

Wheatfield Township Newsletter

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Public Meetings

Board of Supervisors
1st Monday of the Month 7:30
p.m.

Planning Commission
2nd Tuesday of the Month
7:00 p.m.

Park & Recreation Board
3rd 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

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Welcome to the Fall edition of the Wheatfield Township Newsletter

The paving and seal coat road projects for 2013 have been completed. Martin Paving was awarded this year's seal coat project. Seal coat has been applied to a portion of Roseglen Road (from Dark Hollow Road to Rt. 274) and McNaughton Drive, Mildred Avenue and Karen Avenue. Wilson Paving Inc. was awarded this year's paving project. Superpave has been applied to Dark Hollow Road and Pleasant Grove Road. G & R Charles Excavating has completed the Creek Road culvert replacement. The road crew replaced 26 tiles on Hunkey Hollow Road in anticipation of paving the road next year. The supervisors are currently working on the 2014 budget and discussing/planning road projects for next year. The Sulphur Springs Bridge replacement is still in the preliminary engineering phase. Construction is slated to begin in 2015. Road projects and updates as well as other information are listed on the township website.

The township has experienced signs being damaged, stolen or vandalized and vandalism at our community park this year. Vandalism, signs and posts are a costly expense. The township taxpayers - your parents, your neighbors, and even yourselves pay the bills for stolen signs, and vandalized parks. Take pride in our beautiful community. Please notify the township or the State Police if you see any wrong doing to any township property.

The township planning commission along with Gannett Fleming Engineering has completed the Township Comprehensive Plan. A copy of the plan is available at the Township Office during normal business hours to review.

Wheatfield Township welcomes Jeff Smith. Jeff was hired in April as the township's new road master. Jeff resides in Wheatfield Township. The supervisors look forward to utilizing Jeff's knowledge and skills in various fields. Jeff replaces James Fuller who retired at the end of May. The supervisors would like to thank James for his years of service to the township.

As the winter months approach please remember not to shovel snow from your driveway into the street. Residents are asked to park their car(s) in a driveway if possible. 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. Another reminder, residents are responsible for removal of snow from around the mailbox.

Wheatfield Township Supervisors welcome and encourage all residents to attend monthly Board of Supervisors meetings.



Don't forget, Fall back!

Turn your clocks back one hour on
November 3, 2013



**REMEMBER TO
VOTE
GENERAL ELECTION
DAY
NOVEMBER 5, 2013
7:00 AM TO 8:00 PM
SNYDER'S UNITED
METHODIST**

WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The following Subdivision/Land Development Plans were approved between March 2013 and September 2013:

- Andy & Gary Zeigler Subdivision Plan, Dellville Road
- Harold & Howard Zeigler Subdivision Plan, Pine Hill Road
- Randy & Sharon Smith Subdivision Plan, Newport Road
- Bradley & Diane Watts Subdivision Plan, Newport Road

The following Subdivision/Land Development Plans were denied between March 2013 and September 2013:

- Ida & Cathy Smith Subdivision Plan, Newport Road

As of October 2013, there are no Subdivision/Land Development Plans pending

2013 Planning Commission Members
The Township Planning Commission Board is comprised of the following five community volunteers, appointed by the Board of Supervisors.
Robert Rhoades – Chairman, David Mills, Paul Finkenbinder,
Jennifer Wilson and Dave Jenkins

SEO Corner

How an Onlot Septic System Functions

There are two basic types of onlot systems; those with gravity distribution systems and those with pressure distribution systems. In both types, there are three major components:

1. the septic tank.
2. the distribution box (gravity system) or dosing tank (pressure system).
3. the absorption area.

Sewage flows to the septic tank, where the primary treatment process takes place. In the tank, the heaviest matter settles to the bottom (forming sludge) and the lighter matter (scum) floats on top of a somewhat clear liquid called effluent. While the sludge and scum must be pumped out regularly, the clear liquid flows out of the tank to a distribution box or dosing tank, and is then directed to the absorption area by gravity flow or through pressurized pipes. Within the absorption area, this effluent exits through pipes into a layer of gravel and then percolates through the soil for additional treatment. The bacteria in the soil neutralizes many of the contaminants in the wastewater.

Signs of an onlot system in trouble include:

- Toilet runs sluggish.
- Sewer odors in the house and/or drinking water.
- Illness, often to household visitors.
- Sponginess around septic tank, distribution box or dosing tank and absorption area.

- Surfacing raw sewage.
- Dosing pump runs constantly or not at all.
- Dosing tank alarm light is on.
- Backup of sewage into laundry tubs or other fixtures.

Many of these signs indicate an onlot system malfunction.

2013 Recreation Board Members

The Township Board of Recreation is comprised of the following seven community volunteers, appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

John Weldon – Chairman

David Mills – Vice Chairman

Robert Foltz – Secretary/Treasurer

Jeremy Potter

Shawn Fuller

Jeff Beinhower

James Fuller

News and Updates From The Recreation Board

As summer ends and fall begins the WTP&RB is still very busy with ongoing projects in Wagner Park.

Some of our projects this summer were installing door closures on the restrooms, replacement of several planks on the walking bridge, new sand for the sandbox, and rerouting of the downspout on the equipment building. The Rec. Board also removed and installed landscaping blocks around the park sign and around trees near the buildings. Other projects included replacing trail signs damaged by vandalism, installing 2 charcoal grills at the pavilion, repainting of the parking lines and ADA spaces, along with installing a dog bag dispenser for our 4 legged friends. The Twp. also helped by hauling and extending a drainage pipe from the upper fields.

The expenditures this summer included landscaping and seeding along Narrows Road, pruning and removal of several trees, and the purchase of a commercial refrigerator for the snack bar.

In other news the Rec. Board received a grant from The Foundation for Enhancing Communities for \$1000 toward replacing the walking bridge in Wagner Park. We would also like to thank community volunteers, Phil Bronson, Jim Hamilton, Brenda Weldon, and Bernadette Zebel for looking after and helping with various projects. We also welcome Jim Fuller aboard as our newest member.

Some future projects that have been discussed are relocating the pavilion across the creek to a new location below the restrooms, along with a parking area. Repainting inside the restrooms and snack bar, and adding some playground equipment.

The Rec. Board is also looking for any youth groups or community organizations that might be interested in helping at Wagner Park, please contact a member for more information.

Enjoy the Fall and Winter,

The WTP&RD

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