

Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

May 2, 2009 1:00 PM
Grand Opening Ceremony for the playground at Latimore Park

May 19, 2009
Primary Election Day
7:00 AM—8:00 PM

August 4, 2009
Crime Watch National Night Out

September 12, 2009
Memorial Ceremony for Sgt. Michael C. Weigand, Jr. to be held at Latimore Park



Larry Dost
Vice-Chairman



Dan Worley
Chairman



Woody Myers
Supervisor

Latimore in Good Financial Shape

The economy has affected many townships to the point that they have had to scale back on major projects and, in some cases, have raised taxes to make ends meet. Not Latimore Township. When the present administration took office back in 2000 and the economy was still flourishing, we started saving funds for a rainy day. Because of this foresight, we are happy to report that there has not been and will not be a tax increase. Here are some examples of how we manage township funds:

Our road equipment is in excellent shape. During the winter months, road salt causes our equipment to rust but, instead of buying new equipment that could cost thousands, we repaint it to protect it and to keep it looking new. We also protect our vehicles by keeping them in our maintenance building and perform regular service so that we have fewer mechanical problems.

The Latimore Township Police Department is very thrifty and, with the help of the Crime Watch Committee and members of the community, we have updated our officers with the best safety equipment available. Donations have been much appreciated by us, our police offi-

cers, and our township residents as these donations are used to defray these costs. A new police cruiser was recently purchased with grant money. Chief Mike Weigand is not only a dedicated police officer who is establishing a solid reputation in our community, but is also well-qualified and successful in obtaining grants. Chief Weigand is always looking for ways to save tax money without sacrificing police coverage for our residents.

The park board has received several grants for playground equipment, mowing equipment, fencing, and a walking trail, which will be completed in the near future. These grants are filled out and submitted by volunteers. Several of these volunteers have also helped install playground equipment at the park and they work together so that our children have a safe environment in which to play.

Except for our police chief and road master, the rest of the township is being run by volunteers and part timers. This saves thousands of dollars on salaries and benefits. The website and newsletter are all done by volunteers. The planning

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commission and zoning hearing board are also staffed by volunteers. These people are to be commended for devoting their time and expertise to making our township a better place to live.

The supervisors are happy to inform you that we are planning an aggressive road schedule for 2009 that will include resurfacing several roads. These roads will be listed in the road master's report. Extensive preparation work will be done before seal coating takes place. This winter has been unusually hard on some roads due to frequent freezing and thawing and will require repair where sections of the road surface have broken.

We have recently updated our zoning ordinance so that we can continue to protect our homes and preserve our open spaces. We are currently working on our land and subdivision ordinances. Some additional issues being addressed are storm water management and the quality and availability of our fresh water. Wind and solar energy ordinances will also be forthcoming. As supervisors, we continue to keep ourselves up to date on legal issues so that we can make informed decisions if our ordinances are challenged.

Our auditing firm has continued to give us excellent evaluations each year and has commended us on our management practices. Your supervisors are dedicated to their constituents, to sharing ideas, and to maintaining communication between each other, our employees, our volunteers, and the community. The park board, planning commission, zoning hearing board, police department, crime watch committee, road department, clerical staff, and supervisors work together so that your local government can better serve you.

Sincerely,

Dan Worley	Larry Dost	Woody Myers
Chairman	Vice-Chairman	Supervisor

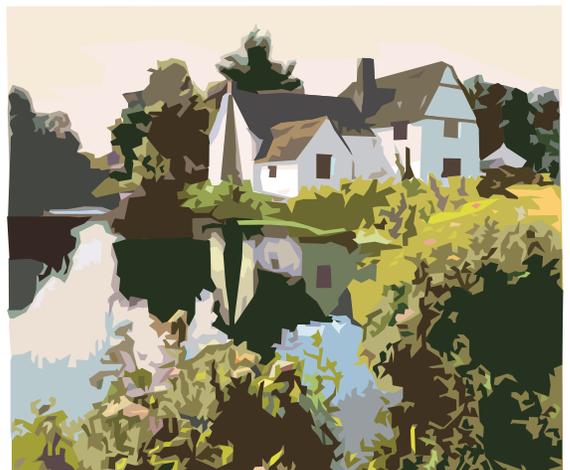


Adding to the Latimore Township Recycling Building

News From Lake Meade

TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS ATTEND ANNUAL MEETING

In our ongoing efforts here at Lake Meade to keep communications open and to work cooperatively with the surrounding townships, we were pleased that the three Latimore Township Supervisors, Dan Worley, Larry Dost, and Woody Myers responded to our invitation to join us at the Annual Homeowners Association meeting. Such cooperation allows the supervisors to communicate directly with the Lake Meade Property Owners Association board members as well as residents of the community. We here at Lake Meade appreciate such visits by our Township officials. It is by such open communication that we can understand what is happening in the wider community and learn what we might be able to do in a cooperative way to make life better for all of us in the larger community of the surrounding townships. Kudos to the Latimore Township Supervisors and the Lake Meade Property Owners Association leadership for being forward-thinking as they carry out their respective responsibilities.



Jerry Strek



Latimore Township Police Department

Tribute to Sergeant Michael C. Weigand (Jr.), Badge 42-5, E.O.W. 9-14-08



Mike was born on February 14, 1983 in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. Mike achieved so much in his short life. He loved playing sports, beginning with both baseball and football at a young age. He attended Beattie Technical School for classes in emergency service, where he studied to become an EMT. He also attended North Hills High School. While there, he played football, worked, and belonged to the Perrysville Fire Department.

When he made his new home in East Berlin, Mike went to the local firehouses to become a member, both in East Berlin and York Springs. Mike graduated from Bermudian Springs School in 2002 and then graduated as a police officer from the Allegheny County Police Academy. He started his career as a police officer for the York Springs/Latimore Township Regional Police Department, working alongside his Dad. He also worked part time with the Littlestown Police Department. While remaining as a part time officer with the local regional police department, Mike took a position as a police officer with the Eastern Adams Regional Police Department. Mike loved working with kids and went back to school to be certified as a D.A.R.E. Officer for Bermudian Springs School District. Eventually, Mike was promoted by the newly formed Latimore Township Police Department to the position of Sergeant. It was an honor for him to have achieved this position at such a young age and to be able to work alongside his father and to follow in his footsteps.

Mike married a wonderful woman, Mandi, with whom he had a beautiful little girl, Lanie, the light of Mike's life. Mike was not only an excellent police officer but also a wonderful son, a loving husband, and a caring father to his little girl, his pride and joy. This came to an abrupt end on September 14, 2008 in a fatal accident which took place while Mike was on duty escorting a charity event for Latimore Park. He passed away doing a job he loved and he died a hero to all who knew him.

On May 8, 2009 at 10:30 am, Mike's name will be added to the Adams County Law Enforcement Memorial at the Oak Lawn Memorial Gardens on Route 30 just west of Gettysburg. All are welcome to attend. **On May 13, 2009** Mike's name will be added to the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C. at the 25th annual Candlelight Vigil sponsored by Concerns of Police Survivors. **On May 15th 2009**, National Law Enforcement Memorial Day, during a service at the United States Capitol, Mike's name will be read with all of the other officers who died in the line of duty in 2008. On the same day, Mike's name will be added to the memorial wall at the Police Officer's Hall of Fame in Titusville, Florida.



Other news in the Police Department

Calls to your police department have increased in 2009. We have continued to focus on answering calls for service, investigating crimes, speed enforcement, and community service activities. Please remember to help First Responders find you in an emergency. Check the house address on your mailbox as well as the house to see if they are clearly visible. A Latimore Township ordinance requires that a mailbox be numbered on both sides and the number also be attached to the house.

The police department has taken delivery on a 2009 Harley-Davidson Police Motorcycle sponsored by Battlefield Harley-Davidson. The program is scheduled for two years through a lease program, for \$1.00 per year. In addition we placed a 2008 Dodge Charger in service in November 2008. The township received a \$10,000 dollar grant to help defer the cost of the new cruiser.

The Crime Watch Committee is planning activities for "National Night Out" which will be on Tuesday, August 4, 2009. Please mark your calendar to turn on your porch light to support crime prevention. All are welcome to attend Crime Watch Committee meetings held once a month at the Latimore Township Municipal Building.

Sincerely,
Mike Weigand - Chief of Police

Road Department

For 2009 we have a lot of road projects scheduled. After extensive preparation, the following roads will be leveled and seal coated during the month of August:

Leathery Road

Cloverdale Road

Bushey School Road

Brough Road

Mud Run Road

Bateman Road

Myers Road from County Line Road to the bridge.

Each of the above roads will need side gutters cut for drainage and several inches of PA2A stone. This stone will be compacted to make a solid base. A leveling machine will be used to make a smooth surface before E3 road oil is applied. Number 67 stone will be used for preparation work. This is a new procedure that we are using rather than using the old traditional way of just applying the seal coat on top of an uneven base. Some of the roads have already gotten new culverts so that the stone on top has a chance to settle before resurfacing.

You may have noticed that portions of some roads are cracked due to the frequent freezing and thawing temperatures this year. The road crew is in the process of digging these areas out, applying PA2A stone and patching with either hot mix or cold patch depending on the traffic conditions.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please contact the maintenance department at 528-7013.

Latimore Township Roadmaster
Brian Gayman



Latimore Township Park



Madison Reever, daughter of Joe Reever, and Alex Patterson, son of Mike Patterson, taking the first slide.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the playground at the park should be ready to use! Park Board members and volunteers from the community have put in many hours of work to reach this goal.

This spring, putting down 12 inches of safety cushioning was the last major effort required to ready the playground for children to play on the equipment. Three tractor trailer loads of wood chips had to be spread over the stones which provide drainage of the playground. Believe us when we say, that's a lot of wood chips!

Due to weather delays last year, it took longer than expected to reach this point, but the hard work was worth it. We think you will agree that we have a great new facility for youngsters to enjoy. There are two climbing modules with slides, one for 2 to 5 year olds and a much larger one for 5 to 12 years. Both are handicapped accessible. In addition, each age group has a new set of swings to enjoy.

A Grand Opening ceremony for the playground will be held on Saturday May 2nd, 2009, at 1:00 PM at the park, rain or shine. We look forward to everyone being there.

The finishing touches to the playground will include planting grass on the berm around the playground, and adding park benches. We also plan to plant trees to provide shade. If you would like to donate a tree or shrub to be added to the landscaping around the playground or the park, please call Casey Coble, our park board horticulturalist, at 528-4116. If you have any perennial plantings you are thinning this spring, we would gladly accept them to help beautify the park. Just bring them to the playground Grand Opening.

The next project to be completed is to put a fence along the road by the playing fields. This is for the safety of the children playing there. The plan is to put in a split rail fence, in keeping with the rural area. Following that, we will be putting in a one mile walking/biking trail around the developed area of the park for all to enjoy.

It's Spring! Come out and see the new playground and enjoy the park!

Lynn Schoppaul, Park Board Secretary

Woody Myers, Park Board Chairman



Memorial Ceremony

The Latimore Township Park Board is planning to hold a memorial ceremony to honor the memory of Police Sgt. Michael C. Weigand, Jr. It will be held at the park, on the weekend of the one year anniversary of his tragic death during the motorcycle ride that he was escorting to benefit the park last September 14th.

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Meeting Dates

*All meetings are held at the
Latimore Township Municipal Building
unless otherwise specified.*

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. Meetings held at the Lati-
more Township Park pavilion April -
September. All other months are held
at the Latimore Township Municipal
Building.

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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