

Fall 2017

# Wheatfield Township Newsletter

Perry County, Pennsylvania

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## Public Meetings

Board of Supervisors  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month  
7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month  
7:00 p.m.

Park & Recreation Board  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of the Month  
6:30 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board  
As needed

All meetings are held at the Township Building  
located at 1280 New Bloomfield Rd.,  
New Bloomfield

## Contacts

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Welcome to the Fall edition of the Wheatfield Township Newsletter! Welcome to all new residents of Wheatfield Township.

The paving and seal coat road projects for 2017 have been completed. Martin Paving was awarded this year's seal coat project. Seal coat has been applied to Montebello Farm Road from Montebello Road to Rt. 274 and Montebello Road from Montebello Farm Road to Paradise Road. Wilson Paving was awarded this year's paving project. Superpave has been applied to Montebello Road from Montebello Farm Road to Hunkey Hollow Road. The road crew this summer has replaced 6 tiles on Cook Road. The road projects being considered for next year are Sulphur Springs Road and Narrows Road for seal coat and Cook Road for paving. The road crew next year will be replacing 6 tiles on Basin Hill Road, 2 tiles on Linton Hill Road and possibly 2 pipes on Roseglen Road. The Township Road Crew has had a busy summer cleaning out tiles and mowing alongside township roads and clearing brush from the townships right-of-way. For your safety and the road crew's safety, please slow down through construction and abide the traffic signs.

The supervisors are currently working on the 2018 budget. The supervisors welcome and encourage all residents to attend monthly meetings. The Township has recently purchased a parcel of ground beside the Township Building. The parcel consists of 5.383 acres and was purchased for \$67,000.

The supervisors would like to thank all of the volunteers who come out and help in the township; especially those who volunteer on Township committees and those who come out and help with the monthly recycling, spring cleanup and various other projects. If interested in volunteering as an individual or a group please contact the Township Office.

Reminder, the December 2017 monthly recycling has been changed to November 25, 2017. Monthly recycling continues to grow. For maximum storage space in the plastic container if possible please crush your plastics. Recycling is for Wheatfield Township residents only, please do not drop off recyclables when the recycling center is not open.

Wheatfield Township will hold trick or treat on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Remember to vote. General Election Day is November 7, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Snyder's United Methodist Church. It is important to come out and vote and let your voice be heard.

## **Winter Weather**

As recent reports start to come out they say old man winter is going to bring more cold weather and snow to the area this year. We shall see! So as a reminder to the winter months approaching please do not shovel snow from your driveway into the street. Residents are asked to park their car(s) in a driveway if possible. Residents are responsible for removal of snow from around the mailbox. It's almost impossible for the township equipment operators not to push snow into driveways that are already plowed. Your cooperation in dealing with the winter weather is appreciated.

## **Part Time Winter Help**

The Township is currently looking for part time help during the winter months for snow plowing. Applicant must have a valid PA driver's license and a clean driving record. CDL license is preferred. The position would be as needed, no guarantee of hours. If interested, applications can be obtained at the Township Office during regular office hours.

## **Emergency Management**

All Residents: Looking for those who would be willing to assist in a time of disaster or community need. Everyone can do something.

If you would be willing to help, please contact me so that I can put you on a call list. Kurt Hepschmidt at [wtemc@ptd.net](mailto:wtemc@ptd.net)

Please provide your name, address, phone number and email. Thanks for being a volunteer for your community.

## **Township Planning Commission**

The Township Planning Commission has been busy updating the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and working on a Driveway Ordinance. A final draft copy of the SALDO book and the Driveway Ordinance has been given to the Township Engineer and Planning Commission for their review. After their review of both, they will be forwarded to the supervisors for their review. A public hearing will be held prior to adoption of the revised SALDO book and Driveway Ordinance.

## **Wagner Park Pavilion**

The pavilion at Wagner Park is a great place to hold your next family reunion, church picnic, class reunion, birthday party, etc. Wagner Park pavilion has picnic tables and electric there for your use. A second pavilion is currently under construction and will be available in the near future. Wagner Park is a great place to create new memories. Come and enjoy!

Please contact the Township Office at (717) 834-5467 or by email [wheatfield@ptd.net](mailto:wheatfield@ptd.net) for scheduling of the pavilion at Wagner Park.

## **News and Updates from the Recreation Board**

As another summer winds down and fall quickly approaches work and upkeep at Wagner Park slowly comes to an end.

Recreation Board members, volunteers, and Township employees kept busy this summer with general upkeep and maintenance projects. Some of these projects included cleaning gutters, fertilizing the pavilion and snack bar areas, removing weeds from the sandbox, and installing cameras on the equipment building. Other items included removal of several downed trees, spreading bark mulch on the playground, placing tanbark around trees, and replacement of boards on the walking bridge.

The local Scouts helped by clearing weeds and brush as well and remarking trees on the Loop Trail, which was very helpful.

Replacement and work on the walking bridge is still awaiting word from DCNR regarding the grant which has been applied for. This process is slow and can take a year before it is granted and 3 years for completion. The Township has agreed to help with any matching funds that may be needed once the grant is issued.

Wagner Park continues to be used during the spring, summer, and fall months for reunions and parties along with several community organizations. These include DAGSA (Softball), SMFA (Football) and host's the Duncannon Sportsmen Association annual trout derby.

The Recreation Board would also like to remind users that Wagner Park is enrolled in the PA Game Commission Coop program and is open to public hunting. All current game laws apply as far as hunting. Please be aware of this with hunting season approaching.

Any individuals, groups or organizations interested in doing community service projects are encouraged to contact the Township for more information. As always help and services are always needed along with comments and suggestions to make Wagner Park an enjoyable destination.

Enjoy the Fall and Winter,  
The WTP&RB



**Don't forget, Fall back!**

Turn your clocks back one hour on  
November 5, 2017

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## SMILE

### **Helicopter Ride**

Walter took his wife Ethel to the state fair every year, and every time he would say to her, "Ethel, you know that I'd love to go for a ride in that helicopter." But Ethel would always reply, "I know that Walter, but that helicopter ride is 50 dollars and 50 dollars is 50 dollars." Finally, they went to the fair, and Walter said to Ethel, "Ethel, you know I'm 87 years old now. If I don't ride that helicopter this year, I may never get another chance." Once again Ethel replied, "Walter, you know that helicopter is 50 dollars and 50 dollars is 50 dollars."

This time the helicopter pilot overheard the couple's conversation and said, "Listen folks, I'll make a deal with you. I'll take both of you for a ride; if you can both stay quiet for the entire ride and not say a word I won't charge you! But if you say just one word, it's 50 dollars."

Walter and Ethel agreed and up they went in the helicopter. The pilot performed all kinds of fancy moves and tricks, but not a word was said by either Walter or Ethel. The pilot did his death-defying tricks over and over again, but still there wasn't so much as one word said. When they finally landed, the pilot turned to Walter and said, "Wow! I've got to hand it to you. I did everything I could to get you to scream or shout out, but you didn't. I'm really impressed!" "Walter replied, "Well to be honest I almost said something when Ethel fell out but, you know, 50 dollars is 50 dollars!"