

Richmond Township

INFORMER

SPRING 2013

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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
Office hours may vary.
Please call for times.

AUDITORS
Rebecca Schreffler
Rhonda Phillips
Gina DeFrancesco-Hayden

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

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
Bob Worley

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS
Ray Crocker
Rick Shorts

EMS COORDINATOR
Bill Taylor

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David Crago - phone: 814-967-3551
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A WORD FROM YOUR SUPERVISORS

Hello to Richmond Township citizens:

This winter has been a challenge again as we all know winter can be in Northwest Pennsylvania. Our road crew in Richmond Township has continued their hard and efficient work in keeping up with plowing and the maintenance of our road equipment. Thanks to them for all of their time and effort.

Our spring and summer plans begin with the annual Easter Egg hunt followed by a Memorial Day service sponsored by the Richmond Township Recreation Board. Our Recreation Complex will also be busy throughout the summer with baseball and softball hosted by the Richmond Athletic Association. Hopefully, many of you will take advantage of our walking trail and picnic shelters throughout the season.

We have received two grants for projects on our roads that will be done this year. We will also be utilizing the road reclaimer to upgrade our gravel roads.

I hope you all enjoy spring and summer in Richmond Township. Thank you all for your continued support.

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

BUILDING INSPECTIONS

ABC Inspections
Robert Kulak
(814) 789-3921
(814) 720-0363

Friends and Neighbors:

What a winter, started later than normal and hanging on way too long. Over all, the road crew has done a wonderful job of staying ahead of the weather. The rain and freezing rain have put a serious dent in our anti-skid pile. I do not need to tell anyone living on a gravel road that the winter and brief thaws have taken a toll on our roads. This is not the first time we have seen this happen nor will it be the last. I jokingly refer to this time of the year as "mud season." Please be patient this spring as the weather warms up and the roads begin to thaw. Charlie and Dan will have to wait until the frost comes out of the roads to fix problem areas. They will get to them as soon as they can.

The Township continues to move forward. We are getting financially stronger and are in the planning stages of addressing some long-overdue maintenance issues.

Don't forget to bring your kids and grandkids to the annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 30th from 2pm until 4 pm. Just ask any of the parents or kids that have attended the event in the past and they will tell you what a good time they had! Our Rec Board does a wonderful job and can't be thanked enough. They can always use new members. So if you are interested, please contact any of us to get involved.

Our Township Clean-up Day will be Saturday, April 27th from 8 am until 3 pm. Please remember that we CAN NOT ACCEPT tires, paint or garbage. Also new for this year, we CAN NOT ACCEPT

TVs, computers or computer monitors.

Clean-up of the Rec Center grounds and buildings will be Saturday May 18th, rain or shine, starting at 8 am. Volunteers are needed to help with painting, weeding flower beds and spreading mulch as well as general cleanup of the grounds. It is a work day, but it's also a good time and a good way to meet some of your township neighbors. Please come out and show your support and appreciation for this great facility.

And last but not least, please remember to vote in the Primary Election on Tuesday, May 21st.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your Township Supervisor. It is truly an honor to do so.

Don James
(814) 398-4214

Dear Richmond Township Residents:

"Expect the best. Prepare for the worst. Capitalize on what comes" – Zig Ziglar

Zig Ziglar said it best, and as a township supervisor, I feel our township does this on a daily basis. The current supervisors expect the best for the township and from our road crew. We discuss and plan for the worst that could possibly happen and we capitalize on what comes. This winter, like every winter, is a guessing game as to what Mother Nature has in store. The supervisors and road crew prepare for a typical Pennsylvania winter by ordering supplies, readying the plow trucks, and gathering a list of back-up drivers if and when needed. We capitalize on what comes from the weather. When the road crew isn't out plowing they are hard at work doing vehicle and equipment maintenance, taking care of the buildings, and getting ready for the upcoming seasons.

"Creativity is contagious, pass it on" – Albert Einstein

When we talk about creativity and what has been done in the township, I'm amazed at all the different creative ideas and how everyone works together to make things happen. Charlie and Dan come up with many creative ideas to save the township money from making an OSHA approved tree basket, to applying for grants every year, to general road upkeep. The list just continues to grow. As supervisors, we also need to have some creativity in keeping taxes unchanged while the cost of everything is increasing by leaps and bounds, as all of us know all too well in our own family budgets. Creativity has also come from the Planning Commission, Recreation Board, Athletic Association, Veterans' Committee and the Web Master. The time, effort, and creativity these volunteers put in are commendable, and as a supervisor and a resident, I can't thank them enough for all they do.

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are" – Theodore Roosevelt

As a supervisor, I always keep this in mind. Even though we want to do more in the township and want it to happen now, we all need to be patient and realize that changes and improvements will come in time and we need to be thankful for what has been accomplished. Things have changed and will continue to change for the better with the support of everyone in the township.

In closing I would like to thank everyone in the township for being a part of a community that should be proud of the respect we have for one another. Thank you for giving me the honor of serving you as your supervisor.

With the greatest respect,
Matthew J. Capron
(814) 967-3851

FROM YOUR ROAD CREW:

Hey there to all of you folks of Richmond Township:

It has been one of those back-and-forth winters and we do appreciate your patience. Dan and I are looking forward to the dry season. We have two grant projects this year and they will be for Eddies and Hickory Corners Roads. We also have projects that we will do using township funds such as cross pipe changes and also using the road reclaimer again this year. One of these in-house projects will include using an additive along with the grinding process on Humes Road. This will serve as a good test to see if this sort of practice will be used in the future.

For the past 2 years we have teamed up with both Randolph and Steuben Townships to complete projects as well as do regular road maintenance such as berthing and ditching. Athens and Woodcock Townships have also been helpful with past projects and we look forward to working with everyone in the future.

We have a good start to replacing our road signs and we hope to complete that task this year. Our township border signs were put up 2 years ago and mark out where the actual borders of the township are. Although some might not think so, these borders have not changed. Maps dating back to 1942 show basically the same borders as recent maps. The borders are the same. This is how our liquid fuels money is determined. We have two more border signs to put up this year, after which the township will be completely marked out.

As always thank you for your patience.

Charlie Hartman
Dan Mailliard
(814) 967-3822

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE

Friends and Neighbors:

The Planning Board of Richmond Township includes Gary Coburn, Mike Lokuta, Tom Morgan, Don Myers, Luigi DeFrancesco, and John Lawrence. Meetings are held on the last Monday of each month at 7 PM at the Township garage facility on Rt. 408.

We are currently in the process of reviewing all of Richmond Township's ordinances to determine if any of them need to be amended. All of the final suggestions will be forwarded to the Supervisors for their consideration. Please feel free to review them yourself on the township's website and let us know if you have any questions or comments.

We hope all residents of the Township take advantage of the Clean Up Day on April 27th.

***John Lawrence, Chairman
(814) 398-8101***

NEWS FROM THE REC BOARD

Welcome Spring to all Richmond Township citizens!

The Recreation Board hopes that you will all take advantage of the activities and facilities provided to you by your Township. The Rec Board meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 6 PM at the Rec Building on Rt. 408. Current members are Scott Wheelock, Phyllis Humes, Dave Crago, Patti Capron, and Bryan Morton. Anyone interested in becoming a member or helping, please call Scott Wheelock at 967-4319. For shelter or building rentals, call Dave Crago at 967-3551.

The Fall/Halloween party for 2012 was a huge success. Over 100 children and adults attended the two-night event. Most

impressive was the effort of so many young people who volunteered and worked at creating and setting up all of the scary scenes. It was great to see the interest and hard work of all involved. Many thanks to our young volunteers Jacob Alexander, Morgan Beraducci, Mariah Groger, Breanna Hirosky, Brandon Morton, Eric Seeley, Isaiah Stearns, Teagan Turner, Travis Turner, Sean Wheelock and Kacey Wooley. Congratulations on a job well done!

Our Spring schedule will begin with this year's annual Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, March 30th from 2 PM until 4 PM. The Easter bunny will be present along with lots of activities and prizes for all.

Another date to note is Richmond Township's annual clean-up (dumpster) day scheduled for Saturday, April 27th starting at 8 AM until 3 PM.

Clean up day for the Recreation Complex is Saturday, May 18th, starting at 9 AM - ? This is the day you can bring your rakes, shovels, paint brushes, etc. to help with the annual clean up and maintenance of your beautiful grounds and facilities. Food, beverage and good camaraderie is always provided.

The annual Memorial Day service will be Monday, May 27th at 10 AM. This annual event is always well attended and provides us with moving music, stories, readings and roll-call to honor our vets, both fallen and present. Please remember to bring a flower – annual or perennial – to be planted at the Recreation Complex in honor of your loved ones.

Thanks to all on the Rec Board and those who contribute throughout the year. We hope everyone has a great spring and summer. We'll see you on the walking trail, ball fields, or picnic grounds!

***Scott Wheelock, President
(814) 967-4319***

A WORD FROM THE SECRETARY:

It has been said that "many hands make light work". Our township office is definitely lighter and cleaner to work in. I am very appreciative to all the painters, furniture movers and floor layers for all their hard work to make it a working office for us. It looks great! Thank you again.

Another audit has been completed. The township books are gone over very carefully to make sure our reporting is done correctly. The auditors keep the secretary on her toes and we are able to make any adjustments that are needed. It is a pleasure to work with Becky Schreffler, Rhonda Phillips and Gina DeFrancesco-Hayden.

The board members have been eager to learn all about the financial business and demanding schedules. Many thanks to Bill, Don and Matt for working together as well as working with Nancy and me.

This will be my last year as secretary. Nancy Lokuta will be training this year to fill my position. I will be there to help out as assistant secretary for a short time. Please show her courtesy and cooperation as she learns the position of secretary.

Thanks again...I've had a good time.

***Bonnie Bradish, Secretary
(814) 967-3822***

TAX COLLECTOR HOURS

Kathleen Wheelock
(814) 967-4319

Tuesday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Wednesday 5 – 7 p.m.

***April 26, 29, & 30
9 a.m. – Noon***

Call for appointment in June and July.

2012 AUDITORS REPORT

The Auditors held their annual reorganization meeting on January 8, 2013 and then audited the Township records on January 12th, 19th, 26th and February 2nd. The disposition meeting was held on February 12, 2013. All of the records were found to be in order and correctly recorded.

The Audit Report was e-filed with DCED in Harrisburg, PA, and copies were delivered to the Crawford County Courthouse and to the Richmond Township secretary.

For 2012, the revenues exceeded the expenditures by \$75,357.00. Revenues for 2012 increased \$60,372 over 2011. Expenditures for 2012 decreased from 2011 by \$15,197.

Richmond Township Auditors:
Rebecca Schreffler
Gina DeFrancesco-Hayden
Rhonda Phillips

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 30, 2013
2 PM until 4 PM
Rain or shine!
All ages welcome!

TOWNSHIP CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, April 27, 2013
Township Building
8 AM until 3 PM
No tires, paint, garbage, TVs,
computer or computer monitors

REC CENTER CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, May 18, 2013
8 AM until ???
Volunteers with rakes, shovels
and paint brushes are
WELCOME!!!!

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

Monday, May 27, 2013
10 AM
Please bring a plant or flower to
be planted at the REC Complex.

TOWNSHIP WEBSITE

The Township website is your information source for township news and activities. Events can be found on the CALENDAR page. In addition, you can read the RICHMOND TOWNSHIP INFORMER on-line. Simply go to the website and click on the NEWSLETTER link.

We continue to compile an e-mail mailing list for those who would like to receive the newsletter this way. To add your e-mail address to the list, please click on the e-mail list link on the website home page.

www.richmondtownshipcc.com

JOHN BROWN DAY

Saturday, June 22, 2013
17620 John Brown Road
Bluegrass bands, food, war
reenactments, discussions, tours.
