

Amity to dedicate Butch Boyer Pavilion

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The Amity Township Board of Supervisors unanimously approved on Aug. 6 to dedicate and take ownership of the Butch Boyer Pavilion with a half-hour service at noon on Sept. 6, during Community Days.

Curt Clifford, a member of the pavilion's fundraising and organizing committee, told the board that fundraising efforts began at last year's Community Days with a goal of \$50,000.

As of Aug. 6, he said \$77,500 has been raised, although Clifford estimates that \$110,000 to \$115,000 was provided in donated goods and services from community members.

Clifford said the building was recently painted by members of Boy Scout Troop 597, Amityville, and the building can be secured.

“ There was a great donation of services from a lot of people in the township,” said Clifford.

“ You should be commended -- you did a heck of a job raising that,” said Supervisor Richard L. Gokey.

Clifford said another \$10,000 is still needed to purchase and install bathroom fixtures, install five feet of sidewalk, and landscape the area. Fundraising will continue through Sept. 6 and conclude with a “ pledge walk” around Amity Community Park that morning from 8 to 11:30 a.m., starting at the Tennis Courts near the pavilion.

Walkers are asked to obtain pledges of \$2 per lap (a distance of just over one mile on the park's track).

Clifford said picnic tables will still be constructed prior to Community Days and will be used that weekend by the Amity Township Lioness Club for bingo. Harold S. “ Butch” Boyer, age 72, died on Jan. 28, 2013.

Boyer, the owner and operator of Boyer’s Market & Catering, Amityville, had served on the township’s Parks and Recreation Committee, was a trustee of the Amity Township Fire Department, and a member of the Amity Lions Club. Board members said he was a long-time supporter of community organizations and events, including supplying Boy Scout Troop 597 with catered meals and donated an equipment trailer to the troop.

The board unanimously approved to paint intersection and yellow lines at a cost of \$7,162.50.

It also approved to purchase two new stainless steel salt spreaders at a total cost of \$6,190. The board unanimously approved to proceed with a total expenditure of \$8,500 to purchase 300 gallons of hydrogen peroxide plus a carboy, in an effort to stop odors emanating from Pump Station #5 on Weavertown Road.

The purchase will be made through U.S. Peroxide, Atlanta, GA, and will also include four months of chemicals at \$1,500 a month.

Amity Township’s sewer consultant, Michael D. Sassaman, The Arro Group, Wyomissing, said a charcoal filter previously installed on the vent pipe has been unsuccessful in preventing the odors.

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