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The Zoning Ordinance

Township zoning ordinances are one of the tools that municipalities use to protect residents from urban sprawl and to preserve their quality of life. Ordinances need to be updated to comply with changing laws and new situations. The Latimore Township Planning Commission and Supervisors have worked on developing and improving our existing ordinance to meet the needs and challenges that confront us every day. No ordinance is perfect and amendments are needed to reinforce areas that are weak or have not been addressed.

Your Board of Supervisors will soon be adopting a new zoning ordinance and zoning map that will help all of us achieve the above goals. This new ordinance and map keep many of the concepts that we have used in the past and build on them to meet future challenges. Residents are encouraged to come to the township office and review the old and new ordinances and maps.

Most of you know that the board of supervisors is committed to preserving our open spaces, protecting our quality of water and making Latimore Township an enjoyable place to live.

Voting Location Remains Unchanged

Many of our residents may not have been aware that a request was made by the local judge of elections to the Adams County Board of Elections to move the

voting location from the Latimore Township Municipal Building to the York Springs Auto Auction, with the reasons stated as being that the municipal building was too small and there was insufficient parking. The Latimore Township Board of Supervisors noticed a sign on the Township door that the primary election would take place at the Auto Auction and that anyone who disagreed would have five days to appeal the decision.

Your supervisors immediately appealed the decision in order to keep the voting location at the municipal building. The Latimore Township Municipal Building has been a well established voting location for almost 30 years and is a public building that has recently been landscaped and remodeled with more than sufficient space. Within the 5 day appeal period, 140 Latimore voters signed a petition asking that the voting location not be moved. Moving the voting location to a private building would have meant paying rent for each election and also placing Latimore's voters at a dangerous crossing at Old Route 15.

The Adams County Board of Elections, the Adams County Commissioners, and the head of voter registration held our appeal at the Latimore Township Municipal Building. After reviewing all the facts and seeing first hand that ample room did exist, they decided not to

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move the voting location. The Supervisors expressed their gratitude to everyone in attendance for taking the time to look at the situation before making their decision. As it stands, the voting location remains unchanged and Latimore residents will continue to vote at the Latimore Township Municipal Building.

Sincerely,

Dan Worley	Larry Dost	Woody Myers
Chairman	Vice-Chairman	Supervisor



Inside the Latimore Twp. Municipal Building

Historical Notes — 100 years ago

“At the close of the Civil War, I was stationed in the city of Baltimore. After the grand review the soldiers were passing through the city by thousands on their way home. Not as they came, in solid columns, keeping step to music, but disbanded they traveled alone or in companionship with others. One day, in the midst of a crowd, an old sun burnt veteran, covered with dust and burdened with musket and knapsack, walked up to me and said: “Won’t you be so kind, sir, as to tie my shoe string?” We felt like doing everything a soldier asked in those days. He put his foot up on a marble step. It was a hard looking shoe. Ripped at the sides, soles half off, and red as a fox, but as I tied it up I asked him: “When did you enlist?” “At the first call of the President.” “When next?” “Then I enlisted for three years.” “And how then?” “Well, then I enlisted for the war.” “What engagements were you in?” “Well, sir, I was in all the battles of the Army of the Potomac.”

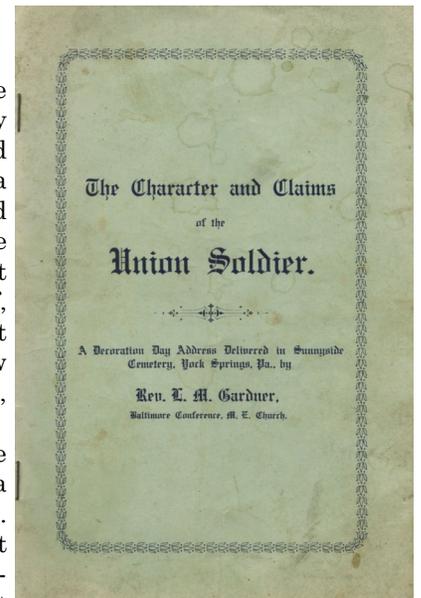
I lifted my eyes and looked him all over. I felt myself more honored in tying the shoes of this brave old soldier than I would have been in shaking the hands of a major general. Here was the man who represented the true genius of the Republic. Who fought for patriotism on small pay. No shoulder strap graced his coat. He went at the first call and remained until the last shot was fired. Marched through summer’s heat and winter’s cold—took his chances on every battlefield, and then at last, when the old flag was vindicated, the Republic saved and the direful cause of all our woe buried forever, he swung his knapsack on his back and went home to his wife and children, to plow his fields and to work in his shop as he did before. This man is but a type of thousands of old veterans who are alive and among us today. They deserve and should receive the respect of the old and the admiration of the young men of today.

While the Civil War was going on a soldier in blue was standing on a railroad platform waiting for a train. Behind stood a purse-proud man with his wife and daughters. As the train approached he broke out roughly—“Soldier, don’t you see you are standing in front of myself and my family.” The boy in blue modestly turned around and tipping his cap said—“Yes, sir. I have been standing before you and your family for the last two years down on the Potomac.”

Let the people of this great country, covered with rich farms, humming factories, busy railroads, and all the machinery of wealth, look back over the long line of years and they will see a blue column of soldiers standing in front of it all.

I have now feebly plead the claims and eulogized the character of the Union soldier. Before I close I must make an appeal in behalf of the spirit of national fraternity. Let us remember that while we have gained everything, our enemies have lost everything for which they fought in the Civil War. It behooves us, then, without the sacrifice of principle, to be generous to our foes. The Union of the future is to be one on the basis of the brotherhood of freedom—north and south.”

Excerpts from *The Character and Claims of the Union Soldier: A Decoration Day Address Delivered in Sunnyside Cemetery, York Springs, Pa., by Rev. L. M. Gardner July 4, 1908* p. 9-11.



Latimore Township Police Department

Dear Residents,

The police department has come a long way in the 10 months we have been in service. From hand written reports and only one patrol vehicle to computers in the cars and three patrol vehicles. And yes if you see a motorcycle patrolling, believe what you see. The motorcycle will be used for community events, traffic events, and patrol.

The police department is doing everything to provide you with the best service. We have initiated an on-call program in which an officer will respond to calls even while not on duty. We cannot guarantee that every day or night will be covered and we will ask the state police to cover some shifts. However, the majority of the time the on-call service is covered by one of the Latimore Township Police Officers. The current part-time officers are Todd Dunlap, Rob Then, Burnell Bevenour, Mike Weigand, (Jr.), Todd Forney, and Ralph Griffiths. We have been averaging four to five calls a shift, from traffic complaints, accidents, and criminal mischief to thefts.

I would like to remind the residents to please call 9-1-1 for emergencies or 334-8101 (Adams County Control) for non-emergencies. You may also call the office telephone at 528-4121 to leave a message. Because the Latimore Township Police are often on the road instead of in the office, if you need an officer for an incident please contact us through Adams County Control.

We have been keeping the marked cars on patrol to show a high visibility within the Township. It is our goal to be as community oriented as possible and we continue to serve the Bermudian Springs School District.

Our Community Crime Watch Committee is active and meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Latimore Township Municipal Building. Meetings usually last one hour and we discuss issues in the community and upcoming events. Our Crime Watch Committee initiated an "Adopt a Cop" program this past winter to assist us in obtaining funds to purchase new ballistic vests and equipment for the department, thus allowing more funds from the police budget to be used for greater coverage on the road. The Crime Watch Committee was able to raise \$6,600. The officers and supervisors greatly appreciate all the work the Committee did to ensure the safety of the officers. In addition we would like to give a special thank you to all of the residents and businesses that donated to the program.

On Tuesday, August 5, 2008 the nation will be celebrating "National Night Out". We encourage you to have cook outs and get acquainted with neighbors and turn on your porch lights during the evening. National Night Out is celebrated throughout the country every first Tuesday in August to take a stand on Fighting Crime.

Please, if you see suspicious vehicles or activity, or notice something that just does not look right, call Adams County Control at 334-8101 to have an officer stop by and check things out. We cannot do it alone, we need your help and support to make our community as safe as we can.

Sincerely,
Mike Weigand - Chief of Police



Recycling Center

The Latimore Township Recycling building located on the property of the Latimore Township Municipal site has been in operation for over 18 years. The facility was the first Adams County community to introduce a volunteer township-sponsored recycling program. This summer the Recycling Program will be getting a new shed which will be located right next door to the original facility. Your continued support of the recycling services benefits those in need in our community.

The following items are accepted at the Center which is open every Saturday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon (except holidays):

Please note: All bottles must have their lids removed

- 1) Colored #2 plastic detergent, soap and shampoo bottles. No margarine, salad dressing catsup or other plastic containers that are not #2. Oil bottles are #2 but cannot be accepted.
- 2) #2 plastic milk/drink containers
- 3) #1 plastic soda/drink bottles
- 4) Clear glass
- 5) Brown glass
- 6) Green glass
- 7) Tin cans
- 8) Aluminum cans
- 9) Newspapers (Must be tied or placed in paper grocery bags. Please don't use plastic bags). Magazines cannot be accepted.
- 10) Cardboard should be broken down, tied or placed in cardboard boxes.
- 11) Small amounts of scrap iron or aluminum.



Please have all of your material sorted in these categories when you arrive. This will save the volunteers a great deal of work and will save you and others time.

The recycling center will be closed on the following days:

Calendar Year 2008:

July 5, August 30, October 11, November 8, November 29, December 27

Calendar Year 2009:

January 3, January 17, February 14.

Thank you for your continued support of the center,

Recycling Program Coordinator,
Sam Giardullo



Historical Notes — 225 years ago



In Memory of Samuel Hodge

Birth unknown

Died March 17th 1783

The strongest man that ever lived on earth

At last did quietly yield up his breath

This fate is sure to all to you and I

Come then prepare for death before you die

Latimore Township Park

If you have visited the park since last fall, you will have seen a construction zone. Inside the orange plastic safety fence, a great deal of work has been done in the creation of the new playground. The two age-appropriate (ages 2-5 and 5-12) modules, and the two new swing sets, have been assembled through the efforts of volunteers who put in hours of work on the project. The major assembly has been completed on the new equipment.

Much work has already been done, but more work is needed to complete the project. The modules need to be cemented in, drainage stone spread, and 12 inches of safety cushioning wood chips placed on top. After that, a few finishing touches to the landscaping around it and the new playground will be ready to use. The community will be invited to the grand opening when the children will be able to start enjoying the new, modern, safe and fun playground.

The next project on the Park Board's agenda is putting in one mile of surfaced walking/biking trail around the lower half of the park. The trail will allow walking, jogging and biking while enjoying the park and the activities happening there.

A third project ahead for the Park is the installation of fencing along Pondtown Road by the baseball and multi-purpose field. This fencing will help ensure park-goers' safety near the road and prevent damage to the park from cars driving off the edge of the road onto the grassy areas along the road.

Some of the activities going on at the park are soccer and lacrosse teams practicing and competing in their league games. Also available are a baseball field, charcoal grills, picnic tables, and a pavilion that can be rented for group events. And, at those times the leagues have not reserved the fields, the multipurpose fields can be used on a first come first served basis. So come on out and spend some time at the park.

If you are interested in volunteering to help at the park, with on-going maintenance or any of the projects being worked on, or would like to rent the pavilion, just call the Latimore Township Secretary at (717) 528-4614. The Park Board welcomes any and all volunteers who wish to have a hand in making our park a better place.

Lynn Schoppaul, Park Board Secretary

Woody Myers, Park Board Chairman



Earth Day 2008

The York Springs Daisy Troop, under the direction of Leader Debbie Brent, spent time on Tuesday evening, April 22nd, picking up litter at the Latimore Township Park, as an Earth Day project. The troop split into two smaller groups, going in different directions, armed with plastic grocery bags and gardening gloves to collect any trash they found. In the end, they had picked up quite a bit of trash and made the park a nicer place. The Park Board Secretary, Lynn Schoppaul, told the girls, and other family members who helped them, that their contribution toward helping keep our park clean was greatly appreciated. Once again, the Park Board would like to thank them for their efforts. Good job girls!!



Road Department

We are preparing our gravel roads differently this year from the past. Aside from cutting gutters along the road, grading them, and applying 2A modified stone, we are also using a heavy roller to pack the stone tightly. We anticipate that by packing the stone, the number of pot holes will decrease.

As part of road maintenance, we will be sealcoating Roelker Road and Bonners Hill Road as well as Fickel Hill, Hilltop and Strayer Roads. In addition, we will be preparing County Line Road from Wright Road to New US Route 15 for paving. General maintenance will continue throughout the summer including replacing culverts, digging side gutters, and mowing. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the maintenance department at 528-7013.

Latimore Township Roadmaster
Brian Gayman



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Meeting Dates

*All meetings are held at the
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Board of Supervisors

Second Monday of each month starting at
6:00 P.M.

Planning Commission

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

Park Board

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

Community Crime Watch Committee

Fourth Thursday of each month starting
at 7:00 P.M.

Zoning Hearing Board

Held at the discretion of the Board

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