

# Police Report

October 2020

1. The Authority Forester encountered four people on ATVs picnicking near Grass Lake. The Forester called the Authority Officer, who alerted a nearby Game Warden, resulting in citations being issued. The ATVs were from the Sierra View Development, south of the intake building in Tunkhannock Township.
2. Authority Deputy Yeakel stopped two dirt bikes riding in the Penn Forest watershed. David Calcano, Towamensing Trails, and Gavin Fikertscher, Jim Thorpe were cited.
3. The Game Commission repaired Deep Lake Rd. They mowed back brush, clogging the road, and dumped several loads of crushed stone, to smooth out the roadway. The Game Commission, as well as TNC use this road frequently to access their properties as well as monitoring for the snowshoe hare project.
4. A pile of stone was dumped on the Tunkhannock Trails Road which leads to the Authority Deep Lake Rd. gate. The stone blocked access to the gate and the Rocky Ridge Hunting Club. Club President, Jack Lesoine, contacted the Tunkhannock Trails Homeowner Association about the stone. The stone was mistakenly dumped in the wrong location and access was restored.
5. The Authority Officer received a complaint from a Towamensing Trails resident about ATVs entering Authority property from Petrarch Trail in the development. The ATVs having been creating a mess, with trails cut through the forest. Authority Officers (D Meixell & Yeakel) went to investigate. While driving the development roads, namely Lipo Way, which follows the Authority boundary line, the officers were stopped by Alvin Mangold (resident) who tried to have them leave the private road. After several futile attempts to talk with this person, the officers ignored him and drove off.
6. A resident of Tunkhannock Township alerted the Authority Officer of a developer's plan to clear a vacant lot and place a travel trailer on it to rent out to hunters. The officer was told that trails would then be cut into Authority property for access. The Authority Officer investigated. A clearing has been made, but nothing encroached on Authority land. Tunkhannock Township Zoning was contacted. Township code prevents this activity, however they are very aware of the person described as a developer. He has been a constant problem for them. Monitoring will continue.
7. Sunday hunting is legal for the first time this year. Sunday hunting dates occur on November 15, 22, and 29. The Sunday hunting law requires anyone hunting on Sunday, except on land other than State Game Lands, are required to carry written permission from the private land owner. The local Game Commission office advised that anyone enrolled in a cooperative agreement with the Game Commission will be treated as being on Game Lands. They stated they would forward a copy of a memo stating that policy. The Authority is allowed to ban Sunday hunting on their property, even though we are in the Public Access Program. Many non-hunters frequent Authority properties on Sunday for non-hunting activities. It is unknown at this time if any conflicts will develop. Non-hunters rarely wear protective orange when on the property during hunting seasons.