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Preserving Historic Landmarks

Latimore Township has a number of historic structures which are reminiscent of days gone by. One of our historic bridges is the Stone Arch Bridge (also known as the Humpback Bridge) located at the intersection of Quaker Church Road and Latimore Valley Road. This bridge has recently undergone repair and is a fine example of bridge architecture that adds to our rural character and surroundings.

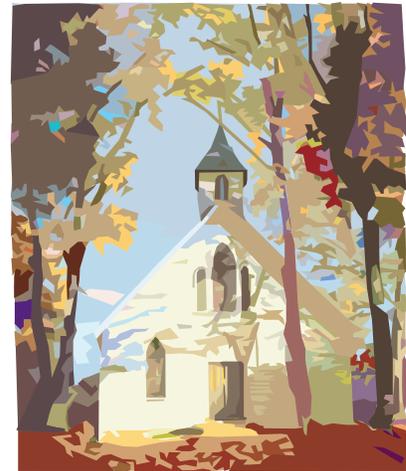
Latimore Township also has a number of one room school houses. Most have been converted into homes but still retain the basic design of their original purpose. Some of these buildings are located along Old Route 15, Bushey School Road, Blackberry School Road, Route 94, Townhill Road, and Latimore Valley Road. Also a few old mills and foundations are still scattered throughout the township.

We have several historic churches and meeting houses, many of which are still in use today including those along Mountain Road, Old U.S. 15, Two Churches Road, Lake Meade Road, Braggtown Road, and Quaker Church Road. Many have been restored for future generations to worship. Also noteworthy are the many epitaphs inscribed on the stones.

The Latimore Valley Fairground has quite a bit of history in that it was a primary source of entertainment before our modern technology. Many activities still take place at the fairground today and the Williams Grove Old Timers have a museum with artifacts and memorabilia that

document its history. The Olde Sulphur Springs Hotel, located along Route 94, was an establishment where early settlers could rest, relax and get something to eat.

Your supervisors are not only committed to protecting our open spaces for fu-



ture generations to enjoy but also feel that our historic structures add significantly to the character of our township, making Latimore Township a great place to live.

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

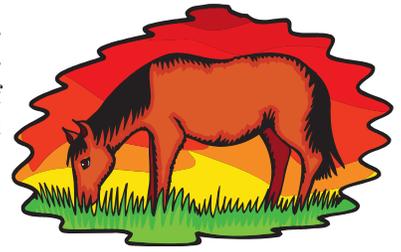
Sincerely,
Dan Worley, Chairman
Larry Dost, Vice-Chairman
Woody Myers, Supervisor



Historical Notes

HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP AND BOROUGH OF YORK SPRINGS.

“The streams of this township are Bermudian Creek and Muddy Run. The former forms the greater part of its western boundary, enters on a southeastern course near the Kennedy farm, and then flows in a tortuous channel through the southern part of the township, entering Latimore near the Sulphur Springs. Numerous small streams flow into the Bermudian, while some of the feeders of Latimore Creek rise here and flow east or southeast.



The outcrops of Tyrone are also found in Huntington Township; also hornblende rock, magnetic surface ore, weathered orthofelsite slate, copper rock, decomposed crypto-crystalline, orthofelsite, chlorite-schist, orthofelsite porphyry, quartzore schist, greenish crystalline schist and slate rock, micaceous ore, trap, green chloritic shale limonite, hematite coarse sandstone, slate rock, asbestos, quartz, specular iron ore, sandy clay slate, ore slightly magnetic, in fact, all the rocks native to Latimore show themselves in Huntington. In January, 1880, a vein of magnetic iron ore was excavated on the Leer farm a mile and three-quarters northwest of York Springs; also, on the farms of Peter Stephens, Simpson, Michael Stambaugh and Adam Laren. The Sulphur Springs of this district possess strong mineral properties.

In 1837 Joseph Smyser employed some workmen to dig a well on his farm about three miles from York, but while they were at dinner “the bottom fell out,” and the tools sank down to a depth never discovered.

In 1855 the wooden bridge over Bermudian Creek, on the Gettysburg and Harrisburg road, was erected by Jonas Rouanzahn for \$1,330. Work on the York Springs branch of the Harrisburg & Potomac Railroad was begun by contractor Michael McCabe on June 3, 1872.

In Huntington Township, in 1824, the retailers of foreign merchandise, wines and liquors, were William Gardner and Fahnestock & Bollinger. James Neely was the constable. The population in 1800 was 1,147; in 1810, 1,104; in 1820, 1,294 including 126 inhabitants of York Springs (Petersburg); in 1830, 1,284; in 1840, 1,482; in 1850, 1,757 (11 colored), including 356 in York Springs (Petersburg); in 1860, 1,833; in 1870, 1,951, including 356 in York Springs Borough. In 1880 the population of the township was 1,642, and of York Springs 378. The number of taxpayers (1886) is 520; value of real estate, \$515,688; number of horses, etc., 447; number of cows, etc., 468; value of money at interest, \$44,267; value of trades and professions \$12,765; number of pleasure carriages, 150; acres of timber land, 1,772.

The assessment of the township was made in December, 1798, and January, 1799, by Daniel Funk, Thomas Neely and W. Thompson, and a tax levy of 26 cents per \$100 on the total assessment, \$147,352, made by George Herman and John Weirman, son of Henry Weirman. The single freemen were taxed \$1 each.

Huntington Township, through its delegate B. Gardner, voted for adoption of the school law of 1834, in the convention of November 4, 1834. The State appropriated \$139.75 and the tax was \$135.28.

The Gettysburg & Harrisburg Railroad crosses the extreme northwest corner of the township. The postoffices are York, Sulphur Springs and Idaville.

YORK SULPHUR SPRINGS.

This place, located within one mile and a half of the borough, dates back to 1790, when explorers, traveling through the Jacob Fickes tract, discovered several deer-licks leading toward the place, and ultimately came upon the springs. Buildings were erected by Robert Long and Joseph Worley, grounds were laid off and the locality became at once a health and pleasure resort. In 1848 Pennington & Baggs, of Baltimore, with Arnold Gardner, manager, became the owners, from whom the tract passed into the hands of Adam Fisher.”

History of Cumberland and Adams Counties, Pennsylvania. Chicago: Warner, Beers, 1886.





Latimore Township Police Department

Our calls for service for 2012 have been comparable to 2011. We will continue to focus on answering calls for service, active patrols, investigating crimes, traffic enforcement and community service activities.

We have been busy over the summer months with traffic enforcement along the US Route 15 corridor, under an agreement with the Center for Traffic Safety. We did receive some funding through the Center for Traffic Safety to help reduce the speeds through our area.

We are anticipating another grant through the "PA Buckle Up Program" for traffic enforcement for the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday. If there are any parents with young children who are not sure on safety seat installation, Officer Seth Weikert is a certified Child Safety Seat Technician. You can call the department to schedule an appointment for a free check.

In May and June of 2012, the US Marshal Service performed another Megan's Law compliance check in the Middle District of Pennsylvania, which includes Adams County. All Megan's Law sex offenders were checked for proper reporting. Our department was funded through "Operation Summer Sweep" for the apprehension of those offenders that were not in compliance.

We remind you to prepare for the shorter time of daylight and use caution in watching for walkers, runners and children waiting for the school bus on or near the roadway. Remember that new Pennsylvania law requires you to give four feet of clearance to a bicycle rider. Also, a new driver for the first six months may only have one additional non-family member passenger. In addition, having a non-seat-belted operator or passenger under the age of 18 years is now a primary violation of the Seat Belt Law.

The Community Crime Watch Committee is very active and meets once a month at the Latimore Township Municipal Building. The Crime Watch Committee hosted "National Night Out" on Tuesday, August 7, 2012. The event had approximately 130 people in attendance. The York Springs, Lake Meade and East Berlin Fire Companies were on hand along with Medic 46 from Hanover Hospital to display equipment and speak to residents. The Boy Scouts also were on hand to assist the children playing on the moon bounce equipment at the event.

The police department wishes you a safe fall and winter.

Sincerely,
Mike Weigand - Chief of Police



Latimore Township Police Bike



Latimore Township Park

Last year we resurfaced half the parking lot and this year we completed the other half. We also made and installed Bluebird houses around the perimeter of the walking trail. Three color security cameras have been installed at the park. Also, the ball diamond backstop and fence were recently repainted and the park lighting has been upgraded. New underground wiring has been installed for the lights and the poles were repainted. The lights only come on when a sensor is activated at night and then only for 10 minutes. We feel that we have a good working relationship with the soccer organization and appreciate their help in maintaining and making the park a wonderful place for our youth to play.

Many people are using the walking trail, which is a little under a mile, for exercise. A map at the entrance gives a layout of the trail and the exact distance. The playground equipment is state of the art and is not only used on a daily basis but also is a great source of entertainment when there is a function at the pavilion. If you are interested in using the pavilion please contact Woody Myers at the township office at 528-4614.

Sincerely,
The Latimore Township Park Board



Supervisors Larry Dost & Woody Myers installing bluebird houses at the park.

The part time road crew has been busy this summer preparing a number of roads for resurfacing. In addition, with money from FEMA, we have been able to resurface more roads than we normally would have been able to do this summer. The following roads have been completely resurfaced: Fickel Hill Road, Hollow Road, the upper end of Townhill Road, Two Churches Road, and Wright Road. Partial work was done on Bateman Road and Brough Road.

Mowing has been a challenge this year with all the rain we have gotten in our area. We try to make two passes in order to get the gutters and banks, but the grass seemed to need mowing every couple of days. Sharpening and changing mower blades has become a constant routine. We have 42 miles of township roads to maintain. Due to the fact that we do not have the proper equipment to cut brush to a height of 14 feet and a width of 5 feet, we have hired an independent contractor to help us do the job. We are always busy with general road upkeep and if you encounter a problem, please call the maintenance building at 528-7013 and state your name, address, and where the situation is located.

Sincerely, Woody Myers

The Road Department



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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. as needed.

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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