

# Bethlehem Authority Police Report

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Penn Forest Reservoir 11/13/24

1.     ATV traffic remains relatively low. Executive Director Repasch forwarded a message about an ATV driving down a road and possibly entering our property. A thorough check of the area did not show any recent ATV traffic.
2.     Deer archery season is well underway. Several hunters are calling and asking for advice on where hunting is allowed and areas where they may have success in harvesting a deer. Most questions were about where property lines were located or where hunting club lines ended.
3.     I attended ArcGIS training with Director Repasch and Sandy. Training was great and showed just how easy ArcGIS is to use. Since using it more, Director Repasch and I found a need for a few more items with layering into the maps.
4.     The Source Water Protection meeting took place on October 11. In attendance were myself, three city personnel and representatives from PA DEP and the PA Rural Water Association. The meeting went very well with PA DEP and PA Rural Water always glad for how thorough and up to date the Authority is.
5.     The Turnpike over pass is now open to traffic. There is still some equipment and materials on our property as there is still plenty of

other work to complete. Traffic has not had a major increase since the opening.



6. The Nature Conservancy (TNC) performed a prescribed burn on PA Game Commission land in the Long Pond area on Oct 17. The burn was directly adjacent to some of our property. The burn went very well and did not appear to cause any issues. TNC was planning on burning a section of our land the following Monday, but wind conditions were not favorable in the weather forecast. On Nov 1 TNC personnel observed smoke in the area of the prescribed burn. The area had reignited and burned another 6-8 acres of Game Commission land. TNC arranged for individuals to be on scene watching the area for the next week and a half.

7. On Nov 2 the Blue Mountain wildfire started in the area of the Lehigh Gorge. The fire was far enough from any of our property that it was not an imminent threat. We did keep an eye on it, given the dry conditions things could change quickly.