

**Northern Lehigh, PA, 7/25/16 - Michael Kukitz, a Penn State graduate with a degree in Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management, has been named Executive Director of the Northern Lehigh Recreation Authority. Kukitz will begin his duties on August 1, 2016 after most recently employed as the Director of the Allentown Corps Community Center and Resource Development Manager for the Lehigh Valley Salvation Army.**

**Kukitz has extensive background in grant writing where he obtained 1.1 million dollars in grant funding, created an annual corporate proposal to engage and ensure financial corporate support, and successfully obtained, implemented, and monitored all grant applications for the Salvation Army homeless shelter, Allentown Corps, Easton Corps, Bethlehem Corps, and Pen Argyl Corps. In addition, Kukitz completed successfully foundation and county grant proposals to help offset a 3.8 million dollar annual budget while supporting the homeless shelter, youth and social departments for Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, and Pen Argyl locations.**

**Kukitz states, "I am honored to have been selected, and look forward to creating opportunities throughout the region that will improve the lives of all residents. This area has such potential to thrive through the opening of the Community Center, as well as opportunities that can be created throughout the park system."**

**About The Northern Lehigh Recreation Authority:**

**"The mission of the Northern Lehigh Recreation Authority is to provide a diverse range of recreation programs and activities that promote a strong sense of community."**