# RICHMOND TWP BUILDING 30348 St. Hwy 408 Townville, PA 16360 Phone: 814-967-3822 Fax: 814-967-2942 Meetings: 1st Thursday of the month, 6 pm at the

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# **A Word from the Supervisors**

Dear Residents:

As 2025 comes to an end, we celebrate a year of progress and community dedication. The Board of Supervisors has worked hard to maintain our roads, enhance facilities, and manage township finances responsibly without increasing taxes. We deeply appreciate the commitment of our employees and volunteer boards, whose efforts make our achievements possible.

Rhonda Phillips, our secretary/treasurer, skillfully oversees our finances and provides critical guidance for sound decision-making. John and Brian have worked relentlessly to keep roads accessible during winter storms and repair weather-related damage. Dwight Hall has kept our recreation facility in pristine condition, ensuring beautifully maintained grounds. Mike Lokuta keeps our website current and informative, while our Planning Committee monitors county developments and offers valuable recommendations. The Recreation Board has done an outstanding job organizing events that highlight our exceptional facilities.

As we move forward, Glenn Sharpe has chosen not to seek re-election. We are immensely grateful for his service, wisdom, humor, and positive spirit. Glenn, we wish you health, happiness, and success in your next chapter!

Looking to 2026, we're thrilled to announce plans for a major renovation of the recreation facility, featuring expanded parking, all-inclusive playground equipment, modernized lighting, and new amenities like pickleball courts. We invite your suggestions—please share them on our new Facebook page, created by Mike Lokuta. To support this project and renovations to the veteran's memorial, we're seeking donations to secure matching grants. If you're able to contribute, please send a check payable to Richmond Township to the township building.

In 2026, we'll also commemorate our nation's 250th anniversary with special events for the semi quincentennial. Follow our Facebook page for updates!

We're excited to collaborate with you and meet more of you in 2026.

P.S. Don't forget to vote on November 4!

Sincerely, The Richmond Township Board of Supervisors RECREATION BOARD

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**Matt Capron** 

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# John Brown Heritage Association

The John Brown Heritage Association has been gifted the adjoining lot next to the tannery site by the Edinger Family Trust in Meadville. This lot was part of the farm owned by the abolitionist John Brown in Richmond Township that he purchased in 1825 and operated a tannery for 10 years. We have started to clear the area and develop it into a peaceful extension of the tannery site. Please feel free to visit the tannery site and learn about Brown's life here in Crawford County. If you get a chance to visit the rec building and view the artifacts on display from the work of the French Creek Archeological dig at the site. It's a county treasure located right here in Richmond Township.

## **Richmond Township Planning Commission**

The Township Planning Commission and the Rec Board are working with the Supervisors on updating the Township Rec Center. We are trying to come up with a comprehensive plan that requires input from you the Township citizens. It covers parking and drainage issues as well as building updates play equipment and additions like a pickle ball court and even signage. Please take time to visit the park and let the township know your ideas. We are very fortunate to have such a park that includes ballfields, walking trail, picnic pavilions and play equipment for children. Check it out and share your thoughts.

John Lawrence, Planning Commission Chairman

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### TRUNK OR TREAT

Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM
Township REC Complex
Parking lot and building

(Setup for Trunk or Treat is at 4:30)

## **MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION DAY**

Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>
7 AM to 8 PM
Township REC Building