



Clifford J. Bonney, 1924-2012

Longtime resident and Supervisor, Clifford J. Bonney, entered into rest September 3, 2012. Cliff served on the Board of Supervisors for 30 years and was an integral part of Bushkill Township Government and the community. In addition to serving as a Supervisor, Cliff served on the Bushkill Township Planning Commission, Recreation Board, Northampton County Agricultural Committee, Northampton County Farm Bureau and other community organizations.



Cliff was instrumental in the planning and development of the current 90-acre recreation complex and was an advocate for providing recreational opportunities to the youth in Bushkill Township. Cliff will be deeply missed by the many friends and residents that he's assisted over the years, and we wish his family well.

Bushkill Township 200th Anniversary 1813-2013

In August of 2013, Bushkill Township will be 200 years old, and throughout 2013 the township will be holding a Bicentennial Celebration! Until annexation on August 13, 1813, the land area of Bushkill Township was part of Plainfield Township. Ironically, perhaps, the land that became Bushkill Township was often referred to as "The Plains."

In recognition of 200 years, Bushkill Township will be holding several commemorate events during 2013, and we are actively recruiting volunteers to assist in these events. An Anniversary Committee was formed and meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:00pm at the municipal building. Any resident interested in serving on the committee or assisting as a volunteer for the events can contact Barry Hoch at creative-signsanddesigns@yahoo.com.

Dinner Dance—Enjoy dinner and dancing on February 23, 2013, at the Bushkill Township Fire Company

"The History of Bushkill Township—1813-2007," a paperback book, is available for sale at the municipal building for \$10.

"Past Memories" 2013 Calendar which is chock full of historical photographs is available at the municipal building for \$10.

Board of Supervisors

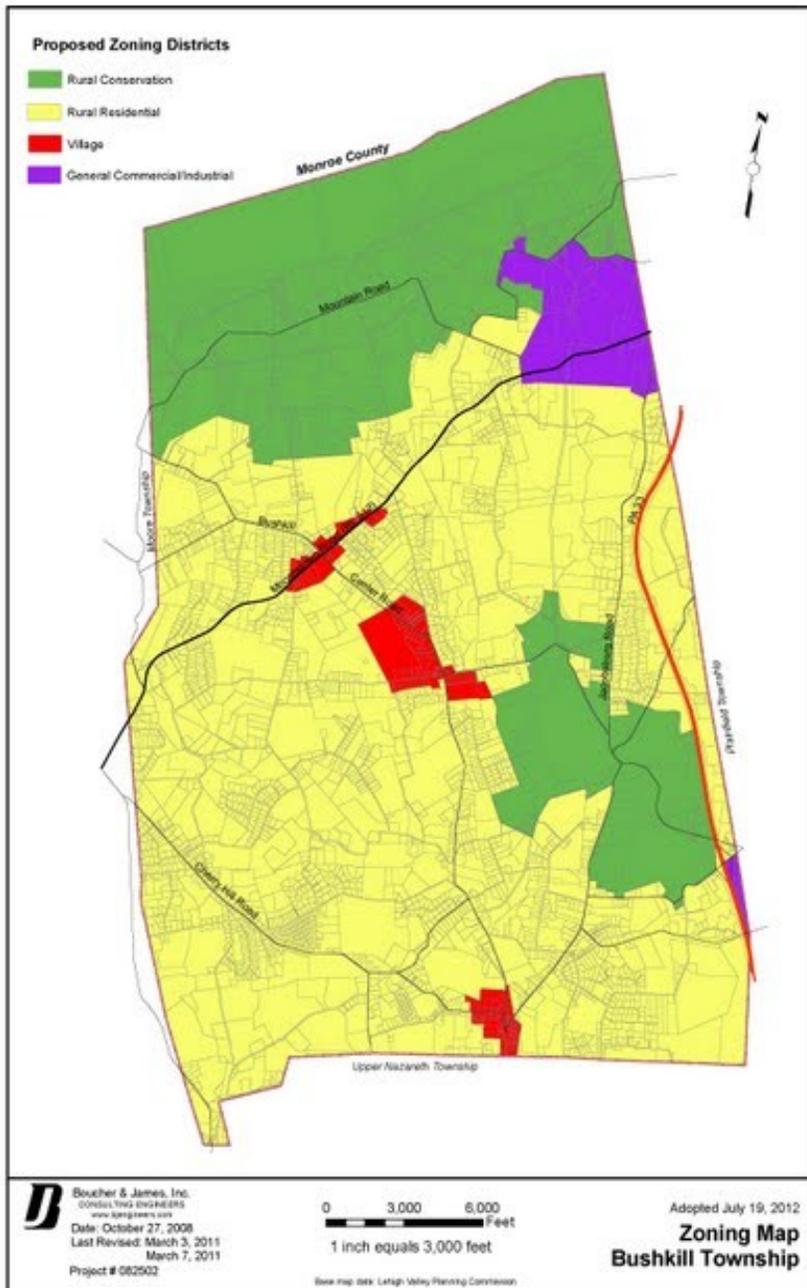
Brien Kocher, Chairman; Jason Smith, Vice Chairman; Julie Bender; Carolyn Hill; and Howard Kostenbader. Brian Harris, Township Manager; Gary Asteak, Solicitor; Robert Collura, Engineer

Municipal Building	610-759-1250	Public Works	610-759-2758
Police Department	610-759-9588	Zoning Office	610-759-7197
Non Emergency	610-759-2200	State Senator Browne	610-502-1567
Emergency	911	Northampton County	610-559-3100
State Representative Hahn	610-746-2100	Pennsylvania DOT	610-871-4100

Zoning Ordinance & Map Adopted

The Bushkill Township Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance 2012-01-Zoning Ordinance and 2012-02-Zoning Map, this past July. The revised Zoning Ordinance consolidates the zoning districts from eight to four. These revisions were made as part of a multi-municipal effort to better focus high density developing in existing urbanized areas in our region and to help Bushkill Township remain rural and retain agricultural and natural lands in the face of future land development. Below is a list of common questions pertaining to zoning; a complete copy of the revised ordinance may be obtained by contacting Zoning Officer Ken Shiffert.

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Common Questions Regarding Zoning

- **Do I need a permit to install a shed?** Yes. Sheds under 300 square feet must be 10 feet from the side and rear yard. Sheds over 300 square feet must be 20 feet from the side property line and 50 feet from the rear.
- **Can I build in a floodplain?** Structures are not permitted in a floodplain.
- **What are the setbacks and rules for fences?** Fences must be 3 feet from the property line and no taller than 6 feet. In addition, fences cannot be more than 80% solid.
- **What are the minimum lot sizes in the revised zoning districts?** The minimum lot size in the Rural Conservation district is 2 acres and the minimum lot size in all other districts is 1 acre.
- **Is burning of leaf waste permitted in Bushkill Township?** No. Bushkill Township is a member of the First Regional Compost Authority and is mandated by DEP to recycle yard waste. Leaves and brush may be disposed at the Bushkill Township Public Works facility on Clearfield Road. Grass clippings are not accepted.
- **Do I need a permit for a pool?** Yes. In-ground and above-ground pools must be 15 feet from any property line. A grading plan is required for all in-ground pools and any pool 24" or greater in depth requires fencing.
- **Do I need a permit for building additions and garages?** Yes. Structures require a 20-foot property line setback and 50-foot rear setback. Any addition greater than 1,000 square feet requires a grading plan, with stormwater management controls.

If there is any doubt regarding a zoning permit, please contact Zoning Officer Ken Shiffert at 610-759-7197.

Residents who do not wish to receive the weekly advertisement the Mainstreet Marketplace, distributed by the Easton Express Times, may contact Jerry Luckenbach at 610-258-7171 (3620) or email circulation@express-times.com.

Winter Reminder

The main roadways (high traffic areas) are given first priority for salting and plowing. During a heavy snowfall, concentration is focused on the main roadways until they are cleared. Secondary roads are then addressed. Cul-de-sacs are the last to be plowed. Cul-de-sacs are the most difficult to clear and require the greatest amount of time. The Public Works department prefers to push the snow off the road leaving the cul-de-sac free from snow piles that could melt and cause icing condition, which required considerable additional time and effort.

Cars parked on the street, especially in cul-de-sacs, become very problematic during inclement winter weather. As a plow goes around parked vehicles, it leaves piles of snow on the roadway. To avoid this issue, please remove vehicles from the roads during snowstorms or when a snow emergency is issued. Plowing generally begins once we have two or more inches of snow, at which time cars must be off the streets to ensure proper snow removal.

Please note that is illegal to throw snow into the street or road from your driveway. This is for your safety and the safety of those traveling the roads.

Penny Hole-Knauss Road Stream Project

In August 2012, Bushkill Township completed the Penny Hole Project and the Knauss Road Streambank Restoration Project. Thanks to a grant from the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, the township was able to remove the failing gabion baskets at the Penny Hole and replace them with native boulders donated by a local resident. The Penny Hole is a popular fishing spot along the Bushkill Creek in Bushkill Township and the work completed will improve trout habitat.



Thanks to a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the failing concrete blocks and gabion baskets located along the Mono-cacy Creek have been replaced with a more sustainable practice to better protect Knauss Road. The Bushkill Township Public Works Department removed the existing blocks and baskets and installed 80 tons of large boulders to correct decades of ongoing streambank erosion, which has been undermining the concrete blocks, gabion baskets, and road berm. Streamflow deflectors were included as part of the designs for the work at the Penny Hole and Knauss Road sites as an effort to deflect high flows and improve aquatic habitat.

Veteran's Memorial Flagpole

Local Boy Scout Sam Miller led a heartwarming Eagle Scout Project to erect a flagpole at the Bushkill Township Recreation Complex. "Veteran's Flagpole" was dedicated on Memorial Day 2012. The event included speakers, State Representative Marcia Hahn and Congressman Charlie Dent.

The Eagle Scout project began in the Fall of 2011 when Sam presented his idea to the Bushkill Township Recreation Board. Sam presented a detailed proposal on the site design including the flagpole and the landscaping. Once the project received approval, Troop 74, Merchants Bank, and other residents and business owners made the project possible.

Sam was presented with a certificate of recognition at the July 5th Board of Supervisors meeting. Great job Sam!



U.S. Congressman Charlie Dent, Eagle Scout Sam Miller, State Representative Marcia Hahn at the Memorial Day Dedication Ceremony.

Burning in Bushkill Township

As a result of the 2010 census, Bushkill Township is now a mandated recycling community per the Department of Environmental Protection. Bushkill Township Ordinance 1994-02 requires residents to separate recyclables from waste, and the recyclables are to be collected by a licensed hauler. In addition, residents are prohibited from burning leaf waste. Bushkill Township residents are reminded that they may drop off their yard waste at the municipal garage located at 897 Clearfield Road. Accepted items include leaves, small brush, trimmings, plantings, and Christmas trees. Grass clipping are not accepted at the Township drop-off facility. Residents are required to show proof of residency along with the required permit. Permits can be obtained from the municipal building located at 1114 Bushkill Center Road. The First Regional Compost Authority (FRCA) main facility is also open to residents to drop-off brush, wood, wood chips, leaves and grass clippings (certain rules apply) at the Central Processing Center, 6701 Weaversville Road, East Allen Township. The FRCA is governed by five (5) local townships, and was originally formed to recycle yard waste. www.frcaweb.org.



If you have questions regarding the Burning Ordinance or the Recycling Ordinance, please contact Zoning Officer Ken Shiffert at 610.759.7187.

BURNING OF LEAVES IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED

Burning of brush may be permitted for large properties (e.g. farms) and under special circumstances with proper safety precautions in place, under proper conditions, and with prior approval from the Bushkill Township Fire Department.



Curbing Underage Drinking

The House Judiciary Committee recently held a hearing to examine two pieces of legislation I am hopeful we will have the opportunity to vote this fall. They both deal with underage drinking and public drunkenness on college and university campuses, two problems we need to confront more seriously.

Senate Bill 941 would increase the possible fine for public drunkenness from a maximum of \$300 to a maximum of \$1,000. It would also raise the fine for second and subsequent violations of purchasing, consuming, possessing or transporting liquor or malt or brewed beverages by someone under the age of 21 from up to \$500 to up to \$1,000.

Senate Bill 943 would establish an alcohol offense prevention fee which would be allocated to eligible municipalities for operation of an alcohol offense prevention unit by law enforcement officers. In other words, if alcohol-related offenses such as underage drinking, public drunkenness or furnishing alcohol to minors are committed in a municipality in which a college or university is also located, those individuals who are convicted of such offenses would be assessed an extra \$100 fee per offense for payment to the municipality for its local law enforcement officers to operate an alcohol offense prevention unit.

The negative impacts of these violations are growing and affecting communities, schools and students alike. Passage of these bills would hopefully provide more of a deterrent as well as more money to municipal police forces to prevent this type of activity.

Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources welcomes two new employees to Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center. Mr. Rob Neitz started as the new Manager at the Jacobsburg Environmental Educational Center in June. Rob has worked with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for 12 years and most recently served as the Regional Education Program Coordinator. Rob has a Bachelor of Science degree in Ecology from Lock Haven University and an M.A. in Environmental Education from Montclair State University. As the Manager, Mr. Neitz looks forward to maintaining Jacobsburg's excellent trail system and continuing to provide top notch visitor services.



In addition to Mr. Neitz, Lauren Forster started working at the Center in October of 2011 as the Environmental Education Specialist. Ms. Forster grew up in the Harrisburg area and graduated from Juniata College in Huntingdon. While at Juniata, Lauren spent a great deal of time researching water quality at Raystown Lake and its tributaries. Prior to her position with Jacobsburg State Park, Lauren was the Environmental Educator at Port Isobel which is located in the Chesapeake Bay. Welcome aboard Rob and Lauren!

On September 24th, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for the new environmental education center. The 9,300 square foot building will be located off of Belfast Road and is expected to be completed by August of 2013. The building is designed with the most current environmentally friendly standards consisting of a "green roof," solar power, geothermal heating and cooling, and on-site stormwater infiltration. Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center is an 1,168-acre site with wonderful recreational opportunities here in the center of Bushkill Township. Visit Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center online at www.dcnr.state.pa.us.

Treevitalize

Bushkill Township worked hard to get grant funding in 2012 from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to "Treevitalize" areas surrounding the Municipal Building and the Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company. Bushkill Township Public Works Employees, Environmental Advisory Council members, and Boy Scouts from local Troop 44 planted the twenty trees on Saturday, April 21st for Earth Day Weekend. The plantings were a mix of oak species and linden. Thanks to all the volunteers who showed support and helped Treevitalize!



L-R: Jeff Marsh-Environmental Advisory Council, Laura Baird-Heritage Conservancy, Jason Smith-Supervisor, Julie Bender-Supervisor, Robert Stanke-Environmental Advisory Council

Heritage Conservancy Stewardship Award

In July of 2012, the Heritage Conservancy presented Bushkill Township with their prestigious Land Conservation Award which is given to individuals or organizations who have made significant contributions in the areas of open space preservation, promotion of responsible land use, and farmland preservation. Bushkill Township was voted to be amongst the top leaders in land preservation in eastern Pennsylvania that have been recognized with this award. Additionally, the Heritage Partnership Awards Program recognizes Historic Preservation and Community Leadership pioneers at their annual gala held at the Aldie Mansion in historic Doylestown.

Fire Company News

The Bushkill Township Fire Company completed construction of its building this Summer. The project included constructing an 8,000 square foot addition, consisting of an apparatus room, social quarters, and second floor office space. In total, the addition will be capable of holding six fire trucks and contains new headquarters for the Emergency Medical Services staff. Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company holds many fundraisers throughout the year, including:



- Breakfasts - the second Sunday of every month from September through May, with Santa in December and the Easter Bunny in the spring.
- BINGO - every Wednesday, with the doors opening at 5pm and BINGO starting at 7pm with a weekly jackpot of \$1,000!!
- Car Show
- 5 weeker - twice a year, in April and October
- Annual Carnival

Individuals interested in volunteering or obtaining additional information should contact the Fire Company at 610.759.2274 or visit www.btvfc.com. Please consider supporting your local fire company.

Open Space Acquisitions and Northampton County Farmland Preservation

The Bushkill Township Open Space Program continues to be highly successful. Thanks to Willard Rissmiller, 24 acres along Keller Road, adjacent to Jacobsburg State Park and Sobers Run will be preserved through a fee simple purchase of the land. In addition, the township acquired a 24-acre conservation easement on the Schaffer Farm located on Hahn Road, with approximately 1,000 linear feet of public fishing access along Bushkill Creek. Mr. Schaffer has resided on the farm since 1979 and is proud that the land will be preserved. Thanks Richard and Willard!



Bushkill Township is committed to partnering with Northampton County Farmland Preservation and we are actively pursuing farms for consideration. By partnering with Northampton County Farmland Preservation, Bushkill Township may share the costs associated with farmland preservation and maximize the use of the tax dollars generated at the local level. To take advantage of this new opportunity, farms in Bushkill Township must be enrolled in the County Farmland Preservation Program to indicate interest and for the Township to dedicate the required matching funds. If you are interested in the farmland preservation program, we encourage you to attend the Environmental Advisory Council meetings which are held the second Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. Based on our experiences to date with our landowners, we trust that you will find the program worthwhile.

2012 Road Paving Projects

Eastern Industries was the low bidder on the 2012 Paving Project. Rose Inn Avenue, from Bushkill Center Road to Jacobsburg Road, was paved along with Schoeneck Avenue. Both roads were overlaid with 1.5" of 9.5mm wearing course after selective base course repairs were completed on both roads. In addition to Rose Inn Avenue and Schoeneck Avenue, work was done on Ashwood Drive, Miller Road, Bok Road, and West Douglassville Road.

Bushkill Township receives \$225,000 annually in State Liquid Fuel monies which is to be used on road paving and road maintenance activities. The state funding is generated by a \$0.12 per gallon tax levied on all liquid fuel (e.g. gasoline) purchases. The amount of funding a municipality receives is based on population and road miles within the municipality. For a road to be eligible for State Liquid Fuels it must have a 33' right-of-way, 16' cartway, and minimum 250' length. The Bushkill Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance ensures that all roads constructed in the township meet the minimum standards to be eligible for liquid fuels funding.



A Journey to providing a Miracle League Field in Northampton County Pennsylvania

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A CHANCE TO PLAY BASEBALL



BRIAN SCHNEIDER
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES
HONORARY CHAIRMAN

In 2008 the journey to a miracle began when conversation started about building a regional Miracle League baseball field somewhere in Northampton County. The purpose would be to provide a facility where children with physical and intellectual disabilities could play baseball on a barrier free baseball field. A Miracle League field in northern Lehigh County was providing this opportunity but for families in Northampton County the trip to this field was too far and therefore their children could not participate in the game of baseball.

Fast forward to 2010 and the planning was under way. After a short process of looking at various sites in the county, it was determined that the Charles Chrin Community Center site was the best location to build the facility. In June 2010, the Palmer Township Board of Supervisors agreed to allow the facility to be built on the community center property. In August 2010 the site was designed and engineered and a partnership was formed with the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation. Further, money was raised through generous contributions and in-kind services from over 130 individuals, organizations, foundations, businesses and a few Northampton County municipalities. In 131 days the facility grew from an excavated plot of ground to a completely finished facility with a specially designed baseball field, Family Center (concession area, restrooms and two family rooms), pavilion, "dugouts" and a video board. One of the first major sponsors was the Easton Rotary Club and as a result the field was named for them.

On September 9th the journey transitioned from a project to a fully functioning facility which was celebrated at an OPENING DAY ceremony and baseball games. Following the dedication ceremony the first pitch was thrown by all the children at the same time to the delight of over 700 people who attended this very special event. Baseball games were then held between the six teams made up of 108 children from throughout the county.

The Board of Directors of the Miracle League of Northampton County thanks the many generous supporters and sponsors because without them this **Journey to a Miracle** could not have happened. Please visit

www.miracleleagueofnc.org for more information on the journey and Easton Rotary field. Also, parents are encouraged to register their children with physical or intellectual disabilities by connecting to the website for the Spring 2013 season which will begin in May. Volunteers may also register for our spring of 2013 season as well.



The field is located at the Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township, 4100 Green Pond Road, Palmer, PA 18045.

BUSHKILL TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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For more Township information, visit our website at www.bushkilltownship.com!!

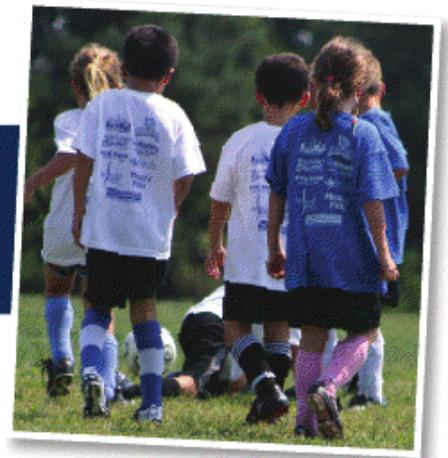
Inside this Issue: Bushkill Township 200 Years, Open Space Update, Board of Supervisors Happenings, Zoning Ordinance, and Penny Hole Restoration.



Nazareth Soccer Club promotes and develops an interest in soccer amongst young people in the Nazareth area by sponsoring, organizing and operating developmental and competitive soccer teams for children.

2013 Spring Season Registration
will begin in January for Boys and Girls ages 4-18
Check us out at www.nazarethsoccer.org

Our organization is run by volunteers and sponsorships, if you are looking to help out in your community and would like to volunteer either behind the scenes or up front, please contact us at info@nazarethsoccer.org.



Sponsorships and Land areas for fields are always needed, please contact us today!

Thank you to all of our current sponsors and volunteers!