

MANAGER'S REPORT

August 7, 2017

Announcements:

- The Phoenixville Regional Planning Committee met on July 26, 2017 and conducted Workshop #5 of the Comprehensive Plan update.
- The Parks & Recreation Commission will be hosting their second Picnic in the Park event this Thursday, August 10, 2017 at Evans Park at the gazebo. Music will be provided by Voodoo DeVille. In addition, the Commission will be hosting their annual Movie Night in the Park on August 26, 2017 at 8:30 p.m. The rain date is August 27, 2017. The movie being presented is *Raiders of the Lost Ark*.
- In regards to the Township's snow removal bid, specifications were recently updated and the bid was advertised on July 31, 2017. Bids are due on August 17, 2017.
- In regards to the Road Department's tractor repair, after receiving an additional quote from Atlantic Tractor, it was determined that Deer Country Farm & Lawn Company was the lowest quote at \$15,527.90. The repair was authorized and is being completed.
- Township staff recently met with PennDOT District 6 for a meeting to discuss a number of miscellaneous issues in Township regarding road maintenance. Township staff relayed a number of issues to PennDOT and hope to open up communications regarding the maintenance of right of ways, roadway drainage, and other road improvements.
- Sheeder Mill Bridge re-opened to traffic in the Township on July 18, 2017.

French Creek Road Arch Replacement:

- Staff are awaiting signature on construction easements and the project will be advertised for bid.

Hollow Road Bridge:

- The Hollow Road Bridge project specifications were recently refined and the project was rebid on July 19, 2017. Bids are due on August 14, 2017.

Township Paving:

- The pre - construction meeting for Horseshoe Trail and Nantmeal Roads was held on July 20, 2017. The contractor is gathering submittals for the Township Engineer's approval and the project will be scheduled.

Buttonwood Lane Bridge:

- Township staff will be meeting a bridge supplier, CON/SPAN in the near future regarding the replacement of Buttonwood Bridge. CON/SPAN is a patented modular pre - cast system for total set in place construction of bridges, culverts, and underground structures.

Each system is custom designed and manufactured per site requirements. Some of the benefits of a pre – cast bridge include the fact that the construction takes places off site, reducing road closure/detour periods, and can be installed very quickly in contrast to building a bridge on site.

Fellowship Trail:

- Bids were advertised on June 29, 2017 for the Fellowship Trail Weatherstone Connection project. Bids were received on July 24, 2017 and are currently being evaluated by staff.
- Regarding Phase II, the Fellowship Trail St. Matthew’s Church connection, field work for the survey is complete and a report issued to the Township for review later this month.

Department Reports:

- In the Building & Zoning Department (26) permit applications were processed.
- In the Finance Department, the Budget vs. Actual July Report will be issued mid – month. Staff have begun drafting goals and compiling rough projections for the FY2018 budget.
- In the Road Department, the road crew performed general maintenance to equipment, vehicles and Township roads.
 - o The road crew cleaned inlets, ditched, graded, and filled in holes on several roads in the Township. Due to rain events, the crew removed several downed trees and additional performed maintenance to our dirt and gravel roads.
 - o The Township recently received approval from the US Fish and Wildlife Service for our 2017 Dirt & Gravel road projects. A pre – construction meeting has been scheduled with the County.
 - o The road crew is prepared to rough clear the Fox Hollow Trail this month.

Respectfully, *Erica L. Batdorf*