

Bethlehem Authority Police Report

June 2025

Eric Yeakel

1. TNC performed the last of the scheduled prescribed burns on Authority land on May 20. The burn did not appear to have the same results as the earlier burn. Per TNC personnel, the burn did achieve the desired results however.
2. Two persons were spotted on camera trespassing into the Wild Creek Reservoir just before midnight on June 24. After arriving on site and hiking the area for several minutes, I found the individuals, who had been fishing, around 2 AM. The PA State Police aided and cited both persons for trespassing. I, as well as State Police, told both violators they are no longer allowed on Bethlehem Authority property for any reason. If they return, they will be arrested for Trespassing.
3. An individual threw out a bag of household trash on Authority property on Hypsie Gap Rd. The PA Game Commission was able to find and cite the individual who committed the offense. The trash was removed from the area.
4. The PA Game Commission has two bear traps set in the Wild Creek and Penn Forest areas. They will be used to trap female bears and tag them with tracking devices to determine their movement and range to aid in their research.
5. Beltzville Lake traffic has not had any impact on Authority property. The cool weather over the Memorial Day weekend kept park attendance at a reasonable level.
6. Director Repasch and I met with Julia Wolanski from Colliers at Wild Creek for training on ArcGIS mapping. We discussed a new mapping page and had a few additions made to the security page. It is now more user friendly. A few other minor tweaks may be necessary, but I like what we have right now. I look forward to seeing what the next map page looks like when finished.
7. ATV traffic is still low with cameras capturing only a dirt bike this month. I had City maintenance barricade a few more areas to curtail any would-be ATV access. The work performed will likely deter access in those areas.