

# Latimore Township

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**Larry Dost**  
Vice-Chairman



**Dan Worley**  
Chairman



**Woody Myers**  
Supervisor

## What are the duties of your Township Supervisors?

The two main responsibilities of municipal government are the provision of all necessary services for Township residents and the enacting of laws for the good of the whole community. Annually, there are important matters that require careful preparation, such as adopting a new budget and awarding contracts for materials and roadwork. But perhaps you're wondering what other duties your elected officials must fulfill on a more routine basis?

Your current Township Supervisors have gained a lot of experience in the day-to-day running of the Township because of their commitment to continuous learning. Government regulations on a local, state, and federal level are ever-evolving, and your Supervisors must keep up to date. This is accomplished

primarily through reading and research, frequent communication with the Township's Solicitor and Engineer, attendance at a variety of meetings arranged by Adams County officials, and the maintaining of good relationships with local legislators and organizations such as PSATS (Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors). So far this year, there have been changes to regulations on such diverse matters as police pension plans, municipal investment opportunities, medical marijuana, and storm water management facilities. Township Supervisors must take the time to learn about all of these issues so that they can make informed decisions with the residents' best interests in mind.

In addition to these responsibilities,

your Supervisors must manage all Township personnel and departments, making sure that all Township services are running efficiently. Together with their staff, they must prepare for the monthly Board of Supervisors meeting (held the second Monday of each month at 6:00 PM) and for other meetings held on an as-needed basis, such as Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, Park Board, and Crime Watch. It is imperative that your Supervisors understand zoning matters, so that they can protect their residents' quality of life and prevent unwanted development.

The Latimore Township Supervisors, in their capacity as road crew, are also responsible for the maintenance of the Township's 42 miles of road. In the spring and

summer, you will see them out patching the roads, installing new road signs, and mowing the grass; during the cold seasons, long hours will be spent plowing snow and salting. They also coordinate the upkeep of the Township Park facilities so that young and old can enjoy activities there.

The Supervisors aim to make Latimore Township a pleasant place for all to live, work, and play. Please do not hesitate to contact the Township office at 528-4614 or [latimore@latimore.org](mailto:latimore@latimore.org) if you have any questions about your local government.

Sincerely,

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



## Police Department ♦ Report



You as a resident can greatly assist the police department or the PA State Police by calling 9-1-1 when you see suspicious activity or a crime occurring. If an incident can be handled while it is active, that will save the police department or the PA State Police a lot of investigation time. During our non-coverage times the PA State Police will respond to crashes and active calls that need immediate response. Calls that are not active may have to be held and have a delayed response until an officer is available. You can also call Adams County Control non-emergency number at 717-334-8101 to report an incident or request an officer.

### News in the Police Department



In January 2016 the Township purchased the Latimore Township Police Officers new body armor to replace the officers' body armor that has been in service since 2008. The new body armor is a necessity to keep the officers safe from a potential gun shot.



This year we have welcomed two new part-time police officers to our department. Derek Smith and Terry DeWitt come with many years of experience in law enforcement. Terry DeWitt also has nearly 20 years of experience as an EMT and is an instructor of first aid, CPR, AED, and SFST.

With winter weather arriving, please watch for wet leaves and ice conditions on the roadways. Remember: It is a law in every state to have all the lighting on your vehicle turned on during inclement weather. Not all vehicles that have automatic lighting will detect the reduced light during a daytime rain or snow. You will generally have to turn on your light switch. Please check this so other drivers can see you on the roads during inclement weather. Please share the road with PennDOT and local snow removal and salt crews while they are plowing or salting to clear the roadway.

**The police department wishes you a safe Holiday season and safe upcoming New Year!**

Sincerely,  
Mike Weigand, Chief of Police

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## Latimore Township Park ♦ Report

Latimore Township Park has been a busy place this summer with sports practices, meetings in the pavilion, and residents making use of the walking trail and playground. We have worked hard to make sure the facilities are in excellent condition for all who visit, and we have enjoyed a good relationship with the Bermudian Springs Youth Soccer Organization, whose members are often seen on the park playing fields. We wish BSYSO a great finish to their fall soccer season!

If you've visited the park in the past few weeks, you might have noticed the beautiful new sign at the entrance. Many thanks go to

Jeff Painter of Milk House Productions for his generosity and wonderful work in creating that new sign. Also, the security system at the park has been successfully updated in recent months.

The park remains open during the winter months, so please do continue to enjoy the walking trail, fields, pavilion, and playground. If you have any questions or concerns about the park, contact Woody Myers at 514-3978.

Sincerely,

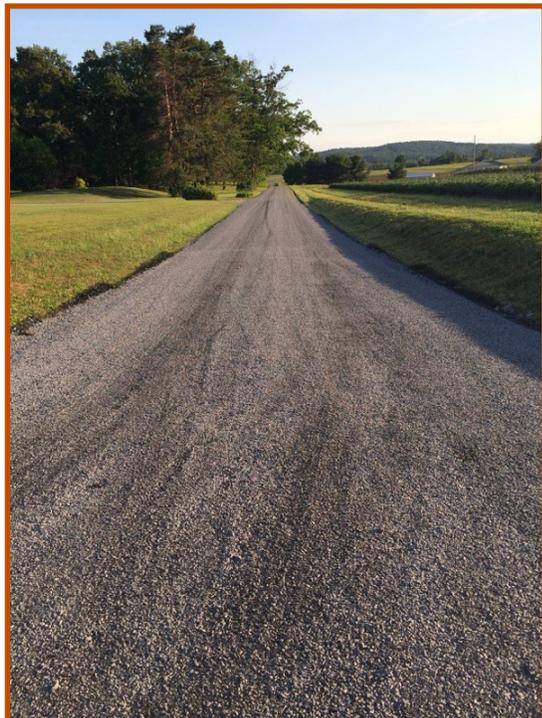
Latimore Township Supervisors



**Above: New sign at park entrance**

**Left: BSYSO soccer skills clinic held at the park**

## Road Department ♦ Report



We have had a busy summer this year and are pleased to report that quite a number of roads were successfully seal-coated or patched. We also did a lot of mowing and trimmed brush along our roads. Thank you for your patience during the roadwork season. It is inevitable that potholes will open up from time to time, especially during particularly rainy weather, so please do call to let us know if there are potholes or other issues that you are concerned about.



We anticipate getting deliveries of salt soon in preparation for the winter and will be ready with the plows on the trucks at the first flake of snow! The Road Department phone number is 528-7013, and if you must leave a message please remember to state your name, number, and the location of the incident you are reporting. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
Latimore Township Supervisors

### Route 15 Meeting

Thank you to all our residents who attended the PennDOT meeting on October 20th regarding the planned changes to Route 15 in our area. We trust that the meeting was informative and helpful in addressing your questions and concerns. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Road Department. The ultimate decision on all changes to Route 15 lies with PennDOT, but we value our residents' input and will make sure we communicate all your concerns to those responsible for the plans.

## Historical Notes ♦ Pondtown

Sometimes in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, it is hard to envision quiet places we pass every day as ever having been bustling places of business and industry. One such place in Latimore Township is the area of the Pondtown Mill Bridge. The bridge gets its name from the mill which once stood at Pondtown.

Pondtown, nestled in the bend just past where the Latimore Creek joins the Bermudian Creek, was never a very big place. It appears to have never had more than 4 or 5 houses, 3 barns and the mill. The “town’s” name comes from the large mill pond that was associated with the mill. The “town” sits on land originally settled by Richard Cox around 1740.

The stone mill is thought to have been three stories tall, which was the norm for such businesses. It is believed that Issac and John Tudor built the mill in the early 1800s (per Frank Myers). Other names associated with the mill at Pondtown are Morthland, Wolford, Wilt and Weaver. Later, Eli Masemer owned the mill property. He had a flour mill, a chopping (grist) mill and a cider press. The 1872 map of Adams County indicates that there

were several other mills in the immediate vicinity. In the days of the horse and buggy, mills served the needs of the local populace, grinding flour and cattle feed (grist or chopping mills), sawed lumber, pressed oil and fulled (cleaned and thickened) cloth. Mills were located every few miles along creeks with an adequate water supply.

Across the Bermudian Creek, nestled against the hill (Pine Hill, according to Mary Worley Wolfe) that lies between the creek and Bermudian Creek Road was Trostle’s quarry. This is the site where dinosaur tracks were discovered in 1937 as rock was being quarried for use in building a bridge on the Gettysburg Battlefield.

Ye Olde Sulphur Spa Historical Society, 408 Main Street, York Springs, has recently opened an exhibit “Merchants, Mills and More” showcasing business and industry in northeastern Adams County. The museum is open Wednesday evenings from 6-9 PM and the first Sunday of most months from 2-4 PM. Check the website for up-to-date information.

*Information provided by YOSSHs.  
[www.yosshs.org](http://www.yosshs.org).*



Pondtown Roller Mill, circa 1900



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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  
(except January), starting at 6:00  
PM

#### Planning Commission

Meetings held as needed on the  
fourth Tuesday of each month,  
starting at 8:00 PM

#### Park Board

Meetings held as needed. Some  
meetings may take place at the  
park pavilion.

#### Community Crime Watch

Meetings held as needed.

#### Zoning Hearing Board

Meetings held as needed.

### Contact Information

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