

Police Report

November 2020

1. The Rocky Ridge Hunting Club reported two incidents of baiting deer during the hunting season. The baiting was in their lease area and by a local resident in Tunkhannock Trails. The baiting locations were given to the Game Commission to investigate. The Game Commission Officer was able to issue citations.
2. The President of the Rocky Ridge Club met with the officers of the Tunkhannock Trails Homeowners Association concerning the use of the roads in the development. Their roads are frequently used by the Game Commission and The Nature Conservancy, as well as Authority for access. A positive meeting took place and good relations were built with the neighboring development.
3. A large pile of trash was found on Authority property along Stoney Hollow Road. The owner of the trash was found to be Quadeerah Adams from Pocono Country Place, in Tobyhanna Township. The information was given to the Game Commission to issue citations.
4. The Game Commission Snow Shoe Hare study has continued through the summer and trapping and tagging will continue through the winter. The study is being conducted by two Penn State graduate students. However, the students had caused some severe rutting to the Authority's fire lanes. The Game Commission in response to the damage recently mowed open the road, bulldozed the ruts, and dumped several loads of stone to repair the road.
5. Pat McElhenny, from The Nature Conservancy, met with the Authority Police Officer as part of TNC's annual legal monitoring of the Authority's activities during the past year. The monitoring is part of the easement agreement between the Bethlehem Authority and The Nature Conservancy. McElhenny was pleased with the Authority's patrols.
6. The Authority patrol recently found a tent staked out along Hatchery Rd. approximately 20 yards into some rhododendron. No one was with the tent and no other belongings were in the tent. Officers seized the tent until such time someone calls to claim it.
7. On Nov. 9, the Authority Officer and Deputy Yeakel participated in the Annual Report Inspection tour of the Wild Creek and Penn Forest Reservoir facilities along with Ron Madison from Maser Consulting and Rich Jones from the US Department of Homeland Security. Mr. Jones was impressed with the Authority's commitment to security and the policing of the watershed.