

Bethlehem Authority Police Report

August 2021

1. On July 13 a tent was located on top of the water system back pressure chamber located on State Game Lands near Foothill Drive. No information to identify an owner was located. Based on a few items located near the tent (Captain Crunch and Reese's Puff's cereal, cookies, and other snack foods) it is believed to be teenagers or young adults. The tent was filthy, had tears and was full of water from recent rain. PAGC was on scene and stated they had been in the area two days prior and the tent was not present. PAGC also had evidence of teenagers camping out in other areas of the Game Land Property. All items were discarded.
2. Spoke with Pocono Organics on several occasions. No issues to report except for a type of weevil issue. Their CBD/CBG plants have grown significantly in a short period of time.
3. Spoke with a member of the Buck Rub Hunting Club Lease. He did not have issues to report. He drives up from Bethlehem several times a month to either mow the grass or run his dog.
4. A few issues with Beltzville park goers attempting to park near our gates at the Wild Creek Facility. Officers have been keeping a close watch on Beltzville traffic and anyone found parking where it is prohibited has been cooperative. Most people are abiding by the signs posted in the area once they observe them.
5. The last and highest met tower (100 meters) was removed by Clean Energy Renewals. The tower came down without any issues and all debris has been removed.
6. This Officer stopped into the Tunkhannock zoning office to check on the warehouse project adjacent to our property off Rt. 115. The project is moving forward with the septic system design currently being discussed.

7. The drone has been useful in checking for gypsy moth defoliation. A few areas with affected trees have been observed. This information has been sent to the Forester who described it as mild to moderate and stated most of this will likely be minimized through disease on the moths themselves. The drone will continue to plot areas of concern through the remainder of the summer and an egg mass count is planned for late fall or early winter.
8. The Sail Boat on TNC property has been removed. Black bear sightings have been numerous the past month with nearly daily encounters. A large number of Kayakers have been in the Long Pond area. I spoke with several and all enjoy this waterway and Kayak here often. One group stated it was their first time and will be back again.