



Few Words From The Township Manager

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It is my pleasure to write this article for the 2015 Spring Edition of the Lyceum E-newsletter as Township Manager for New Garden. I have a hard time writing “spring“, since it has hardly reached 30 degrees for the last two weeks and today’s temperature will not reach 20. Let’s hope spring comes soon.

It has been exciting meeting so many great people and working with such a great staff. I have been to many commission and committee meetings in the last month. The amount of time and the strong feelings that many volunteers have for New Garden is an inspiration to me.

The Board of Supervisors and Township Staff have a lot of projects scheduled for 2015. Some of these projects are:

1. Comprehensive Plan Update – Plan was last updated in 2005 and we will be gathering a committee of volunteers to serve on this project. The first steps will be to determine the scope of the update and to apply to the Chester County Planning Commission for a grant. The process will take approximately 12 to 18 months to complete.
2. Re-opening of Thompson Road – Thompson Road has been closed since April of 2014. The Township will be repairing the existing culvert/bridge in late spring/early summer.
3. Possible Sale of Township Sewer System – The process is on-going. Bids that were received are still being evaluated. The Supervisors along with professional engineers, waste water experts and Township staff are working on a recommendation to the Supervisors. The process should be completed by the end of 2015.
4. Regional Policing Study – The Regional Policing Study has been completed after a 13 month process. The study is now being evaluated by elected officials from the various municipalities. A decision on whether to move forward or not should be recommended in the upcoming months.
5. Conservation Easement of Green Valley Farm – The Board of Supervisors voted to obtain a conservation easement for the 178 acre farm for 2.3 million dollars at its February 23rd Monthly Meeting. More information on this easement will be in the next edition of the Lyceum Newsletter.

6. Riparian Buffer Project in New Garden Park – The Township in cooperation with the White Clay Creek Wild and Scenic Rivers Program and will be working on a Riparian Buffer Project in New Garden Park. The project is funded by grants and will restore the buffer along the stream in the park. The project will include educational components for visitors to the park.

There will be many other projects but these are some of the biggest.

I look forward to the upcoming months and meeting more residents of New Garden. I will be hosting a monthly Meet the Manager Coffee Hour on the second Wednesday of the month from 7:30AM to 9AM. Please feel free to stop by and introduce yourself and bring any issues that you would like to discuss. The first date for the Meet the Manager Coffee Hour will be April 8th, 2015.