservation projects.

DCA is pleased to provide this assistance to your constituents and to be a part of this state/local cooperative effort to improve the quality of life in our communities and neighborhoods. Please contact me if you require additional information about the grant or the programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank Ryder".

Frank Ryder  
Legislative Liaison

Attachment

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**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
OFFICE OF THE BUDGET**

**P.O. Box 1045  
Harrisburg, PA 17108-1045**

April 7, 1998

Honorable Italo Cappabianca  
House of Representatives  
House Box 202020  
Room 30, Capitol East Wing  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120-2020

**RE: OB-RACP-03 Discovery Square-Erie**

Dear Representative Cappabianca:

Recently you requested an update regarding the status of the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant for the Discovery Square project in Erie.

A grant agreement between the Commonwealth and the County of Erie was executed on September 23, 1994 in the amount of \$2 million for the construction of "a regional resource to present art, history, music, lectures and educational experiences for all ages. A children's museum and a public theater will be constructed and linked to the Erie Art Museum and the Erie County Historical Society." This project originally had an \$8.731 million budget and included four components: 1) an expanded Erie Art Museum; 2) an improved Erie County Historical Society and History Center; 3) a new ExpERIENCE Children's Museum, and; 4) a new shared facility to include a shared lobby, auditorium and other shared facilities.

RACP grants are required to be matched with at least 50% in local matching funds. For this project, the Commonwealth grant of \$2 million was to be matched with over \$6.7 million in local expenditures. Following execution of the grant agreement it was determined that approximately \$1.4 million in local matching funds expended on the History Center were ineligible due to the date of their expenditure. Eligible RACP matching expenditures must occur after the project's authorization in a Capital Budget Itemization Act. Discovery Square was authorized in Act 188 on December 28, 1992. At least \$1.4 million in costs for the History Center were expended prior to this date and could not be used as matching funds. The Commonwealth did accept costs occurring after the authorization date as eligible match for this project. A contract amendment was executed to remove ineligible matching costs that resulted in a reduced project budget of \$6.995 million.

To date, the Commonwealth has fully reimbursed its share of eligible costs that have been submitted in the form of official payment requests. The Commonwealth has reimbursed \$728,072.21 of its committed \$2 million grant. The last request for payment was received by this office in July, 1996. Based on information presented to the Commonwealth by the County and by the Commonwealth's consultants, the Discovery Square project has experienced significant delays in the construction of the final component of this project, namely the Shared Facilities. It is estimated that this Shared Facilities component would cost in excess of \$2 million to construct. This amount would be sufficient to leverage the remaining grant funds. In the event that construction on this component is undertaken and eligible expenses are incurred and paid by the County, the Commonwealth will be prepared to reimburse the balance of the outstanding grant amount.

I hope this provides the information you had requested. Should you have any additional questions, please call me at (717) 787-7342.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Dreher".

Richard Dreher  
Program Manager



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CORPORATION**

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October 17, 1994

Italo,

On Tuesday afternoon, call Gene Boyle at (717) 787-2606 and ask him if he solved the so-called problem with the Pennsylvania Substance Abuse Information Center contract.

If he did not, then call Robert Sneider who is the comptroller of the PA Dept. of Health, and ask him why he is always finding something wrong with the contract. The first time he changed the wording from "shall" to "should", then he found out that more pages should be changed - again delay. Now finally after three years of working with the same understanding, he questions why in the contract we have to collect shipping & handling fees of \$3.00 which amounts to grossly speaking about \$5,000.00 a year which goes to the purchase of Publications to be distributed.

Now since July, they have not paid the invoices because of the delay of contract. For the last three months the total amount due is \$168,536.74.

If he still tries to find excuses, please arrange a meeting and we shall ask even Mark Singel to be there. Please be firm with that S.O.B. Thank you.

Mark

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TRAINING PROGRAM  
N> CONTRACT yet?