

Ringgold School District

By Maureen Ott, Ringgold Region III Board Director



Ringgold is participating in innovative programs designed to improve the education of our students. The programs include Companies in the Classroom where local companies come to classrooms to discuss careers in their organizations, and a partnership with Harvard to develop strategies to improve reading instruction for elementary and preschool students. In other news, the baseball field at Ringgold has been renovated and we're ready to begin the new season. Ringgold is proud to provide our student athletes with the improved field conditions on which to play this season and into the future. Come out and catch a game and support our Ringgold students! Schedules for all spring sports can be found on the Ringgold website; www.ringgold.org. In addition, we are always in search of qualified employees at Ringgold. Job opportunities are almost always available for many substitute positions, bus drivers and paraprofessionals. Refer to the website for current openings. **Go Rams!**



Primary Election Day:

- Tuesday, April 28, 2020
- Polls open from 7AM to 8PM

For Helpful Information on Voting in Pennsylvania, go to VotesPA.com

Last day to register before the Election is April 13th, 2020

NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP 2020 MEETING NOTICE

The regular meetings of the various Boards of Nottingham Township for 2020 are as follows unless otherwise advertised.

Board of Supervisor's Regular Meeting – First and Third Monday of each month except the 1st meeting in September will be held Tuesday, September 8, 2020; and the May 4, 2020 meeting will be cancelled. All Supervisor meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission's Regular Meeting – Second Monday of each month. All Planning Commission meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission's Agenda (workshop) Meeting – First Tuesday following the first Board of Supervisor's meeting of each month; and the September workshop meeting will be on Wednesday, September 9, 2020. Planning Commission meets at 7:00 p.m.

Recreation Board – Monday, March 30, 2020; Tuesday, May 26, 2020; Monday, July 27, 2020; Tuesday, September 22, 2020; and Monday, November 30, 2020. All Recreation Board meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m.

All meetings will be held at the Nottingham Township Municipal Building, 909 Sugar Run Road, Eighty Four, PA 15330, unless otherwise advertised.

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Message from the Chairman

By Todd E. Flynn, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Hello! My name is Todd Flynn and I am the new Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for Nottingham Township. I am replacing Pete Marcoline, who was the past Chairman to the Supervisors for many years. Nottingham was very fortunate in having had a man of Pete's talent and dedication to serve our community.

We have added a new member to the Board of Supervisors. David Resanovich was sworn in as a Township Supervisor in January of this year. David has provided over thirty years of service to the Township as a member of the Township Recreation Board. Welcome Dave!

My family and I have lived in Nottingham Township since 1978. I have served on the Township Zoning Hearing Board for six years, and have sat on the Board of Supervisors since 2011. I look forward to serving in this capacity and giving back to our great community.

At this time, I would like to bring your attention to the following items that may be of interest to our residents. Should you need more information, or just have a question, feel free to contact the Township Office at 724-348-5622.

Governor Proposes Police Tax on All Municipalities

The Governor's 2020-2021 budget proposal includes a "fair share police services fee" which, if enacted, would be a tax assessed on all municipalities to pay for the costs of State Police services. This is a change from the Governor's previous proposals which included a flat per capita tax and then a sliding scale per capita tax that would have been assessed on municipalities without local police protection.

The Governor states that this latest tax would be assessed on every municipality, "because services are provided to all, regardless of the level of municipal police coverage." This proposed tax would be based on a formula derived from factors such as incidents, coverage area, station coverage costs, and would also include population and income. No such formula is available from the Governor's Office at this time. Municipalities with full – or part-time police services would receive a reduction in this tax, but still be required to pay.

Note that Nottingham Township is a member of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS), and PSATS opposes any plan, including a per person tax, that would mandate that any township pay for State Police service. PSATS supports legislation that would allow townships to voluntarily contract with the State Police for patrol and ordinance enforcement services.

Castlewood Fields – Planned Residential Development

As mentioned in past newsletters, a Planned Residential Development (PRD) will be constructed in Nottingham Township, north of Venetia Road, and next to the Walnut Ridge Subdivision Plan. The final plan for Castlewood Fields has been presented to the Township, and paving for Phase 1 should take place the 2nd half of this year. At that time, Ryan Homes will construct a model home to begin selling the parcels. Phase 1 will contain both single family residences and townhomes.

Crescent Moon Compressor Station Update

In October of 2019, EQM Poseidon Midstream, filed an Application for Conditional Use and Land Development for a Natural Gas Compressor Station to be located at 155 Garvin Road, Finleyville. Garvin Road is located off of Mingo Church Road. This compressor station will be constructed in Nottingham Township, with road entry from Garvin Road, located in Union Township. The proposed site is made up of approximately 77 acres. A public hearing, to take public comment, was held by the Board of Supervisors on December 2, 2019. The Board of Supervisors, with much consideration, approved the Crescent Moon Compressor Station with 37 conditions complying with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, and local laws and regulations. The Board was informed by representatives from EQM Poseidon Midstream that they are still three (3) years out from starting construction on this project.

Where are gas wells located in the Township?

Harbison Well – EQT – 90 Cooper Road

Malachosky Well – Range – 265 Gilkeson Road

Mizia Well - Range – 400 Patterson Road

Pennsylvania's Purple Paint Law

What is Pennsylvania's new purple paint law? Well, the law makes it easier and less costly for landowners to post their land to prohibit trespassing by allowing the use of purple paint stripes in lieu of no trespassing signs.



How does it work? Stripes of purple paint on trees and/or fence posts will carry the same legal weight as no trespassing signs. So, if your property is posted with purple paint and someone hunts on it anyway, they are breaking the law and can be prosecuted. That simple.

How do I mark my property with purple paint? Purple paint marks must be visible approaching the property and follow specific guidelines. Stipes must be, at a minimum, 8 inches tall by 1 inch wide. The bottoms of the stipes must be between 3 and 5 feet off the ground. Also, the markings can be no more than 100 feet apart.

What paint can I use? The law only specifies "identifying purple paint." Paint manufacturers make a shade called "no hunting purple" that is available in spray paint as well as regular paint.

The Pennsylvania Farm Bureau played a central role in introducing and advocating for this legislation which surfaced through the Farm Bureau's grassroots policy development process.

Public Works News

Doug King, Director of Public Works

As we close out the winter of 2019-2020, I don't need to tell you that this has been the mildest winter of my 18-years of service to the Township. The mild weather gave us the opportunity to get a major project out the way early. We were able to complete tree trimming on Lutes Road. The entire road was clear cut up to a height of 50 feet.



Road projects for this year will include paving on sections of Dyers Stone, Valley, Sundust and Patterson roads. Seal coating maintenance will take place on sections of Hamtom, Sugar Run, Blair, East and West Hillcrest and Fox Trot. We are going to try a new maintenance product known as "Fog Seal" over in the Evanston Heights and Sherwood Village areas of the Township. Residents in these two areas will be sent a mailer in the coming months providing more details. As always, stormwater piping and inlet box repair and replacement will take place throughout the Township.

The road crew looks forward to seeing you out on the roads this summer, and as always, we ask that you be patient and mindful of our safety as you pass our work areas.

APRIL 1, 2020 – CENSUS DAY - Be counted!!

In mid-March, homes across the country began receiving invitations to complete the 2020 Census. For the first time, the 2020 Census are going to be accepting responses from your home in one of three ways: online, by phone or by mail.

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Keep in mind, that when completing the census, you will include everyone living in your home as of April 1, 2020. Everyone living in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and the five U. S. territories (Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U. S. Virgin Islands) is required by law to be counted in the 2020 Census.

Getting a complete and accurate census count is critically important, and that is why your response is required by law. If you do not respond, the U. S. Census Bureau will follow-up, in person, to collect your response. So, if you respond online, by phone, or by mail, the Census Bureau will not stop by.

The Census results are important to determine how much funding local communities receive for key public services and how many seats each state will get in Congress. Census counts are also used to draw boundaries for congressional, state legislative and school districts.



Nottingham Township Recreation Board Coming Events

NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY DAY

When: Saturday, June 20, 2020

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Music provided by D.J.

Touch a Truck

Food truck and Vendors

Bridge to Home Animal Rescue

50/50 Raffle to benefit Bridge to Home Animal Rescue

Children's Activities and much more!

The Nottingham Township Board of Supervisors would again like to thank the members of the Township Recreation Board for their outstanding efforts on behalf of our Township and residents. Without all of you Nottingham would not be the special place that it is!



Township Bonfire

Come one, come all!



Don't miss out on the Township Recreation Board's most popular event! Hot dogs, hot chocolate and marshmallows provided. Come enjoy your neighbors and the band. Open to all residents at no charge. Hey, don't forget your chair and blanket!

When: Saturday, September 26, 2020

Time: 6:30 to 10:00 p.m.

Children's Halloween Trail

This wonderful event is tailored to even the smallest of goblins! Come enjoy our beautiful Sherwood Park and gather treats along the spookily decorated walking trail. Finish your afternoon off with a hay ride back to the parking lot.



When: Saturday, October 17th

Time: 1 to 3:00 p.m.



Make your reservation today!

Have an upcoming graduation or family reunion? Don't forget about our large pavilion nestled in the heart of Sherwood Park. It can accommodate 100 people, has charcoal grill, electrical outlets and running water. Basketball court, tennis court and ballfield are available as a first come, first served basis. Pavilion Rental fee is \$75.



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