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FARMING UPDATE

It has been a busy summer for many farmers here in Clinton Township. Always remember to use caution as a motorist to on-coming tractors and equipment using Township Roads. We also ask that our Farmers use caution and good judgement when using Township and State Roads as well so we can all safely travel the road systems together.

The Township would like to remind farmers that planting of crops can not take place in the Township Right Away. This causes erosion problems leading to runoff onto roadways and into catch basins and drainage ditches. It is crucial that a grass buffer be left at the edge of your plowed field and the public right of way.

SPRING VALLEY PARK HAPPENINGS

2021 has been a great year for rentals at Spring Valley Park. It has been quite sometime since the Township has processed so many Pavilion Rental applications!

The Park Advisory Board was successful in obtaining a grant through the County Parks and Recreation Department and DCNR in the amount of \$7500 to eradicate the very evasive Russian Olive Plant. The growth has been cut and mulched, with final spraying to occur in the Spring.

The Park is also looking forward to getting the entrance way into its POD 4 area completed this upcoming winter and early spring, with walking trails cut in soon thereafter. The walking trails seem to be very popular this year as we all come off the pandemic and spend more time outdoors with family, friends, and nature. Many thanks to the Park Advisory Board and Friends of Spring Valley Park for their time and efforts in making the Park one of the hidden gems nestled in this end of Butler County.



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“IN THE WORKS” WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Township has finally reached the end of the very long and cumbersome process of dealing with our insurance carrier and “negotiating” settlements for our significant losses suffered in the February 21st fire that destroyed our Public Works Garage, vehicles, equipment, and tools. With settlement payments received, an emergency resolution adopted, an engineer and contractor engaged, the Township is now embarking on the task of rebuilding our Public Works Garage. All of the structural and foundation design has been completed and a Building Permit has been issued for our new garage. James D. Miller Construction has commenced work on our new garage with the goal of having it substantially complete near the end of 2021.

The Township has replaced several pieces of equipment lost in the fire and also has two new 10-ton dump trucks on order, with delivery expected by November of this year. One of these dump trucks will be paid for in part through a grant received from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. This grant was a tremendous help and enabled the Township to stretch the funds received from our insurance carrier a bit further to replace equipment and tools, not to mention rebuilding the garage.



MUNICIPAL OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday
8:00am To 4:00pm
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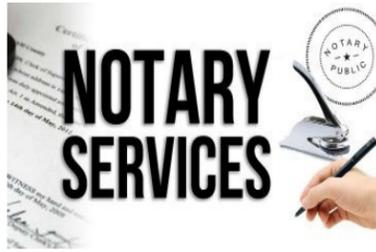
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NOTARY PUBLIC

Township Administrative Assistant Ashley Kohley is now a licensed Notary. Any Clinton Township resident who needs to have their signature notarized on a legal document can stop in during Township business hours or make an appointment to have their signature notarized.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission has had a busy summer thus far. The Commission has reviewed and acted upon several subdivisions of land throughout the Township and also has heard several requests for variances. The PC will begin regular monthly workshops in September where they will begin working on revisions to the Township's Comprehensive Plan. Additionally, they will be working with the Township staff on the possible development of a Fireworks Ordinance as well as a Junk Yard Ordinance. Recently longtime PC member Todd Cress stepped down in order to enjoy more free time with family. The Township will certainly miss Todd's expertise and wisdom when it comes to subdivision, lot line revisions, ordinances, and our Comprehensive Plan. Everyone at Clinton Township wishes Todd nothing but the best in the years ahead.

SPECIAL THANKS TO NEIGHBORING TOWNSHIPS

The Township has continued to serve its residents in the aftermath of the February 21st garage fire without really missing a beat. We continue to accomplish a lot relative to road projects, including drainage throughout the Township. We are blessed with the full-time use of the old but fully functional 10-ton trucks of Middlesex Township and Winfield Township. Their generosity in helping a neighbor in need has enabled us to continue serving the residents of the Township. The fire that destroyed our garage, vehicles, and equipment was February 21st. It is now well into July and we still have use of their equipment! Their generosity has enabled us to preserve money that would have been otherwise spent on renting trucks. Let their generosity not be overlooked nor taken for granted.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

Some months ago, the Federal Government passed a rescue and relief funding package to help aid municipalities in the Country in their recovery from the effects of the pandemic. This federal aid, in the form of grant money, is being distributed in Pennsylvania to municipalities through the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). We are very pleased to report, after a rather exhaustive application process, Clinton Township was awarded their 2021 grant allocation of \$144,809.85. An equal amount will be awarded to the Township this time next year also. While there are guidelines in place for what the money can be used for, Clinton Township has identified several projects and potential expenditures that fit the criteria for use of these funds. This generous grant will help enable the Township to hold the line on its real estate millage in the foreseeable future.

VICTORY ROAD BRIDGE GRANT

Clinton Township was recently awarded a \$40,000 Multimodal Transportation Grant by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for the Victory Road Bridge Replacement Project. This project, tentatively planned for 2022, will result in the replacement of the current aged structure carrying Victory Road over Davis Run with a modern aluminized steel box culvert structure with aluminized steel headwalls. The Township's intention is to seek additional funding for this project to complete the project in 2022. Currently, the Township is awaiting permits from the State Department of Environmental Protection for the project.

FALL CLEAN UP DAY

As of this newsletter, the Township is still planning to host a "Clean Up Day" in mid-October. We are in the process of coordinating this with the contractor who is constructing our new garage to make this possible. We have heard from many residents already this year expressing the desire for this annual Township event and we will try to make this happen. Please check our website or FB page for updates as we approach the fall season.

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BUILDING PERMITS AND ZONING CERTIFICATES

We had touched upon this subject briefly in our last newsletter and since then we have realized that residents still have many unanswered questions. A building permit is needed if you intend to construct, erect, move, enlarge, or structurally alter any buildings on your property. Building permits are typically needed for houses, commercial buildings, mobile homes, garages, storage sheds, barns, animal shelters, swimming pools, hot tubs, and decks.

A building permit is not needed for fences, paved walkways or patios. Driveways do not require a building permit however they do require a driveway permit. Other examples include accessory structures on your property such as a storage shed unless it is located in a floodplain or is larger than 1000 square feet in size and/or has electric, heat, and/or plumbing. No building permit is needed for replacement of painting, siding, roofing, windows, doors, and rain gutters.

Zoning certificates are basically required for the construction, installation, or alteration of every building or accessory structure on your property. What is considered a building? A building is considered a structure having a roof supported by columns or walls for shelters, housing, or enclosure of people, animals, or property. What is an accessory structure? An accessory structure is a building that is incidental to the main building but located on the same lot or property and includes a garage, storage shed, barn, animal shelter, swimming pool, hot tub, deck, etc. If any of these are attached to the main building, they are considered part of the main building.

When you come into the Township office to apply for a building permit, you should bring your completed building permit application, completed zoning certificate, contractor's drawings for the project, as well as his/her proof of insurance so that this information can be submitted to the Township's third-party inspection and review agency MDIA.

Zoning certificates are also required for any change of use of the main building or structure on your property.

2021 CLINTON TOWNSHIP ROAD PROJECTS

Both the Township and PennDOT will be actively conducting road and drainage projects in the Township this summer and fall. The Township will be paving portions of Coal Hollow Road in August. The Township's single chip sealing project covered a variety of roads in July. The roads included Wylie Road, Westminster Road, Sun-Mine Road, Deer Creek Road, Tower Road, Brewer Road, Old Route 228, Albin Road, Callen Road, Goldscheitter Road, Hidden Hill Road, and Stark Road. This project was performed by Youngblood Paving.

The county paved Goldscheitter Road and the new bridge they just finished in July. PennDOT has just finished the new culvert crossing bridge on Saxonburg Boulevard and has moved on to the bridge on Brewer Road. Brewer Road Bridge is scheduled for completion in mid-August. Following the Brewer Road Bridge Project is the Wylie Road culvert bridge project. The anticipated time frame on the Wylie Bridge is mid-August until mid-September.

Our wonderful Public Works department has been doing repairs and drainage work on Stark Road, Coal Hollow Road, and Wylie Road. Additional crack sealing work will also be conducted during the fall before our scheduled line painting takes place.

SIGN PERMITS

Accessible on the Townships website are details concerning the Township's sign ordinance. Clinton Township does regulate the replacement and installation of signs in the Township. These regulations differ slightly depending upon the Zoning District your property is located. Both permanent and temporary signs require permits and have size limitations. There does exist certain exemptions insofar as fee payment is concerned, but nonetheless permits need to be obtained for signs placed or installed in the Township.

DRIVEWAY PERMITS

If you are making changes to an existing driveway, adding additional parking or paving you need to have a permit from the Township.

SPEEDING IN THE TOWNSHIP

Many of you have contacted the Township to report vehicular speeding on many Township and State Roads within Clinton Township. The Township Board of Supervisors as well as staff are aware of the problem and have been in contact with the Pennsylvania State Police on virtually a weekly basis. We have requested monitoring of Township and State Roads for speed limit violations.

The Township has been deploying our Speed and Traffic Monitoring Device on several Township Roads. Where warranted, we have and will continue to install appropriate traffic signs at certain locations to try to deter vehicles from exceeding the speed limit.