

Richmond Township INFORMER

SPRING 2012

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Meetings: 1st Thursday, 7:30pm,
at the REC Building.

SUPERVISORS

Bill Taylor, Chairperson
Don James
Matt Capron

SECRETARY

Bonnie B. Bradish

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Nancy Lokuta

TAX COLLECTOR

Kathleen Wheelock
814-967-4319
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Please call for times.

AUDITORS

Rebecca Schreffler
Rhonda Phillips
Gina Hayden- DeFrancesco

PLANNING COMMISSION

John Lawrence - Chairperson
Gary Coburn
Luigi DeFrancesco
Mike Lokuta
Tom Morgan
Don Myers

RECREATION BOARD

Scott Wheelock - President
Phyllis Humes – Secretary/Treasurer
Patti Capron
David Crago
Bryan Morton
Earl Wanker

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Bob Worley

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

Ray Crocker
Rick Shorts
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David Crago - phone: 814-967-3551
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A WORD FROM YOUR SUPERVISORS

Hello Richmond Township!

We have lots of upcoming events for the Spring/Summer season in Richmond Township. First of all, we have re-upped our Township website and it is now up and running. The Rec. Board also has a list of events starting with an Easter Egg Hunt April 7 (2 – 4 PM), Memorial Day ceremony at 10 AM, and Flag Day ceremony on June 16 at 12 Noon.

We are also proud to announce that we have received three new Grants – one for Castile Road and one for the top of Castile off of Lyona. A third Grant for Sheets Road has also been approved. Congratulations and thank you to Charlie and Dan for their hard work.

We have a beautiful walking trail at the Richmond Rec. complex where we have picnic shelters available for rent. Call Dave Crago, Rec. Board member for reservations. (967-3551) The Rec. Board has just added cabinets and a sink inside our Rec. Building for rentals and events. Baseball and softball are starting up, so come out and watch some good games at our complex.

Thanks so much for the hard work of the Recreation Board and Planning Commission for donating all of their time. Hopefully we will have a great summer, as we did a mild winter.

Thank you to all Richmond Township citizens

***Bill Taylor, Chairman
(814) 967-4642***

Friends and Neighbors:

As one of two newly elected supervisors, I want to thank you for your support. I'm looking forward to serving our Township for the next six years and will do my best to be worthy of the trust you have placed in me with your vote.

As we all know, winter this year has been unusual for our area. A lot of rain and an early spring have taken a toll on our gravel roads. The road crew has been doing a great job of making the most of the good weather and been out working on the roads as much as possible. Problem areas are a priority. We appreciate your patience and assure you that we will get to your road as soon as possible. If there is a problem area on your road, please call the Township office or one of the Supervisors to let us know.

The roads are only one of many issues on our to-do list. Although it has only been 3 months since Matt and I took office, I want to say what a pleasure it is to work with fellow supervisors Bill Taylor and Matt Capron, as well as Secretary Bonnie Bradish and Assistant Secretary Nancy Lokuta. We all work well together. And as Supervisors, Bill, Matt and I are all pitching in and sharing responsibilities. We may not always agree on how various issues should be handled, but we are able to discuss things and reach a solution that is in the best interest of the Township as a whole. Rest assured that all three of us have the same goal – to do what is best for Richmond Township - and are capable of working together and WILL work together to reach that goal.

Finally, I want to commend all of our volunteers who work hard on various projects and willingly give of their personal time and effort to help make Richmond Township a great place to live. They are a super group of people to work with! It's great to see members of the Planning Commission, Rec Board, Veterans Committee and Athletic Association work in cooperation and to see the friendships that have grown out of these groups. Anyone interested in getting involved or helping with activities such as Township Clean-Up Day, Rec Center Clean-up Day, the Easter Egg Hunt, Memorial Day, Flag Day and Halloween, please let us know! We are always looking for more volunteers and would welcome any and all helpers!

I want to thank you again for your support. It is an honor for me to serve as one of your Supervisors. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Let's work together for the benefit of our Township.

Don James
(814) 398-4214

Richmond Township Citizens:

I would like to start by thanking everyone who came out and voted in November. It is an honor and a privilege to have been elected as your Supervisor. I am looking forward to the next two years working hand and hand with Supervisor's Bill Taylor and Don James and the citizens of Richmond Township. All three Supervisors have been working hard these last few months and we have already made some much needed changes; however, there is much more to do.

Our road crew, Charlie and Dan, have been such a pleasure to work with. On one occasion, I was able to accompany them while they were out plowing their routes. The time I spent with them

gave me a better understanding of what obstacles road crews go through and how much time is spent keeping up with the roads when they plow. As you all are aware, this past winter has not been a typical winter for this area and has created different road issues. As always, we will be working hard on addressing those road issues. I would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding in our effort to keep up with the roads. Taking care of our township roads is one of our top priorities, as well as, budgeting how money is spent within the township.

Bill, Don, and I have also been working closely with the Planning Commission, Rec Board and the Web Site Committee. I would like to thank all committee members for their hard work and time each and every one of them gives.

If you haven't heard, Richmond Township's web site is up and running. We are open to any suggestions on what residents would like to see posted on the site and it will be updated on a regular basis to keep residents informed on what is going on in our township. Please take a moment to visit the site at www.richmondtownshipcc.com.

In closing, I would like to extend a big thank you to our road crew, Charlie and Dan, and are support staff, Bonnie and Nancy. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication. And to all residents of Richmond Township, thank you for placing your trust in me as one of your supervisors. I will work hard for each and every one of you. I am always available for any questions or concerns and am happy to speak with you about issues you may have.

Matthew J. Capron
(814) 967-3851

FROM YOUR ROAD CREW:

Hello, once again from the Richmond road crew. Dan and I

want to thank everyone for their patience this winter, if that's what we want to call it this year with the back and forth warm and cold creating what we all love most, POTHOLE! We are at every opportunity doing what we can to fix the holes and ruts, but be aware that some days the roads are just too soft to have heavy equipment on and could do more harm than good.

We are very proud to let you all know that we turned in four bids for Grant projects this year and the Conservation office agreed to fund two of the four and after a second review, has notified us that a third Grant will also be funded. The first two projects that will be funded will be: Castile Road from the dead end back to the bridge. It will consist of removing trees and stumps, adding cross pipes, and creating a watershed, also allowing us to surface and widen the road. The second funded project is also on Castile Road. It starts at the intersection of Castile and Lyona and will involve the excavation of approximately three thousand tons of material from the hill and curve. This will create a safer transformation from one road to another and also, by adding a cross pipe, will help control water and erosion from the hill. The third project that has been approved by the Conservation office will be at the intersection of Sheets and Brown Roads. This project would consist of replacing the cross pipe and walls that are there, bringing the road level up considerably. It will also eliminate the Y intersection with an apron approach. Material from Castile hill would be used as part or all for this project and that is the reason for the second review. We will be working with a local contractor on these projects. We have also had many discussions with Randolph, Stueben, Troy, Athens, and Woodcock Townships making arrangements to work together with projects as well as other road maintenance.

We want to ask that everyone keeps a watch in the newspaper starting in June for details of these projects for road closings and prepare for multiple days at a time for them to be closed.

Last year we designed and installed an under-drain system on Johnson Road as our grant project. In February, 2012 we were recognized with an award for our efforts of design and installation at a dinner given by the Conservation District with County and State officials present. This makes us feel that we are doing our part to better the road system in Richmond Township.

As you can see, we have a busy year planned. There is a lot to happen during the summer months, but Dan and I are confident (weather permitting), we will get things done. As always, we appreciate your cooperation and patience. Thank you.

Charlie Hartman
Dan Malliard
(814) 967-3822

FROM YOUR PLANNING COMMISSION

Dear Richmond Township Citizens:

...As a result of all the recent state-mandated regulations, we are in the process of revamping our building permit application process. We have all been checking with our neighboring townships and we are trying to compile an easy to use application process that will be easy for all of us to use in the near future. We hope to have it all worked out so that the Supervisors can review it at their April meeting. As soon as it is, we will have it posted on the web site.

Our township is very unique in that we are not burdened with many of the land use regulations that many of our neighbors have,

and we are working hard to keep it that way.

We are also starting to review and catalogue the ordinances that are in the township to see if any need updated or removed from the books. We will be reporting on our progress to you and the Supervisors at the township meetings.

We have a great group of people on the Planning Board. We meet the last Monday of the month at 7 PM at the garage office on 408. If anyone wants to come to the meetings – please do. We would be glad for any input you can give us.

Richmond Township is really a great place to live, and your Planning Board is trying to help the Supervisors keep it that way. Thank you.

John Lawrence, Chairman
(814) 398-8101

NEWS FROM THE REC BOARD

Welcome to Spring Richmond Township!

We have several activities scheduled for the Spring/Summer season. The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be April 7th 2 – 4 PM. Bring baskets and be prepared for outdoor hunt if weather permits – indoors if it is rainy. The Recreation area clean-up is May 19th starting at 8 AM – bring rakes and shovels. The Memorial Day service is May 28th at 10 AM. Remember to bring a flower for planting at the complex in honor of our Vets. Flag Day ceremony with a community picnic to follow is scheduled for June 16th at 12:00 Noon. Bring a dish and place setting. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be provided. And mark your calendar as we have already scheduled Halloween festivities for Oct. 26th and 27th from 6 PM to 8 PM.

Building or shelter rentals are available at the Rec. Park. Call

Dave Crago for reservations at phone number (814) 967-3551.

Rec. Bd. Meetings are the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM at the Rec. Building. Anyone interested in helping with the Rec. Board, please call Scott Wheelock at 967-4319 or come to a meeting. Thanks to all who help make our Rec. Board activities a success.

Scott Wheelock, President
(814) 967-4319

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP VETERAN'S COMMITTEE

Our Veteran's Committee is an active, working group, of which we can all be proud. We have a wonderful display case at the Recreation Building that is in need of Veteran Memorabilia of any vintage. Please feel free to donate pictures or any kind of veteran memorabilia that you would like displayed.

Rick Shorts is working on the Memorial Day ceremony for this Spring. It will be a great ceremony again this year, beginning at 10 AM at the Recreation Building on Rt. 408. Please bring flowers to plant in honor of our heroes.

We are working on Flag Day for this year, with the American Legion, Cool 101.7 Radio Station and getting speakers lined up for this event. The ceremony will be at the Recreation Building at 12:00 PM June 16, 2012. A community picnic will follow. The Recreation Board will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. Side dishes are welcome. Bring your own place setting and silverware. Let's rally around our Vets and make this a bigger and better year. Thanks for all of your support.

Earl Wanker, Rick Shorts and Ray Crocker

TOWNSHIP UPDATES

NEW BUILDING INSPECTOR

ABC Inspections will be handling all building permit needs and state-required building inspections for Richmond Township effective April 1, 2012. Your new contact for information and all paperwork needed for any type of construction in the township will be:

ABC Inspections
Robert Kulak
12158 State Hwy 198
Guys Mills, PA 16327
(814) 789-3921
(814) 720-0363

We welcome Bob and look forward to working with him

WEBSITE NOW ON-LINE

The Township website is back! Please check it out at www.richmondtownshipcc.com. ...Township events can be found on the CALENDAR page. ...Please contact the webmaster to let us know what information you would like to see posted.

READ THE NEWSLETTER ON-LINE

In addition to being able to access the latest township information on the website, you can also read the *Richmond Township Informer* on-line. Simply go to the website at www.richmondtownshipcc.com and click on the Newsletter link.

CLEAN-UP DAY – APRIL 28th VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Richmond Township Clean-Up Day will be **Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 8 AM until 3 PM.**

If you and your family would like to do something extra, you can choose a township road and volunteer to pick up trash along the roadside – you choose the day. PennDOT will provide bags, gloves and vests, which will be available for pickup the week of April 9th at the Township building. PennDOT would like the names of volunteers and the road they will be working on. Please call the Township at (814) 967-3822 or (814) 720-0897 to register and make arrangements to pick up your bags, gloves and vests at the Township building.

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