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Vice-Chairman



Dan Worley
Chairman



Woody Myers
Supervisor

The Responsibilities of a Township Supervisor

As supervisors, we have many responsibilities that require a strong commitment to our constituents. Many hours of volunteer time are required seven days a week to be properly prepared to make informed decisions on a variety of issues. The following are just a few of a supervisor's duties: conduct monthly meetings to address issues such as subdivisions, finances, ordinances, the concerns of our residents, bids for township supplies, zoning officer's reports, solicitor's reports, review the bills list, review the treasurer's reports, discuss legal issues in executive session, discuss old and new business, review monthly police report incidents, & develop the budget. Some other duties include holding public hearings, working with and reviewing auditor's reports, appointing staff positions, & developing and updating personnel manuals.

An important part of a supervisor's job is being well prepared for meetings. Doing this requires knowledge of, and involvement in, all departments of your local government. By attending monthly planning commission meetings, a supervisor becomes informed of new subdivision plans, ordinance updates, and new ideas. Working closely with the police department and attending crime watch meetings to address any concerns keeps open communication and the exchange of ideas. Inspection of roads and maintenance helps supervisors make decisions on how best to improve and upgrade our roads and

bridges. Monitoring the secretarial staff allows us to run the township efficiently and working closely with the park board enables us to plan for future recreational projects.

A supervisor must stay informed with the township comprehensive plan, the township ordinances, the land and subdivision ordinance, and ensure that these are reviewed and updated on a regular basis. Supervisors must also be familiar with the municipal planning code and work with the township solicitor to protect the township from liability and to enforce township ordinances.

With new laws and the changing needs of our society, a supervisor's job is more complex than ever and requires a considerable amount of effort. The experience of the supervisors and their township staff is very important because it takes time to acquire the knowledge to become informed about all aspects of local government and to apply that knowledge to make the best decisions for our residents.

If you have any questions about your local government, please do not hesitate to contact us at the Latimore Township office at 528-4614.

Sincerely,
Dan Worley, Chairman
Larry Dost, Vice-Chairman
Woody Myers, Supervisor



Historical Notes

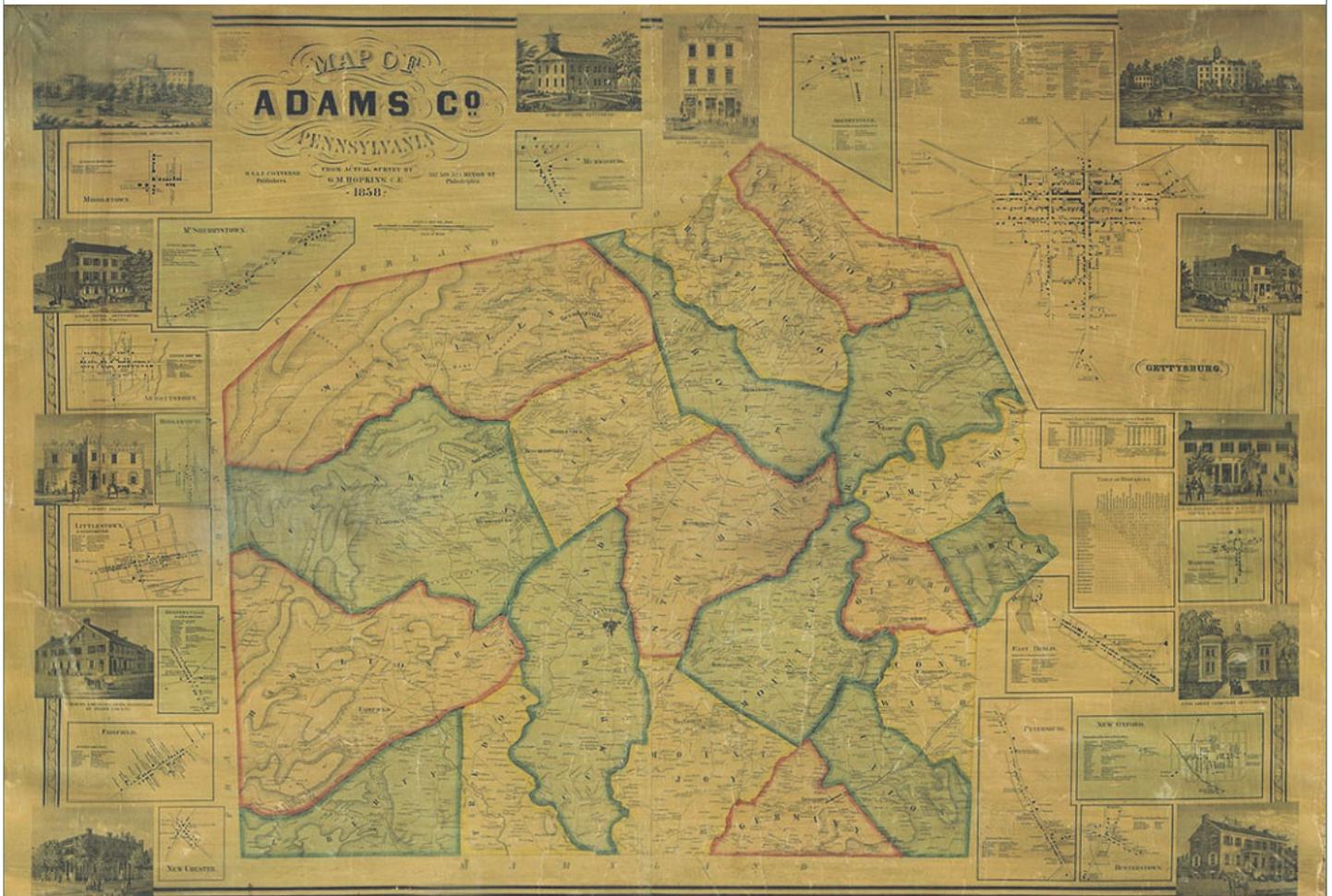
Adams County's Formation and the Boundaries of York County

“By an act of the Legislature passed January 22, 1800, Adams County was erected out of York, with an area of 548 square miles. It was named in honor of John Adams, who was then President of the United States. This reduced York County to its present area of 921 square miles or 589,440 acres. It is the shape of an irregular quadrangle, with far-famed Mason and Dixon’s line for the base, a distance of 40 miles, and is the fourth in line westward of the southern tier of counties, with Lancaster and Dauphin Counties on the east and northeast, the State of Maryland on the south, Adams County on the west and Cumberland and Dauphin on the north. The Susquehanna River washes the eastern boundary from the mouth of the Yellow Breaches to the Maryland line, a distance of fifty-five miles. The southern boundary is a due east and west line, located by the astronomical and mathematical calculations of the distinguished English surveyors whose name it bears. The western boundary line from the southern line north eight and one-half miles, is an exact meridian; from thence the Beaver Creek and a public road form a winding line north-westward to a point on the South Mountains, where York, Cumberland and Adams Counties meet. From here the boundary is a due northeast line along a ridge of the South Mountains to the Yellow Breeches Creek, Continuing in nearly the same direction along the many remarkable bends of this placid stream to its mouth at the Susquehanna, two miles below the city of Harrisburg. According to the census of 1880, there were 498,344 acres of the land embraced in York County improved, and 101,096 acres unimproved, leaving one-third of the entire county woodland and uncultivated land. This estimate seems high.

The fortieth parallel, which is the latitude of the northern limit of Philadelphia, enters the county at Wrightsville, passes through Emigsville is a short distance above the village of Dover, and strikes Adams County where the south branch of the Bermudian Creek enters York County.

The seventy-seventh meridian, or the line designating the longitude of Washington, the capital of the United States, crosses the county one-half mile east of Hanover, passing out of the county two miles east of Dillsburg.”

Gibson, John. *History of York County Pennsylvania, From the Earliest Period to the Present Time, Divided into General, Special, Township and Borough Histories, with a Biographical Department Appended.* Chicago: F. A. Battey Publishing Co. 1886, Page 301.





Latimore Township Police Department

Calls have increased approximately 30 percent in 2009 from 2008. We will continue to focus on answering calls for service, active patrols, investigating crimes, traffic enforcement, and community service activities.

We have joined with other police agencies along US Route 15 in a program called "Drive Safe US 15" sponsored by The Center for Traffic Safety. In this program, we will step up enforcement for traffic violations, while maintaining our continued participation in the DUI checkpoints and roving DUI patrols. The Center for Traffic Safety placed billboards along US Route 15 to bring this campaign to the driver's attention. It is the goal of the campaign to reduce accidents along the corridor from the Maryland state line to the Perry County line.

With the season changing from fall into winter, we remind you to prepare your vehicle for inclement weather and use caution in the forthcoming ice and snow. Falling leaves and slick roads make a dangerous combination that may cause your car to lose control. When cold weather arrives, there may also be areas of black ice on the roadway. Remember that PA Law requires you to turn on your head lights during inclement weather when it is raining, foggy, or if your vehicle cannot be seen from 1,000 feet.

The Latimore Township Police Department also entered into an agreement with Bermudian Springs School District for the school year 2009-2010. On September 14 we began instructing the 5th grade students in the D.A.R.E. program. Both the police department and the school district felt this was a program we needed to keep active and are working on creative ideas to fund this program.

The Community Crime Watch Committee is very active and meets once a month at the Latimore Township Municipal Building. The Crime Watch Committee sponsored "National Night Out" on Tuesday, August 4, 2009. The event was a success and the committee plans on sponsoring the event in 2010.

Sincerely,
Mike Weigand - Chief of Police



Cub Scout Pack 88 Lake Meade Bike Rodeo

News From Lake Meade

Cub Scout Pack 88, Blue and Grey District

Dear Chief Weigand,

Pack 88 from Lake Meade would like to say a huge thank you for your time you gave to the scouts. Your presentation was informative, fun, and truly memorable. The Scouts loved when you did the #8 on your motorcycle.

Thank you for the bicycle pamphlets, checking the kids' bikes, and bringing your motorcycle. The kids were in awe.

It's people like you that make a difference in the life of a scout. We thank you for all you do everyday for everyone.

Thank you,
Jennifer Kacom
Advancement Chair for Pack 88



Road Department & Maintenance Crew

The road department has had an extremely busy summer preparing the roads for over four miles of resurfacing. This included building up the base and cutting side gutters. Our road system has shown tremendous improvement in the past few years. We are already planning our road upgrade schedule for next year and have just finished mowing along the township roads. We rented an overhead brush cutter and removed much of the overhanging limbs from the roads. We also have salt ordered for the winter months and are making sure our snow equipment is in good operating order.

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

Sincerely,
Brian Gayman
Latimore Township Roadmaster



Latimore Township Park

By the time this newsletter reaches you, the walking/biking trail at the park will be under construction. This trail will be nearly one mile long and will be ADA compliant to accommodate wheel chairs, hikers and bicyclers. It will consist of loops around the various playing fields as well as the developed areas of the park to provide options in choosing how far to walk or ride.

In the last newsletter, we announced the Grand Opening of the new playground at the park. It was held May 2nd and attended by residents, our township supervisors, and state officials. We even had a birthday party going on in the pavilion during the event. The Park Board members held a ribbon that Chairman Woody Myers cut, officially opening the playground to children young and old.

Since that time, finishing touches have been put in place. A hard surface has been put on the playground walkway and handicapped parking areas and two park benches have been added. Families come out to use the facilities on a daily basis.

This summer, on July 25th, the Park Board members and other volunteers put in a three rail split rail fence along the road beside the playing fields. All 850+ feet of the fence was installed in one day. A special thank you goes to Mr. & Mrs. Reaver, who provided hamburgers and hotdogs to our volunteers for lunch.

On September 12th, 2009, a very special event was held at the park. A memorial service was held for Latimore Township Police Sergeant Michael C. Weigand, who was killed on September 14th, 2008 while escorting a motorcycle ride to benefit the park. His wife and daughter unveiled a monument dedicated to his memory and his service to the community. This monument sits under a tree planted near the pavilion, surrounded by flowers. Members of his family and the Latimore Township Police Department each placed a red rose at the base of the monument to pay their respects during the service. A large number of fire and police department members who served with him formed a line of uniformed public service men and women in his honor. Many members of the communities he served, and members of the youth soccer league who knew him from the D.A.R.E. program, also attended. The monument is a beautiful tribute to a young man who served the Latimore Township community. Please stop by and take a moment to pay your respects to this young man who is sorely missed by all who knew him.

Please call the township office at 528-4614 if you wish to reserve the park pavilion for your event.

Lynn Schoppaul, Park Board Secretary
Woody Myers, Park Board Chairman



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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 Latimore 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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