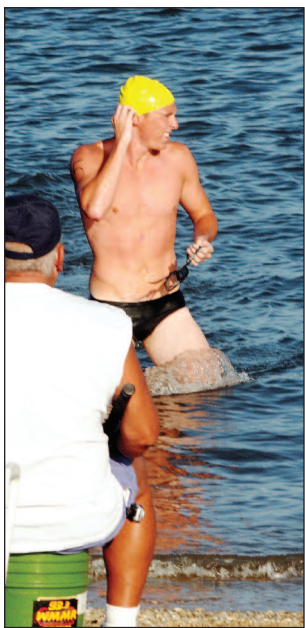




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## Nietubicz calls it quits as Point commissioner

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH  
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY POINT – Joe Nietubicz, Cape May Point commissioner for the past six years, unexpectedly submitted his resignation to Mayor Carl Schupp, Friday, Aug. 13. “Sorry there is nothing dramatic to report,” Nietubicz said when contacted this week. “No handcuffs.” Nietubicz said his resignation was dull, in obvious comparison to situations such as that of Ridgefield Mayor Anthony Suarez, who refused

*‘I decided to pick up my marbles and go home.’*

–Joe Nietubicz

to resign amid federal corruption charges. “It’s just an ‘I’ve had it’ kind of thing,” Nietubicz said. “I came down here to retire and I want to enjoy Cape May Point.” When asked to give advice to the next commissioner, Nietubicz’s motivation

became clearer. “Keep your head down. Beware of friendly fire,” he said. “People come down (to Cape May Point) retire to relax and what you get is, ‘They didn’t pick my trash up...I want this to be a one-way street...’ It’s tough, and it never ends. People get

involved in neighborhood squabbles and they come to the commissioners and want us to fix it – and we can’t.” Nietubicz identified himself in the final edition of his newsletter, “The Point Is,” as “former Commissioner Nietubicz. He cited numerous issues that were making the job of commissioner more difficult for him, including: Federal regulations, state regulations, eroding home-rule, special interest groups for and against, the economy, school taxes, fighting off being consolidated, more

services, less taxes, insurance, and liabilities. “It’s a world of restriction: of ‘you can’t do that’ and somehow, after that maze and being pelted by public opinion, somehow, I am supposed to figure out what direction to take,” Nietubicz wrote. “I find it more and more difficult to do the job that I was elected for. I’ve had enough.” Nietubicz said his choices were to become a hermit in his office, put in his time and draw a paycheck, which he

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## Lower council agrees on most fees, then takes out the trash

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH  
Cape May Star and Wave

LOWER TOWNSHIP – Lower Township Council agreed, for the most part, on a schedule of fee increases, but decided to remove trash fees for further consideration. Still, council was not unanimous on raising fees all around. “It’s not a good time to raise recreation fees,” Councilman Tom Conrad said. Conrad said raising fees \$5 could prove to be prohibitive for some families, and the children might not be involved in sports, which helps occupy their time. “And when we are trying to cover \$1 million, this only raises \$7,750,” Conrad said. Deputy Mayor Kevin Lare said a lot of kids don’t play sports because their parents can’t afford the cost. “They have to buy a jersey that costs \$50,” he said. Lare said the coach has been buying jerseys for some of the kids who can’t afford them. “Fifty percent of the kids in our elementary schools are in free or reduced lunch,” he said. Lare said he was OK with most of the other fees but would like to hear more from the business community. He suggested phasing in a trash collection fee for businesses.

Currently the township provides trash removal to residents and businesses. Lower Township Chamber of Commerce President Sheri Hemmingway said her business does not produce trash and she would not pay township trash collection fees. Township Manager Kathy McPherson said if she didn’t use municipal trash collection she would not be charged, but Hemmingway doubted that could be accomplished. “How will you know?” she asked. “If you don’t have a trash can you won’t be charged,” McPherson said. Hemmingway said she didn’t think the township could keep track of who has a trash can and who doesn’t. Hemmingway said she didn’t understand how the township was going to make money by charging businesses for trash collection. She said the tipping fees and the insurance costs would exceed what the township would collect in fees. She said private businesses that need trash collection should hire a private contractor. Lare said he did see a need to rush into the trash collection issue and suggested a decision be put off until council’s September work session. Councilman Wayne Maz-

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Above, Danny Brooks and Edwin Zhang, both 16, decided they would try to raise \$20,000 for Alex’s Lemonade Stand to benefit children’s cancer research. The duo skateboarded from Highpoint, N.J. to Cape May, 200 miles in 10 days and raised about \$8,000 so far. They are shown in front of Rita’s Italian Water Ice on Beach Avenue in Cape May at the end of their trip.

## Pair skate 200 miles to raise money for cancer

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH  
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CAPE MAY – A lot of teenaged boys like skateboards, but perhaps not enough to skate 200 miles. But Danny Brooks and Edwin Zhang, two 16-year-olds from Long Valley, decided to do that as a way to raise money to combat cancer in children. According to Brooks, the pair planned to skate about 20 miles per day in their quest to raise \$20,000. “My friend and I, two years ago when we started skating together, we thought it would be cool to do a big trip, like for a couple days. Then we thought we should do it for a cause,” Brooks said. Brooks said they did some research and thought fighting childhood cancer was a good cause and under-funded. He said they believed the effort could use the money and help. “We thought about this for two summers and this year at school we said we are going to do this,” he said. Brooks and Zhang started scouting a route and some of the areas looked uncertain as to whether they were safe or not. “We were considering going down 206 for a while, but some of the intersections looked dangerous,” Brooks said. They checked with police along the proposed route and asked if there were any issues with them skating. They were told they should stick to state

highways and could not skate on interstates. They also asked hotels and supermarkets if they could set up Alex’s Lemonade Stands, where they would take donations and sell wristbands and T-shirts. Brooks said they could skate the 20 or so miles in four to six hours, and rather than sitting in hotel room relaxing the rest of their time, they could be raising additional money. Brooks said they were trying to get hotel rooms donated to them. Then they were going to contact local churches to see if they would house them for a day. Brooks said his sister offered to sponsor a hotel room for them if they needed. According to their schedule, the boys would leave their stops at around 10 a.m. and arrive at their next stop four to six hours later – somewhere around 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Their entire route was laid out on www.skatecapemay.com. Brooks said he and Zhang have been skateboarding since junior high – Brooks got his first skateboard as an eighth grade graduation gift; Zhang got his a year before. Brooks said the two were using “longboards,” which just like in surfing, are more for cruising than for stunts. “Longboarding is more of a stress release,” Brooks said. “You can do walking tricks – called dancing – but I don’t think we will be dancing for 200 miles.” Brooks said he and Zhang had been skating a lot to build

up their endurance and get in better physical condition. Brooks said he would generally skate to work at Rita’s Italian Water Ice to get in more practice. He held an Alex’s Lemonade Stand at the Rita’s where he works, and would be holding one in Cape May at the conclusion of the trip. Brooks said a few people offered to accompany them for a leg of the trip. One kid wanted to do the whole route but they denied him because of the rooming issue. Brooks said their iPods would be their best friends during the trip. “Skating 20 to 30 miles might get boring without music,” Brooks said. Brooks said he would be listening to alternative music, mostly independent (indie) artists like Dashboard Confessional. “Edwin listens to ABBA,” Brooks said. Brooks said when they approached their parents with the idea they were all for it. “My mom appointed herself as the treasurer, and my dad sent out 200 letters to customers for donations,” Brooks said. Before starting the trip the pair received a check for \$1,100 in the mail, and had collected about \$650 online. The pair were a little nervous before their start, but decided to “suck it up and do what needs to be done,” Brooks said. He said they

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## Volleyball games cause dispute in the Point

By JANICE BROWN  
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY POINT – Historically, the allure of seashore towns, particularly in the summertime, has been for much needed respite from the hubbub of everyday life, a chance to relax peacefully by the seaside and leave the daily cares behind. This is the issue currently being viewed by some Cape May Point residents as at-risk, and it dominated the discussion at August’s Board of Commissioners meeting. Residents Sarah and Joe Jordan of Cape Avenue and Genie O’Connell and Matt Sullivan of Yale Avenue sent a joint letter to the Board of Commissioners complaining about boisterous volleyball games at the Marianist Retreat Center at Yale and Cape Avenues. The residents forwarded a copy of the letter, dated Aug. 11, to the borough

clerk requesting the letter be read at the following night’s meeting. The writers raised concerns about the level of noise generated weekly from a boisterous volleyball game on the grounds of the retreat center, as well as a summary of some recent steps taken by residents to address this matter. The property owners came to the commissioners meeting to request assistance and action from the borough, having found that previous attempts to work out an agreeable solution with the retreat center were fruitless. In the letter, the property owners described a meeting held on Aug. 3 with Cape May Police Chief Diane Sorrentino, Captain Robert Sheehan and Lt. Chuck Lear, and attended by several residents. The meeting was precipitated by a verbal clash in late July between Sarah Jordan and a visitor

at the center, when the early afternoon volleyball game had grown quite loud, and police were summoned. According to the letter, law enforcement personnel had been supportive and sympathetic to resident concerns during the meeting but were rather dubious regarding any legal steps that could be taken. Joe Jordan researched the Cape May Point Borough Code, and he presented excerpts from Chapter 120, titled “Peace and Good Order,” which appeared to “prohibit acts or activities,” especially between the hours of 10 p.m. and 8 a.m., that could “endanger the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others” in the borough. Both the Jordans and Ms. O’Connell expressed their desire that this issue be investigated as soon as possible. Borough Solicitor George

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