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Covington Township Adopts Addendum to the Emergency Management Plan Regarding MP-RV Zone

Covington Township - Covington Township & Eagle Lake attorneys were ordered on Friday, May 8 by a Lackawanna County Judge to meet Saturday, May 09, 2020 to create a mutually agreeable plan keeping the entire community safe while reopening their facilities during the current Emergency Declaration of Disaster. The meeting ended without any health and safety agreements or resolutions.

The Covington Township Board of Supervisors later held an emergency meeting on Saturday, May 9, 2020 and adopted an addendum to the Emergency Management Plan regarding the reopening of any facilities located in the MP-RV Zone. This will go into effect immediately and will continue until the expiration of the Township's Declaration of Disaster Emergency. This document can be found on the township website: <u>http://covingtontwp.org/about/municipal-services/</u>

After the posting of the Addendum to the Emergency Management Plan Regarding MP-RV Zone business(es) I received several calls asking for clarification of the Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) section and as to why Covington Twp is trying to keep Eagle Lake closed. I would like start with the following:

Dear Valued Eagle Lake Members:

Covington Township values and appreciates all that you bring to our community. Recent ongoing discussions with Eagle Lake may have been misconstrued to indicate an angry and bitter relationship between Covington Township and Eagle Lake. This was never our intention. Nor was it Covington Township's intention to keep Eagle Lake closed for any period of time. Our goal was to address concerns of Covington Township's citizens and Eagle Lake owners about the safety of both communities in the face of this unprecedented global pandemic as well as to establish a set of mutually agreeable guidelines to ensure everyone's health and safety going forward. We welcome everyone's input and are looking forward to another mutually beneficial season which will allow Eagle Lake owners to utilize their properties and provide an atmosphere for relaxation while addressing health and safety concerns of both the Eagle Lake members and the local citizens at the same time.

Since the posting of the Emergency Action Plan for MP-RV Zone to Covington Township's website I have received several calls and comments from Eagle Lake members to clarify the personal protective equipment (PPE) section. I will be looking to reword the plan as stated below to give members a better understanding of this section.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- All members will ensure they have a face mask (must cover both mouth and nose) when:
 - o Unable to maintain social distancing of 6' or greater
 - When off their property and/or interacting with other members, visitors, and the MP-RV Business(es) staff
- PPE is not required when:
 - Members are on their own property/camp site with their family member(s) that they came with. However, If visiting or visited by another member, guest, or MP-RV Zone Business(es) staff, then face mask and social distancing of 6' or greater applies
 - While walking, running, hiking, riding on golf carts and walking pets off your property / camp site and practicing social distancing of 6' or greater. However, you must have a mask with you at all times, in the likelihood, you run into or interact with another member, guest or MP-RV Business(es) staff then face mask and social distancing of 6' or greater applies

As EMA Coordinator and a resident of Covington Twp, I personally would like to welcome all members, visitors and guests back to an enjoyable, relaxing season with Covington Twp. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me.

Respectfully,

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