

**FORWARD TOWNSHIP
MANAGER'S REPORT
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

CASHDOLLAR SPORTS COMPLEX TIME EXTENSION REQUEST

The deadline for the Board of Supervisors to act on the Preliminary Plan for the Cashdollar Sports Complex was January 22, 2024. A time extension of six (6) months was requested in writing back on December 5th of last year. For a variety of reasons, this request was not on the Agenda for the January 9, 2024, Supervisors' Meeting. It is my recommendation that this time request be granted retroactively to January 22, 2024. Thus, the Board of Supervisors must act on the Preliminary Plan by July 19, 2024.

NURSERY ROAD CULVERT PROJECT

The new 38-inch by 33-inch elliptical aluminized steel culvert pipe (40 feet long) has been delivered to the site. Another twenty-foot section has been ordered and we are awaiting delivery. Work will begin around the beginning of March once the DEP GP-11 Permit is in hand. The project should take about two weeks or less to complete. A Resident Notification letter will be sent to the residents along Nursery Road and Lamplight Trail alerting them to the road closure and detour routes.

ASH STOP ROAD PARK GRANT APPLICATION

The Township is working the Lance Welliver of the Butler County Parks and Recreation Department and the DCNR to apply for a grant to improve the Ash Stop Road Park. Planned improvements would include but not be limited to an expanded walking trail that is handicapped accessible, cleanup of the McElhinny Trail, seeding and mulching of the hillside northeast of the park, removal of dead trees on the park property, improved and handicapped parking spaces, signage, benches along the trail, and tree plantings. Also, improved access to the boat launch with removal of the baseball field backstop would be included in the application.

FEMA/PEMA GRANT STATUS UPDATE

By email notification sent by Stacey Orange of PEMA on January 16, 2024, all our records for the purchase of the Wright Property and demolition of structures on the property have been submitted to them successfully and in legible formats. Mr. Orange was to meet with the PEMA/FEMA fiscal group to initiate formal project close out. I am awaiting official notification from PEMA/FEMA of project closeout. We will owe FEMA/PEMA \$45.53 due to an error by Tom May's office in calculating closing costs on the Wright property.

ZONING COMMITTEE

Zoning Committee had their first meeting on January 16th to review their assignment and learn background information surrounding the Comprehensive Plan, Zoning. A formal mailing list with email addresses of Committee Members was developed and minutes for this first meeting were distributed. The next meeting is February 28 at 7 PM. Review material was distributed to Committee members.

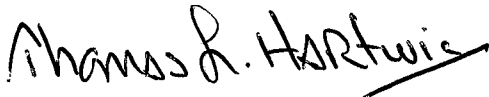
ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE

We planned for the addition of a new full-time Public Works Employee in the 2024 Budget. Roadmaster Charles Behm and I are requesting authorization to advertise for this position.

PENNERGY RESOURCES

Notification was received from Amanda Peterson of PennEnergy Resources that PennEnergy was recently awarded the grade possible in a detail review of their operations as it relates to methane emissions certification. Their “A Grade” certification was issued by an independent industry auditor and covered areas including methane emitted to the atmosphere as a percentage of total methane produced, emissions monitoring technology, and company business practices in communities. Congratulations to PennEnergy Resources for this achievement! Their attention to detail, response to inquiries , and community involvement make them a “good neighbor” to local governments and their residents.

Respectfully,



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Township Manager