

Dirtwerx Excavating And Hallet Paving Provide Wheelchair Access At Minsi Lake

By Jim Wilson / FOML Sec.

UMBT - In order to provide for smooth wheelchair access to the adaptive kayak launch at Minsi Lake, DirtWerx Excavating from Pen Argyl & Hallet Paving from Bangor, recently graded & paved the 50-foot long, crushed stone pathway from the macadam parking lot to the aluminum kayak launch ramp. This is the latest improvement for accessibility at the Lake, which is becoming an accessible outdoor recreation destination, with its accessible kayak launch, two accessible fishing docks & more accessible facilities & amenities in the works.

Northampton County Parks & Recreation had plans to pave the kayak launch pathway during recreational improvements at Minsi Lake Park next year. But DirtWerx owner, Justin Ubel, an adaptive kayak paddler himself, recognized a more immediate need for this during an adaptive kayak paddling program at Minsi Lake in August & contacted Northampton County Parks to expedite the work. Parks & Rec & Friends of Minsi Lake are grateful for community partners, like Justin, who see a need & immediately take the initiative to resolve it. Thank you, Justin Ubel!



Protecting Police from Assaults

By Ann Flood

SLATE BELT - Pennsylvania police officers now have a new level of protection if assaulted with bodily fluids.

Act 99 of 2022 makes it a criminal offense to assault a police officer with bodily fluids, such as saliva. The law outlines an assault must be deliberate, rather than a case of accidental spitting that could occur during a heated exchange.

Typically, when officers are assaulted with spit or bodily fluids, they must undergo medical testing to see if they contracted a virus, such as HIV. Such assaults take police officers off the street, preventing them from fully doing their jobs and protecting people in their communities.

The law takes effect in approximately two months.

Flags for Heroes Campus Tribute

In honor of our community veterans, active-duty service members, and first responders, the District is launching "Flags for Heroes." The District will place American Flags with personalized medallions on our campus against the backdrop of our one-room schoolhouse, the Union School, beginning November 7, 2022 through November 21, 2022 coinciding with Veterans Day. The purchase of the medallions will support our junior class student activities.

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