



On Saturday, April 23, 2016 the Tilden Township EAC will be joining Blue Mountain Wildlife in a combined effort to clean up the Kernsville Dam Area and Tilden Township. In order to coordinate this event, please call the Township Office at 610-562-7410 no later than April 20, 2016 to be listed as a volunteer.

Individuals and groups are welcome. This is a GREAT chance for anyone who is in need of community service hours! We will be **meeting at the Kernsville Dam Monument parking lot at 9:00 AM**. Vests, gloves and trash bags will be provided. We hope to see YOU there!!!

Refreshments will be provided.

9 AM - Free Coffee and donuts
12 Noon - Free Hot Dogs and soda



Rain Date: Sunday, April 24, 2016



Tilden Township will be hosting Free Movie Nights again this summer. Please join us on June 25th, July 30th and August 20th. Movie admission is free to the public!

There will be reasonably priced snacks available to purchase.

We hope to see you there!!

Thank you

Tilden Township would like to extend a huge thank you to Jeremy Fogel and Eric Knopping of Ironwood Properties Group/Tilden Ridge Shopping Center for very generously helping Tilden Township financially to repair and resurface roads.

In addition to their ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION to Tilden Township of approximately \$50,000.00, they have contributed over \$375,000.00 toward road improvements (including 2016).

We thank you again for your cooperation. It is wonderful to have businesses participate with Tilden Township!

The Year in Review

2015 was again a busy and productive year in Tilden Township and for the Board of Supervisors. In addition to maintaining efficient operations of a routine nature quite a few noteworthy changes, special activities, improvements, and initiatives occurred.

There were several personnel moves. Officer Dennis Schwoyer retired in August and Officer Jose Quinones was hired on the recommendation of Chief McEllroy after a thorough selection process was conducted. An Assistant Roadmaster position was created to provide experienced backup leadership for our roads and maintenance operations. Russell Werley was appointed to the position on a part time as needed basis. Donna Bauscher resigned from the Zoning Hearing Board because she was moving out of the township. Richard DeLong was appointed to complete the remainder of her term. There was also turnover on the Planning Commission, as the term of Anna Shollenberger expired and Thomas Hojnowski resigned. Christopher Forte and Joshua Breslin were appointed as their replacements. Anna continues to serve as Secretary to the Planning Commission. The many years of faithful and effective service given by those departing employees and appointees are sincerely appreciated. We also appreciate the willingness of the newcomers to serve our community.

A new four year collective bargaining agreement was negotiated with the Tilden Township Police Association. Both parties approached the deliberations in a cooperative and positive manner. This allowed us to reach a fair and equitable contract, which we believe will provide long term stability in the department. The assistance of our Solicitor, Joan London, was invaluable in assuring the document was unambiguous and met all legal requirements.

Enhancements for the enjoyment of our residents included construction of a pavilion at the Senator James Rhoades Park. Family friendly outdoor movie nights at the Tilden Park were introduced and very well-received. We thank Nester's Sanitation and Haus Automotive for sponsoring the movies last summer.

New equipment purchases included installation of upgraded security cameras in the police station and expansion of the security system to cover the entire township building and grounds. A preowned boom truck in very good condition was purchased for the road crew's use. This allows for greater versatility and safety in performing a variety of tasks and reduces the need to rent equipment or use outside contractors for these jobs. An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) unit is now available in the Township Building for quick response in the event of a life threatening cardiac emergency in the immediate area. In relation to the AED purchase the office staff, road crew, and Township Supervisors completed the American Heart Association course in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and AED use.

A road exchange with PennDOT is in the works. We believe this is in the best interest of the township. PennDOT wants to take over approximately 2 miles of Old Route 22 at the west end of the township. In return the township will take Maple Drive, Berne Road from Bachmoll Road to the township line, and St. Michael's Church Road from Old Route 22 to Salem Church Road. The township will receive funds to make any necessary repairs to the roadways being accepted and we will be exchanging two bridges for one, which is in good condition. In other roadway news, widening of Pine Road to promote safer travel was approved, as this has become a major thoroughfare to our commercial district.

The Earth Day Cleanup Event was conducted successfully in conjunction with the Blue Mountain Wildlife organization. Over a ton of refuse was collected at the Kernsville Dam Recreation Area and from township roads, which filled a large roll off container. We are grateful for the assistance of township residents and Blue Mountain Wildlife volunteers in this endeavor. We also gratefully acknowledge the assistance provided by Nester's Sanitation in disposal of the materials collected, free of charge. Information about this year's cleanup is contained elsewhere in this newsletter and we encourage all residents to pitch in to help keep **your** township clean and attractive. Tilden Township also hosted a free shredding event for our residents sponsored by Representative Jerry Knowles and Senator Dave Argall.

Meetings commenced to address vandalism, illegal dumping, and public safety concerns at the Kernsville Dam Recreation Area. These included representatives of the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), which administers the area; Blue Mountain Wildlife, Inc., which maintains the area; the PA Fish & Boat Commission; the PA State Police; the Tilden Township Police Department; Reading, Blue Mountain, & Northern Railroad; and the Tilden Township Board of Supervisors. At this time the process of establishing enforceable rules and regulations is still ongoing. Finally, a balanced budget of over \$1.87 million was adopted for 2016. This was done without any increase in the local property tax rate, with one exception. The West Hamburg Street Light Tax was raised for the first time in over 20 years, but only sufficient to cover increased expenses. The Board of Supervisors acknowledges the diligence and hard work that went into preparation of the budget proposal by the Township staff.

The following dates have been set for regular township meetings as listed for 2016:

<u>BOS Workshop</u> <u>Friday 9:00 am</u>	<u>BOS Regular</u> <u>2nd Wednesday 7:00 pm</u>	<u>Planning Commission</u> <u>3rd Tuesday 7:30 pm</u>	<u>Park & Recreation</u> <u>Last Wednesday 7:00 pm</u>
April 8	April 13	April 19	April 27
May 6	May 11	May 17	May 25
June 3	June 8	June 21	June 29
July 8	July 13	July 19	July 27
August 5	August 10	August 16	August 31
September 9	September 14	September 20	September 28
October 7	October 12 *	October 18	October 26
November 4	November 9	November 15	
December 9	December 14 **	December 20	

*2017 Budget will be prepared immediately after the October 12th regular meeting

**2017 Budget will be adopted at the December 14th monthly meeting

All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Tilden Township Municipal Building located at 874 Hex Highway, unless otherwise specified. On a rare occasion a meeting date will need to be changed. Changes are advertised in the Legal Notices section of the Classified Ads in the Reading Eagle. Notices can also be viewed online at www.readingeagle.com.

Visit Tilden Township on the web!

Tilden Township maintains a website at www.TildenTownship.com which is home to pertinent Township information including permit applications, meeting minutes, fee schedules, ordinances, the Township Directory and so much more. Current Township news and alerts can also be found there, and will also link to our Facebook page. There is also a calendar of upcoming events on the home page. Have a look!!

TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION'S REPORT

During the year 2015, the Commission reviewed the following land development plans:

- 1) Dr. Ashok Kumar submitted a preliminary/final plan to construct a proposed 8,000 sq. ft. ambulatory surgical center for specialty out-patient procedures with no overnight stays. The facility to be located along the west side of Industrial Drive.
- 2) Joseph Jurgielewicz had submitted a preliminary/final plan for Lots 5 & 6, a lot consolidation/combination, to construct a single family dwelling along Cheese Lane.

The Board of Supervisors appointed two new commission members, Joshua Breslin and Christopher Forte.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M., in the Township Municipal Building. If a meeting is canceled due to the lack of agenda items or rescheduled, a notice will be posted on the township's website and on the door at the Municipal Building.

Park and Recreation News

The Tilden Township Park & Recreation Committee continues to further enhance recreational facilities for our residents. Last summer a new pavilion was erected at the Sen. James Rhoades Memorial park near the river. Movie Nights at Tilden Park were held for the first time and were well received. Movie Nights at Tilden Park will be held again this summer on the following dates: June 25th, July 30th and August 20th.

Tilden T-Ball and B-Ball will again use the field this spring for practices and games, come out and enjoy some youth baseball! Pavilion and concession rental fees are as follows:

Fee Schedule

<u>Rental Prices</u>	<u>Tilden Township Resident</u>	<u>Non-Township Resident</u>
Pavilion only	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00
Pavilion and Concession Stand	\$ 80.00	\$ 90.00
Refundable Deposit	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00

Please submit 2 checks with your application: 1st check for the amount of the rental fee, 2nd check for the \$20 deposit. If rental area is found to be in clean and undamaged condition, the deposit will be returned to the applicant.

Please make checks payable to: **Tilden Township**

Submit application/checks to: **Tilden Township**
874 Hex Highway
Hamburg, PA 19526

Or send via Email to: Office@TildenTownship.com



Tilden Township Zoning Map

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Tilden Township Police Department

In 2015, the department's three fulltime police officers handled just over 1000 calls. We saw the retirement of one officer and the hiring of another.

Scams - This was mentioned in the 2015 newsletter but I wanted to mention it again this year. Every year, police across the country seem to have more and more types of scams reported by residents. Tilden Township is no exception. Scams come in the form of phone calls, emails, text messages or good old fashion U.S. mail. Residents should be suspicious of anything that sounds "too good to be true." Scammers often call residents pretending to be businesses or government officials in order to coerce you into sending them money that you do not owe them. If you are not sure who is on the other end of that phone, do not provide them with any type of private information, especially financial. Get their name and phone number. Tell them you will call them back. Then do a little research using the Internet or a phone book. For instance, if someone calls claiming to be from your bank but something doesn't seem right, hang up and call your bank directly to be sure. A little due diligence goes a long way.

If you do become a victim of a scam, please report it right away by calling the police.

Residential Numbering - I am encouraging all residents of Tilden Township to mark their mailboxes with the number from their mailing address. If you previously marked your mailbox years ago but see that the numbers are either faded or missing, please replace them.

First responders such as police, fire and ambulance rely on these numbers to find your home in an emergency. Too often in rural areas, residences have little to no markings that indicate the number of the address. Seconds count in an emergency. By marking your mailbox or residence, you could very well be saving a life in the future.

Thank you,

Chief William J. McElroy III

The Tilden Township Police Department was provided a medication drop box by the Berks County District Attorney's office as part of the Pharmaceutical Drop Box Program.

Tilden Township residents may now drop off unwanted medications at the Tilden Township Municipal Building, 874 Hex Highway, first floor lobby, Monday through Friday, 8am-4pm.

ACCEPTED:

- Prescription medications in standard container or sealed bag.
- Over the counter medications
- Vitamins
- Drug samples
- Pet medications
- Liquid medications in plastic, leak proof containers

NOT ACCEPTED:

- Loose pills
- Syringes
- Thermometers
- Bloody or infectious waste
- Medication from businesses
- Hydrogen peroxide or other cleaning agents
- Aerosol cans & inhalers



NOTICE

Residents of Tilden Township

IF YOU OR SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD REQUIRES SPECIAL ASSISTANCE DURING AN EMERGENCY DUE TO A MEDICAL CONDITION, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE OFFICE. **EVEN IF YOU HAVE COMPLETED THIS FORM IN THE PAST, YOU NEED TO COMPLETE IT WITH YOUR INFORMATION AND SUBMIT IT AGAIN THIS YEAR.**

In accordance with Public Law 1332, the Emergency Management Services Act, we are requesting certain information from Tilden Township residents. This law mandates that each municipality in Pennsylvania form a disaster emergency management plan to handle natural or man-made disasters. One aspect of the plan is to prepare for the needs of persons with special medical situations, those requiring transportation, non-English speaking persons, and residents with serious hearing impairments that will require special notification in case of emergency.

Please provide us with the following information as it applies to you or anyone in your household. Any information provided will be considered confidential and will be used only in the event of an emergency.

Physical Address (No P.O. Boxes, please) _____

Phone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____

Email address _____ Help Number (if used) _____

Name	Special Medical Needs? (Yes/No)	Hearing Impaired? (Yes/No)	Requires Transportation? (Yes/No)	If non-English speaking, list language spoken

If you marked "Yes" for Special Medical Needs, please give a brief description for each person to whom this applies: (Example – John Doe – Uses a walker and wheelchair, Jane Doe relies on Insulin)

Name	Special Requirement
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

When complete, please return to the Tilden Township Office at 874 Hex Highway, Hamburg, PA 19526, or Sdegler@TildenTownship.com. If you have any questions, please call the township office at 610-562-7410.

Remember to get your permit!

Driveway Permits – Required for the construction of a new driveway, to reconstruct, improve, pave, or blacktop an existing driveway, and to construct and/or pave a drainage area or other means of ingress or egress to property which connects to a Township road. Application for a permit can be picked up at the Township office. The fee is \$50, payable at the time of application submission. Driveways abutting a state road require a permit from PennDOT. Please contact the Temple PennDOT office at 610-929-0766.

Mobile Home Removal Permits – Before removing a mobile home from the Township, all taxes must be paid in full and a removal permit must be obtained from the Tax Collector. Permit cost is \$2.

Occupancy Permit – Upon completion of a dwelling, an occupancy permit must be obtained from the Zoning Officer prior to establishing residence.

On-Lot Sewage Permit – State and Municipal laws require permits for the installation of any new on-site sewage system and corrections/repairs to any existing on-site system. To obtain a permit, contact the Sewage Enforcement Officer.

Solicitation Permit – Anyone engaged in selling, soliciting, or taking orders for any goods or merchandise will need a solicitation permit before sales commence. Permit fee is \$10. Charitable organizations are required to obtain a permit, but the \$10 fee is waived. Application can be picked up at the Township office and is subject to review by the Township Police prior to issuance.

Zoning/Building Permits – Required for new construction, additions to existing structures, garages, porches and/or decks, accessory buildings (sheds), swimming pools, roof replacement, retaining walls, fences, and accessory farm buildings. A zoning permit is also required for home occupations. If you are unsure of your permitting needs, **contact the Township office prior to beginning your project.**

Spring 2016 Tax Collection Dates and Times

Tuesday, April 19, 6:30-8:00 PM

Thursday, April 21, 6:30-8:00 PM

Saturday, April 23, 9:30-11:00 AM

Tuesday, April 26, 6:30-8:00 PM

Thursday, April 28, 6:30-8:00 PM

Saturday, April 30, 9:30-11:00 AM

All other times are by appointment only.
Please call 610-562-9804 to schedule an appointment.



**PRIMARY ELECTION
TUESDAY, APRIL 26th**

**POLLS ARE OPEN FROM
7 am to 8 pm**

REMEMBER TO VOTE!

You can now register to vote on-line. Visit www.Votespa.com to complete your voter registration information.

Tilden Township
874 Hex Highway
Hamburg, PA 19526

EMERGENCY FORM ENCLOSED!

Recycling Information

Reminder – Electronic recycling is available year-round at 1316 Hilltop Rd., Leesport (Off Rt. 183 near the Reading Fairgrounds) on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8:00am to Noon. Call the Berks County Solid Waste Authority at 610-478-6362 or visit www.co.berks.pa.us for more information.



Recycling containers are available at all times at the following locations:

Windsor Township – 110 Haas Rd.
Centre Township – 195 Bucks Hill Rd.
Upper Tulpehocken Township - 6501 Old Rt. 22

ACCEPTED MATERIALS

ALUMINUM AND TIN CANS, GLASS BOTTLES/JARS, PLASTIC BOTTLES/CONTAINERS (#1-#6), MIXED PAPER INCLUDING NEWSPAPERS, JUNK MAIL, MAGAZINES, FROZEN FOOD BOXES, ETC...

MATERIALS NOT ACCEPTED

CARDBOARD, FOOD CONTAMINATED PAPER, PLASTIC TOYS, SYROFOAM