

Richmond Township

INFORMER

FALL 2014

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Bill Taylor, Chairperson
Don James
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SECRETARY

Rhonda Phillips

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Nancy Lokuta

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Kathleen Wheelock
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Please call for times.

AUDITORS

Rebecca Schreffler
Gina DeFrancesco-Hayden
Mary Worley

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
Matt Capron

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Bob Worley

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A WORD FROM YOUR SUPERVISORS

Hello Fellow Residents,

Richmond Township has seen a considerable amount of cross pipe replacement, ditching, and grading this summer. Thanks to Charlie and John for their good work.

As always, our baseball fields were active this summer with lots of softball and baseball games. Thanks to Gene Galford for his hard work mowing and keeping the ball fields and township grounds looking good!

For all of the rain we have had this summer, kudos to the guys for hard work in keeping up.

And thank you to the residents of Richmond for all of your patience.

Bill Taylor, Chairman
(814) 967-4642

Friends and Neighbors,

It hardly seems possible that summer has been here and gone already! Charlie and John have been busy all summer playing catch-up because of the rainy spring and summer. They have done a wonderful job fixing wash-outs, grading, ditching and maintaining equipment. All I can say is "keep up the hard work! It truly is making a difference."

I want to thank all workers and volunteers for working so hard and making our township such a great place to live and raise a family. Without their selfless dedication all of this would not be possible. THANK YOU!

Please, don't forget to keep checking our website – www.richmondtownshipcc.com – for current events happening in the township. The website also has contact information for the supervisors, building inspector, sewage enforcement officer (SEO) as well as answers to most of your questions. Many thanks to Mike Lokuta, another one of our volunteers, for keeping the website up to date and operational.

Please remember to come to our Haunted Building this month. It will be open 2 weekends this year, Friday and Saturday October 17 and 18, and October 24 and 25 from 6 until 8 pm. The Rec Board and many volunteers – old and young – have been hard at work setting up and getting things ready to go. We all look forward to seeing you there!

We are always looking for new people who would like to come and help. Please contact me at 814-398-4214. Come join us and have fun with a great group of people.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Don James
(814) 398-4214

Hello to Richmond Township Residents.

It's hard to believe that Fall is here already. Spring started off way too wet, and by the middle of June, I was getting quite concerned about the roads getting done. But, even with all of the rain, things have had a way of working out. Charlie and John have done a heck of a good job getting the roads in shape. There are some things to do before winter, and I know they will do their best to get them done.

Just a reminder if you are planning to build in the Township - please get the proper permits. The information is on the Township website or call me at 720-5741, and I will tell you what you need to do.

I have to give a big thank you to all of our volunteers. Without your help, the clean-up days, Easter, and Halloween projects would not go as smoothly. Many thanks!

***Glenn Sharpe
720-5741***

FROM YOUR ROAD CREW:

Hello everyone:

This past summer, we have pulled around 12 miles of ditches and berms. We have also replaced and added 10 cross pipes as well as 4 driveway pipes, thus making it a busy summer.

Fall is here and we will do our best to keep up with the pot holes and keep the grading up as long as we can. Tree trimming will be another goal for us this fall and also next year. There are places where

trees are invading the roads and we need to focus more on that.

I'd like to give a big thank you to Randolph Township for their help this year. They purchased a mini-hoe this year and have helped us with some wash outs and also pipes that we didn't have the equipment to do the job. Also, a thank you to Bob Keister and crew for all of their great work with the replacing of the cross pipes. John and I are also thankful to Dan Mailliard for doing the berm mowing and helping with some ditching.

Drive safe and be thoughtful of others while traveling the roadways.

***Charlie Hartman
(814) 967-3822***

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE

Fellow Residents:

The planning Board members are: Luigi DeFrancesco, Gary Coburn, Don Meyer, Tom Morgan, Mike Lokuta and John Lawrence. If there is anything we can help you with, please contact us at the Township Building.

Our meetings are held the last Monday of each month at 7 pm at the Township building.

The main focus of our recent meetings has been the review of existing ordinances and making recommendations to the supervisors with suggestions of updates, and/or changes that could be made to make our ordinances current. A couple of examples would be the suggestion that we have a "Holding Tank" ordinance in the Township that

would allow the State Sewage Officer to more easily enforce the state "Privy" codes. Another would be developing an easier "Weight Limit Application" for any use of the township roads involving over the 10 ton limit that is in place. We have also been discussing what can be done to deal with unsafe, dilapidated structures.

Richmond Township is a great place to live, and we are glad to have Supervisors that want to keep it that way.

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

FROM THE REC BOARD

Current members of the Rec Board include Scott Wheelock, Dave Crago, Phyllis Humes, Matt Capron, Patty Capron, and Bryan Morton. If you are interested in helping with Recreation Board activities, please call 967-4319.

On April 19, 2014, the Recreation Board had their annual Easter Egg hunt. It was well attended with over 175 children participating, enjoying finding eggs, doing crafts, and eating snacks. Grownups were also included in the fun of egg hunting. We want to give special thanks to the Easter Bunny for doing such a great job and to the Wheelock's for letting all of us help the Easter Bunny fill eggs at their home.

We also want to extend our appreciation and heartfelt condolences to the Brian Hamilton family, as he had donated two bicycles to be given away. His presence and generosity will be greatly missed by our entire community.

On May 17, 2014, the Recreation Clean-up took place. Trees were cut and trimmed, flowers planted, along with some painting to the inside of the recreation building and picnic shelters. We want to thank everyone who helped in any way, as more hands make less work for all. We also want to thank the Supervisors who donated money to the Rec Board from the metal that was collected at the Township Clean-up day.

On May 26, 2014, our annual Richmond Township Memorial Service was held. We extend our sincere thanks to Deanna and Jacob Potts for their moving stories and contribution. Also, thanks to Ray Crocker, the Amy family, Carrie Szermeta, Tabitha and Chris Gallagher for their time and effort in helping to make this Memorial Service a great tribute to our military veterans, past and present.

On October 17, 18, 24, & 25, 2014, we will be having our annual Halloween Haunted Building from 6 – 8 PM. Admission is free and all residents are welcome. Beverages and candy will be provided and there will be hot dogs for sale. We hope to see everyone there!

Scott Wheelock, President
(814) 967-4319

GREETINGS FROM THE NEW TOWNSHIP SECRETARY

As some of you may know, Bonnie Bradish has stepped down from the Township Secretary/Treasurer position. I was asked to consider taking over her position, and I have accepted.

Having been a Township Auditor for the last eight years has made it much easier to fill Bonnie's shoes. Bonnie has graciously agreed to train me and answer any questions I have. I only hope I can do as good a job as she has for the past 15 years.

I'm grateful to be serving our community.

Rhonda Phillips

WCJ RANCH

WCJ Ranch is a non-profit organization that works with combat-disabled veterans and children who want to hunt. We have nine wheelchair stands with top off stands for anyone able to climb. There is no charge to hunt. If interested, contact needs to be made by August for the upcoming season.

This summer we have cleared trails and repaired deer stands. We put in food plots, mow, trim trees, and ready the grounds for hunts in the fall.

Hunting seasons run from Bow thru Flintlock – Oct. – Jan. We work with the Keystone Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Thank you.

Charles E. Schmitz
814-724-1930

President – Field Guide
WCJ Ranch
20397 North Richmond Rd.
Cambridge Springs, PA 16403

BUILDING INSPECTOR

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BIU
Office: (814) 860-8048
Toll Free: (877) 272-0255

RECYCLING CENTER INFO

The Supervisors would like remind all residents that tires and electronic equipment should **NOT** be left at the Rec center recycling facilities. The recycling bins are for specific non-hazardous, recyclable items as indicated on the container labels. Please watch the newspaper for information on agency-sponsored events that accept tires and electronic equipment for disposal.

Residents are also reminded that the dumpsters at the Rec facility are **NOT** for individual trash. These units are for Rec Board and Athletic Board activities only.

Thank you
for your cooperation!

NEW FACES FOR 2014

John Flaugh, Road Crew

Replaces **Dan Mailliard** who retired in April 2014.

Rhonda Phillips, Secretary/Treasurer

Replaces **Bonnie Bradish** who stepped down after 15 years as Township Secretary

Mary Worley, Auditor

Replaces Rhonda Phillips, who accepted the position of Township Secretary.

Please welcome these folks to their new positions and thank them for their willingness to serve their community.

And many thanks to Dan and Bonnie for their dedicated service to the residents and community of Richmond Township.

BEST OF LUCK TO ALL!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Halloween Haunted Building

Friday, October 17th and Saturday, October 18th

Friday, October 24th and Saturday, October 25

Township REC Building

30031 State Hwy. 408

6 pm until 8 pm

RAIN OR SHINE

Fun for all ages!!

Trick or Treat Night

Thursday, October 30, 2014

6 pm until 7:30 pm

Election Day

Tuesday, November 4, 2014

Township REC Building

30031 State Hwy. 408

Polls open 7 am until 8 pm