

MANAGER'S REPORT

October 7, 2019

Announcements:

- PennDOT recently completed an engineering and traffic study of Conestoga Road/ State Route 401 and has issued a permit reducing the existing 40 mph speed limit to 35 mph from Chester Springs Road to Fairview Road. Residents along this stretch of road reached out to the Township and PennDOT regarding concerns of speeding and public safety. Signs will be posted in the near future. Additionally, PennDOT has authorized the issuance of a speed limit reduction on St. Matthews Road, from Conestoga Road/ State Route 401 to Pughtown Road. The Township had contacted PennDOT with this request in light of the Bryn Coed Preserve, Township Park, and trail crossing plans in development. We will receive this official warrant from PennDOT shortly and signs will be posted accordingly.
- We are pleased to welcome and host a fall intern, Maria Morresi, a sophomore at West Chester University majoring in GIS/Planning, to assist the Township with our record management project. Ms. Morresi begins with the Township on October 8, 2019 and will be at the Township office on Tuesdays through December 14, 2019. This internship is made possible through the West Chester Community Solutions program.
- The Township's codification is in Final Draft, and is anticipated to be published in December in hard copy and through an online platform which will be available on our website called "E-Code 360."
- The Sustainability Committee will be holding their annual Sustainability Fair at the West Vincent Township Elementary School located at 2750 Conestoga Road on Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. This free community event is a family friendly experience for people of all ages, combining fun, participation and education, the Fair is designed to bring awareness of sustainable practices to the general public in a casual and enjoyable setting. The Committee is also proud to host the 2019 National Solar Tour/Chester County Clean Energy Tour by the Chester County Ready for 100 Coalition, American Solar Energy Society, and Solar United Neighbors. This event is the largest grassroots solar, renewable energy, and sustainable living event in the nation. The event brings together energy supporters, home and business owners, to help learn how these practices can be implemented.
- Mark your calendars for the second annual Parks & Recreation Commission sponsored Fall Festival to take place this year at the Bryn Coed Township Park on Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. There will be plenty of family friendly activities for all ages and the recently completed natural trail will be decked out for season. Please check back on our website for more details.
- Bids for the demolition of buildings at the Bryn Coed Township Park are due October 7, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. and will be evaluated by our consultants and staff.
- Thank you to Ludwig's Corner Fire Company among many other responding companies and volunteers for their response to the fire at the Griffith Farm property which occurred on the evening of September 25, 2019. At this juncture the cause of the fire is determined as inconclusive.
- I recently attended the Chester County Municipal Stormwater Summit on September 20, 2019. The theme for 2019 was "Adapting to Changing Trends in Chester County – Growth, Rainfall Patterns, and Stormwater." Jan Bowers of the Chester County Water Resources Authority and several speakers provided an overview of county wide water conditions. The County is planning to update their Integrated Water Resources Plan, Watersheds, and the County – wide Act 167 Model Ordinance. Feedback regarding the evolving water resource needs will be solicited by the County for inclusion into this plan.

- Chester County has hired Municipal Resources Inc. to conduct a Chester County Fire and EMS provider strategic plan. I attended the Chester County Department of Emergency Services planning session held for Township Managers on September 23, 2019.
- Township offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 for Election Day.

Department Reports:

- In the Building & Zoning Department (32) permit applications were processed in the month of September. Construction of the WaWa at the Weatherstone Town Center site is in its final phase with a projected completion for mid - November.
- In the Finance Department, the Year to Date vs. Actual August 2019 budget reports are complete. Staff are progressing with the development of the 2020 Budget and will present an overview at the next Board of Supervisors meeting on October 21, 2019. Staff have contracted with Diane Patton, a Quickbooks consultant, to condense and improve our accounting files. You will note that all new reports will reflect these changes. The chart of accounts will mirror and comply with DCED audit requirements. Once these changes are implemented the budget reports will be produced more efficiently.
- In the Public Works Department, the crew has conducted several PA One Calls, regular vehicle, facility and road maintenance, including the filling of potholes, cleared inlets, roadside mowing. Martin Paving and Berg Construction are substantially complete with the Township's chip seal and road paving program. Staff sealed asphalt joints, inlets and driveways as well performed shoulder back up on the newly paved roads.
- Staff recently met with the Penn State Center for Dirt and Gravel Road Studies regarding Jaine Lane. A report including options for surface options and drainage improvements will be presented to the Township in the near future.

Respectfully, *Erica L. Batdorf*