

Bethlehem Authority Police Report

Sep 2021

1. Spoke with a Pocono Organics employee that was going to be cutting the fields off Cottontail Rd. I asked if he would be able to clear an area along the fields that would allow my truck to travel easily. 2 days later when I returned there was a nice clear trail to safely and easily traverse.

2. A port-o-let with a wash station was found on Authority land along Clearview Rd. The port-o-let was placed in very close proximity to the road with plastic wrap sealing it closed. After a brief investigation it was found to have been placed there by Pocono Organics as it is required for employees when working in the fields. As I was looking into getting someone to move the port-o-let further from the roadway an angry neighbor crossed the street and began yelling at me for the port-o-let. As she was yelling I tried explaining that I am going to get someone to move it to a better location. She was photographing the truck, and me, all while still yelling about the odor and other vehicles are stopping and using it. At this time one of the individuals from Organics that I have been dealing with in the past arrived. I asked him if he could move it to a location closer to the fields where it would be hidden from the roadway and still accessible for the service truck to access. Within 45 minutes it was moved.

3. Bear sightings have dropped a bit the past month but deer and eagles are plentiful. Mountain bike and human traffic is picking up on the property. Most people are hiking, geocaching or are hunters looking for deer stands. ATV traffic is still low in all areas with the Long Pond area appearing to be accessed from the PA Game Lands. The large amount of rain we have had this month has saturated the ground and portions of fire lanes are soft and those that need maintenance are even softer. Hopefully things will dry out quickly this month.

4. The Forester was on site to check the areas of potential gypsy moth activity that were located with the drone. Being in the area and using the drone again he now believes this is not gypsy moth activity but individual trees experiencing some type of stress. More checks will be made this fall with the drone.

5. Beltzville Park overflow has not been an issue this month except for one day. An individual foraging for mushrooms parked by the Wild Creek gate accessed by local fire depts. for water. This caused others to begin parking and gathering picnic items from their vehicles to take into the park. A Deputy was present in the area and had everyone move along without incident.

6. Two storms, Henri and Ida made the long pond area resemble the Bayou when viewed with the Drone. Henri knocked the stop logs loose at the Tunkhannock intake building. This officer notified the Wild Creek Supervisor and suggested that while the stop logs were accessible it would be a good time to retrieve them. The suggestion was not followed up on and the following week Ida washed the stop logs approximately 75 yards downstream. It is unknown whether or not they can now be retrieved.