

Newsletter

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Special Points of Interest

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Supervisors' Comments

Dan Worley, Chairman
Larry Dost, Vice-Chairman
Sam Giardullo, Supervisor

We are happy to report that there will be no increase in township taxes for 2004. Your taxes have dropped from 4.22 mills to 2.8 mills and the township is in good fiscal shape. Please check our township website at latimore.org to view pictures of projects and events that have been taking place in the township.

We received a \$7,000 grant from the state for the snow emergency last winter. Latimore Township has 42 miles of roads to maintain and, after last years severe winter, many of our roads needed to be restored. One of these roads was Wright Road, which was so broken up that the entire road had to be rebuilt by our road crew.

The bridge at the intersection of Ridge Road and Latimore Valley Road is closed for repairs. We repaired and reinforced the abutments. We will install new I-beams, decking, and guardrails. Weather permitting, we plan on having this bridge done next month. The road crew is doing the work instead of an outside company, saving us thousands of dollars.

Storm damage has kept us very busy all summer. Flooding caused a number of roads to be washed out and, in one case, there was a large underground sinkhole on Old U.S. 15. When hurricane Isabella came through our area, we had to remove numerous trees that had fallen



across the roads.

Peakview Road was scheduled and approved to be repaved in July, but has been delayed because DEP required the township to get a permit for one of the culverts and the Adams County Soil Conservation required an environmental impact study. Since we did not receive approval from both of these agencies by the middle of October, we will have to wait until next summer to complete this project. After the middle of October, it is to late in the year for the blacktop mix to adhere to the road surface.

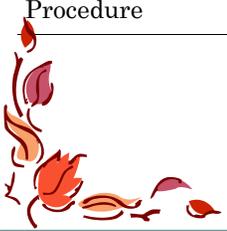
The road crew will continue with preparatory work as approvals are forthcoming. Several culverts have already been replaced. This extra time will allow further settling of soil and gravel where the culverts have been placed across the road.

The road crew has been busy tar and chipping. Portions of Brough Road, Fickel Hill, Bonners Hill and several other sections are planned to be done before winter. The guardrails along Wright Road are scheduled for the latter part of October.

Our 1979 dump truck has been giving us a lot of trouble. It is worn out and has to be replaced. We do not want to take the chance of it breaking down this winter. Several bids were received by the township and we have been comparing specifications and negotiating price. Because we have been saving money for this, we do not have to finance the truck. The township is, and will continue to be, debt free.

The September Festival in the Park at the Latimore Township Park was a success, with over

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News From Lake Meade

It's been a full and busy summer in the Lake Meade community. With the abundant rain-fall we've had all summer long and into the fall, the lake level has remained high, making it good for boating and fishing. All too soon the boats and docks will be pulled out of the water and the process of lowering the lake will begin in preparation for winter. Such is the reality of the cycle of the seasons.

Over the past several months there have been several happenings here at the lake that have been available to the larger community outside of Lake Meade. Just in case you are not aware of them, we'd like to bring them to your attention so that when they take place again in the future you might want to take part in them.



Probably the most popular of these happenings is the fire-

works display that takes place over the July fourth weekend. The entry gate is opened for the greater community to come in and enjoy this marvelous pyrotechnic display. All we ask is that you drive carefully, obey the speed limit and respect private property.



Secondly, there is the huge yard sale that takes place on the entry road each fall. There are all sorts of bargains and treasures to be found there.



Thirdly, there are those delicious and hearty chicken barbeque meals served by the Lake Meade Fire and Rescue. Traditionally, there have been three of these events: one for



Memorial Day, another for July fourth, and the third for Labor Day. Tickets are a must and meals can be picked up at

the entrance.

We continue to look for volunteers here in the Lake Meade community to participate in the Latimore Township/York Springs Community Crime Watch program.

Stay safe and enjoy this wonderful fall season.

Gerald Streck

Regional Police Department

The Police Department has had a busy year so far. Up to the end of September, the department has handled 848 incidents. Sergeant Ronald Stiles has retired from the department with twenty years of service. Part-time Officer Michael C. Weigand was hired full time to replace Sergeant Stiles.



At its October meeting, the Police Commission hired Robert Then as a part time officer to fill the part time position. Officer Then has a total of eight years experience as a police officer, four of which are with the city of Pittsburgh and, after moving back to the area, eight months working with the East Berlin Borough. Officer Then spent his last three and a half years working with the York City Police Department. He will be a great asset to the department.

Recently, the department

has investigated several cases of vandalism to the Township Park. Over three thousand dollars in damage has been done. Police are asking that anyone who sees anything suspicious at the park, or sees anyone on the property from dusk to dawn, to call 911. Please do not call the police department and leave a message. This might delay the response of police. This is your park and your dollars at work to keep the park in great shape. Let's not let anyone ruin it for us. If you see anything suspicious at the park or anywhere else in the Township, call 911 (emergency) or 334-8101 (non-emergency) for police response.

The department has purchased a 2003 Ford Crown Victoria patrol car to replace a 1991 Chevrolet. The department secured a grant for \$10,000 to help in the purchase. If anyone has any questions about po-

Latimore History

"The first human activity in the area was probably hunters and trappers of the Delaware, Susquehannocks and Shawnee Indian tribes who found an ideal environment in the hills and streams. The more fertile limestone areas and the wooded slopes became settled due to the agricultural opportunities which were found by immigrants, primarily from Germany and Ireland. The early settlers from Germany came in 1734 followed by the Scotch-Irish (being Presbyterian Scot bred Irish born) and the Irish (Catholic). Other settlers from Europe included Huguenots from France. Since the early origins of German and Irish immigration, the cultural and racial strains have remained rigid, with further slight foreign immigration coming primarily from Eastern Europe."

Comprehensive Plan for Latimore Township, Adams County
Third Edition, 2000



lice related matters please contact Corporal Hansen at the police department at 528-4121.

Corporal Hansen
Regional Police Department

Pictures from the September 27, 2003

Festival in the Park



Life Lion



The inside of the STAT MedEvac helicopter



Franklinton Fire Co. grills hotdogs and hamburgers



Music



Playing softball



Yard Sales

Supervisors' Comments

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1,000 people in attendance during the day. Some of the activities and events were children's games, a softball tournament, a snake show, a rescue dog show, two helicopters with demonstrations (Life Lion and STAT MedEvac), yard sales, craft vendors, carnival rides, food, and country music. A much deserved thanks to the Park Board and Park Steering Committee for their many hours of voluntary work. The proceeds will be used for future park improvements.

Many people have told us that Latimore Township is such a nice area with its open spaces and rural setting. With your help, we will continue to protect and preserve this natural landscape for both present and future generations.

Dan Worley
Chairman

Larry Dost
Vice-Chairman

Sam Giardullo
Supervisor



Notice to Township Residents Regarding Township Right-of-Way



The Board of Supervisors is asking all residents of Latimore Township to please keep gardens, flower beds, and trees out of the township right-of-way. When the road crew has mowing or other work to do along the roads, your plantings could get destroyed. It is the responsibility of the road crew to maintain the roads and the right-of-ways.

If you already have flower beds or trees planted in the right-of-way, you might want to put up signs marking the area so they don't get mowed down by accident. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.



Notice on Large Item Disposal

There will be no Township Bulk Spring Clean-up. Under our Waste Management Contract, residents of Latimore Township may put out one large item per week. If your item contains Freon, such as refrigerators or air conditioners, you must call 1-800-634-4595 one week in advance of your regular pickup day. This only applies to residents using Waste Management services.

Latimore Park News

If you haven't visited Latimore Park recently, now is the time to do so. In the fall, the park is a beautiful place. The air is crisp in the morning, so enjoy a nice walk and take in the morning delights. The park has a very nice pavilion where you can sit and have a cup of coffee with a friend or just enjoy watching the birds. There is no early rush hour and no traffic congestion, just the serenity of the setting as the day comes alive.

Plan on coming to the park in the afternoon for your lunch and a time to reflect on what has already transpired and plan for the rest of the day. On the weekend you can catch a soccer game or watch a pick up game of baseball. The playground area provides loads of fun for the children. You can take out the Frisbee and toss it around or bring along your bat and ball to hit a few into left field at the ball field.

The park is quite busy on

weekdays in the afternoon and into the early evening. The Bermudian Springs Youth Soccer Organization have their scheduled soccer practices. You can watch the children learn the proper way to play the game. There are quite a few athletes and many moms and dads cheering on their favorites. This is a good time to take a stroll around the park to see and enjoy the activities that are taking place. As the sun settles in the west, the beauty of the park is enhanced and makes for quite a picturesque setting.

A visit to the park today will reveal many changes that have added to its beauty. The park has acquired lights for security. A pavilion has been built to provide visitors a nice view of the park while being protected from rain and harsh sunshine. The parking areas have been well-maintained and the playing fields are kept in order. In the future, the Park Board plans to continue to

develop the playground area for the children and add other athletic facilities to give the widest possible opportunities to our area adults and children.

When visiting the park, say hello to the Park Board members. Bob Garlin, our lawn and field maintenance technician, will answer your questions and invite you to share in the wonders of the park. On any given day you may find Elwood Myers doing some odds and ends at the park. He is an expert at getting things level such as park benches and tables. Our resident painter and all around handyman, Mike Juliana, can be seen with brush in hand. If you see Bob Descheemaeker working on some maintenance task, ask him to explain the theory of relativity. You will find Lynn Schoppaul policing the grounds. She likes to share her ideas for the



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Latimore Township Word Search

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| AGRICULTURE | PERMIT |
| BASEBALL | PLANNING |
| BOARD | POLICE |
| BRIDGE | POLL |
| CHAIRMAN | POND |
| CHILDREN | RECYCLE |
| COMMERCIAL | RESIDENTIAL |
| CULVERT | ROADS |
| EMA | RURAL |
| FARMS | SEWER |
| FIRE | SNOW |
| FLOOD | SOCCER |
| GRADER | STREAMS |
| LAKE | SUPERVISOR |
| LATIMORE | TAR |
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| MUNICIPAL | WELL |
| PARK | ZONING |

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Words may be forward, backward, horizontal, vertical, or diagonal.



Building Permit Procedure



1. Pick up your permit application(s) at the Latimore Township Municipal Building, 559 Old Rt. 15, York Springs, PA 17372. Each application will come with a packet of instructions. You may also download your application(s) and packet from our website. (www.latimore.org)
2. Take completed application, required information, and fees to FPE Consulting Engineers in Dillsburg. Attention - John Shambaugh - Phone 432 - 2719
3. All applications and required information must be in Mr. Shambaugh's office one week before the Latimore Township Planning Commission meeting. This meeting is the fourth Tuesday of each month.
4. Mr. Shambaugh will submit your permit application(s) and documents to the Latimore Township Planning Commission for review. This commission is only an advisory committee. They will give their recommendation for approval, conditional approval, or rejection.
5. If your application is not rejected but has something missing, then it may be conditionally approved. Mr. Shambaugh will notify you if certain requirements have not been met and you will need to complete these before your permit can have final approval.
6. The Latimore Township Board of Supervisors will consider your application at their monthly meeting. If approved, you may receive your permit at the conclusion of the meeting. If not approved, you may resubmit your application following the procedure outlined above.

Latimore Park News

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future of the park, so let her know yours.

The future of Latimore Park rests with the folks who use it. It is your community park. The Park Board needs and welcomes the involvement of all who are interested in the park's success. The future is bright for your park and with your help and support it will continue to be a place of fun and enjoyment for generations to come.

Sam Giardullo

Park
Chair-

Board
person



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Meeting Dates

Board of Supervisors

Second Monday of each month starting at 7:00 P.M.

Planning Commission

Fourth Tuesday of each month starting at 8:00 P.M.

Zoning Hearing Board

Hearings held at the discretion of the Board

Park Board

First Wednesday of each month starting at 7:00 P.M.

Police Commission

First Monday of each month starting at 7:30 P.M. (Alternate or additional meetings to be held the fourth Monday of each month starting at 7:30 P.M.)

Community Crime Watch

Once every three months starting at 7:30 P.M. (Location alternates between Lake Meade and York Springs firehouses)

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