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Ground Breaks on Lauth's Key Logistics Park Project



Picture of new warehouse to be erected at Key Logistics Park

Lauth recently joined leaders of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania to break ground on the first building at Key Logistics Park in Cumberland County, Pa. This state-of-the-art master-planned distribution park is located in the heart of a strategic east coast shipping corridor adjacent to Interstate 81 at Exit 37. Key Logistics Park will house three buildings totaling up to three million square feet (SF) of modern bulk distribution space upon completion.

"Lauth is engineering Key Logistics Park to offer the maximum flexibility and accessibility required by modern logistics and distribution operations," said Kevin Wade, Vice President of Office and Industrial Development in Lauth's Pittsburgh Office. "Key Logistics Park features cross-dock buildings with ample trailer parking, full 360 degree movement and congestion free access to the interstate and 40 million people within a 4 1/2 hour drive."

Construction is now underway on Key Logistics Building One, a 1,170,000 SF, cross-dock bulk distribution facility featuring over 120 dock doors, 32' clear height, and space to park up to 400 trailers. Lauth expects the first building to be ready for occupancy in May 2009.



Chairman Amos Seiders receiving check for \$10,000 for Park & Rec from Kevin Wade, Lauth Construction



Groundbreaking Ceremony: (Left to right) Mike Jones, Kevin Wade, Jim Clymer, Blair Carmosino, and Township Supervisors Amos Seiders and Gary Martin

"Key Logistics' highway visibility, easy access and advantageous tax climate makes this site ideal for tenants seeking a Central Pennsylvania location without the traffic hassles and congestion at other nearby locations," said Michael Hess, Sr. Vice President at CBRE. "We are already receiving strong interest in these buildings despite the fact Lauth is breaking ground just today."

Lauth's master plan for Key Logistics Park includes two additional cross-dock buildings. Building Two will be a 909,000 SF facility. Building Three will be a 954,000 SF structure. Construction on those buildings will begin based on market activity or on a build-to-suit basis.

2008-09 Township Calendar

All meeting times 7:00 pm unless otherwise stated.

October

30 Trick or Treat Night 6-8 P.M.

November

- 3 Planning Commission Meeting
- 4 GET OUT AND VOTE!!!!
- 6 Park and Recreation Board Meeting
- 8 Fire Company Meat Raffle
- 12 Zoning Hearing Board Meeting
- 13 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 22 Fire Company Meat Raffle

December

- 1 Planning Commission Meeting
- 4 Park and Recreation Board Mtg.
- 10 Zoning Hearing Board Meeting
- 11 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 20 Fire Company Christmas Caroling
- 21 Fire Co. Santa Party/Open House

January

- 5 Reorg. Mtg. Board of Supervisors
- 6 Reorg. Mtg. Auditors/Planning Commission
- 8 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 14 Zoning Hearing Board Mtg

NOTE: Fire Company BINGO is held every Friday night, 7:00 at the Fire Hall

PENN TOWNSHIP PROJECTS UPDATE



MUNICIPAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

(Picture on Left) Construction of a municipal building located on the site of the former Centerville Elementary School began on September 2. The building, being erected under a contract awarded to Galbraith Pre-Design, Inc., is scheduled for completion on December 31st and is designed to house the District Magistrate Office presently located in Newville.

SMITH ROAD WIDENING: Widening of Smith Road lester calaman has been completed with the removal of rocks and trees. However, paving scheduled for August has been delayed due to the limited availability and price increases of materials.

KEY LOGISTICS PARK: (See full story on Page 1) A portable concrete plant has been installed at the construction site to provide materials for the floor of the building, and erection of the walls should be completed by the time you read this. Completion of the building is scheduled for the second quarter of 2009.

ACT 537: (The PA Sewage Facilities Act): The Act 537 Report has been completed and has been sent to PaDEP for review. Upon acceptance by PaDEP the final version will be available for public review prior to adoption by the township.

LEBO AND LEEDS ROAD :BRIDGES: Core sampling for both bridges have been completed and construction plans for the Lebo Road bridge will be finalized upon completion of a survey to determine if the endangered Bog Turtle is present in the wetlands adjacent to the present bridge and what measures would be necessary to prevent migration of the turtles into the construction zone.

Proposed Cell Phone Tower PublicComment

There will be time set aside for public comment on the proposed cell phone tower on township property at the next Supervisors' Meeting on November 13 at 7:00 pm. The proposal is to erect a tower at the municipal building at 1301 Centerville Road. Public comment will be welcome at this time. If there are any questions, please call the township secretary at 486-3401



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Loan Grant Coordinator

Buck Shuller

July 2008:

- Approved the Lauth bond agreement for \$739,200.00 at the recommendation of the engineer.
- Tabled the approval of a low bidder for a new furnace and air conditioning for the municipal building.
- Tabled a vote on the approval of a cell tower to be built on the township property on Centerville Road.
- Approved the bid from CMX for core boring at the Lebo Road and Leed Road Bridges.
- Approved the bid of \$53,865 from Union Quarry for super pave.
- Approved a recommendation from the road crew to have Galbraith Pre-design design a 3-bay addition to the municipal building.
- Approved an additional expense of \$7000 for HRG to complete the Act 537 study and answer some additional questions from DEP.
- Approved a conditional use for Marc and Amanda Thorne to house two horses on their land in the conservation zone.
- Approved the bid of \$347,500 from Galbraith Pre-Design to build the new district justice office in Centerville.

August 2008:

- Approved the Cornman subdivision plan.
- Tabled the vote on an agreement with Verizon for a cell tower on the township land on Centerville Road.
- Approved the bid of \$14,867 from John Gleim to level the playing fields at the Centerville School site. Lauth has agreed to pay this fee.
- Approved the bid of \$7,744.03 from CRF Mechanicals to install a new heating and air conditioning system in the municipal building.
- Accepted the resignation of Jan Roberts from the Planning Commission.
- Accepted the resignation of George Rohrs from the Park and Rec Board.
- Appointed Lloyd Jones to the Park and Rec Board.
- Signed an agreement with the Fire Company to lease a piece of land for a small playground.
- Approved the conditional use for Irvin Martin to move his cabinetry shop to a farm he wants to purchase on Mt. Rock Road that is in the Land Preservation program. County has already given their permission.
- Approved the conditional use for Michael Shumaker, President of Concrete Industries to erect a temporary portable ready mix concrete plant at the Key Logistics site.
- Approved the conditional use for Darren and Martha Zimmerman to allow Verizon Wireless to construct a cell tower on their land on Centerville Road.

September 2008:

- Tabled the vote on a cell tower to be established on Township property at the municipal building.
- Approved Ordinance 2008-3 which prohibits skateboarding on township property.
- Approved the bid of \$3200 from Earth Engineering for core boring at the District Justice office site.
- Set the date of the Budget Meeting for October 9 after the regular board of supervisors' meeting.
- Tabled a decision on purchasing a self-propelled broom for the road crew at \$40,000.
- Appointed Gary Cribbs to the Planning Commission.

The complete minutes of the Supervisors' Meetings are available, once they are approved, at the Township Building or on our website, www.penntwpcc.org.



PARKS & REC

They were able to complete the trail and continue to do their regular jobs. Thank you to them for their hard work on the trail and township roads.

Fall is in the air but Parks & Recreation still has a busy agenda. This summer we had a number of exciting happenings.

We would like to extend a BIG Thank You to Lauth Ind. for their generous donation of \$10,000 cash and approximately \$15,000 in excavating they will be doing on the lower soccer fields at Centerville Park. This was a wonderful surprise to all of us and we hope to put the money to good use within the parks.

We would like to bid a sad farewell to George Rohrs, one of our dedicated members. George has taken on other township responsibilities and as he says "something had to give". We will all miss you George, but we will still call you for work details!

On a happier note we would like to welcome aboard our newest member, Lloyd Jones. Lloyd resides on the Pine Rd. in Penn Twp. We're looking forward to picking his brain for ideas and wearing him out at work details!

Centerville Park – The township road crew has been kept jumping this summer with putting in 1191 feet of walking trail at Centerville Park.

Parks & Rec. will be posting both Centerville Park and the Fire Hall walking trail with "No Skateboarding" signs. The township has passed Ordinance #2008-3 which eliminates skateboarding at both township parks entirely. The ordinance will be posted on the website in the near future. This is not only to protect the township property but also for the safety of skateboarders.

We have erected a new baseball back stop at the southwest corner stephen hair of the upper field at Centerville Park. This is for all to enjoy but it is on a first come-first serve basis.

The Parks & Rec. board continues to have Penn Township, Park & Rec. T-shirts for sale at the township office. The colors available are tan and grey, with or without a pocket. The prices are \$10.00 without a pocket and \$12.00 with. We have sizes M, L, XL & XXL. They are made of 100% pre-shrunk cotton.

We are, and will always be, looking for volunteers to come out and help us with the upkeep of the parks. If you have a couple of free hours once a month or so please call Vickie at 486-4116. It's work



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NEWVILLE IS
OCTOBER 30TH, 6-8 P.M.

ROAD MASTER REPORT

SNOW PLOWING SEASON



It is snow plowing season again. Please do not put anything in the township right-of-way as the township will not be responsible for any damage during snow plow operations. Please watch out for and give room to our trucks when they are plowing and clearing intersections.

The township is not responsible for clearing around mailboxes. If the snow hits the mail box, the township is not responsible. If the plow hits the mailbox, the township will fix it.

Please be aware: STATE ROADS: Hays Grove, Station, Mt. Rock, Pine and Walnut Bottom Roads. If there is a problem on these roads, call 243-5414.

SCHEDULED ROAD WORK

- ◆ **Line painting:** please stay behind the truck when line painting operation is in progress. Township is not responsible for paint getting on cars if you pass a paint truck before the paint on the road is dry. The paint used is fast drying, but you still need to take precautions.
- ◆ **Tree and brush trimming**
- ◆ **Road patching**
- ◆ **Crack sealing**
- ◆ **Grading gutters**

Jeff Gillaugh

FIRE COMPANY SANTA PARTY AND OPEN HOUSE!!! December 21st, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Bring the little ones out to meet with Santa and receive a small gift!!



PLAY BALL!!!! The new backstop is up and ready for use at Centerville Park.

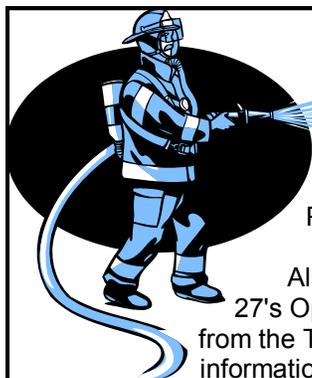
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The following are the prices for advertising in the 2008 PENN TIMES:

<u>Size</u>	<u>Cost/Issue</u>	<u>Cost/Year</u>
1/8 Page (Business Card)	\$50	\$175
1/4 Page	\$100	\$350
1/2 Page	\$200	\$700
Full Page	\$400	\$1400

Contact the township office at 486-3104 to reserve your space. You must provide the camera-ready artwork. Advertising for the January issue is due by December 30.



FIRE COMPANY NEWS

With this being the last newsletter for year we would like to THANK the community for their support during this past year, and remind everyone we have 2 meat raffles coming up in November one on the 8th and one on the 22nd. Then in December on the 21st is our Santa Party and open house. Bring the little ones out to meet with Santa and receive a small gift!

Also We are pleased to announce that Penn Twp. V.F.D. has been selected to participate in ABC 27's Operation Save a Life Program presented by Kidde, we will be picking up 100 Smoke Alarms from the TV station in the very near future, watch ABC 27 News beginning October 27 for more information or contact a Fire Company Member for more information.

And now with the upcoming heating season we are asking you to make sure your heating system and chimneys are serviced and cleaned so you can have a safe winter.

Don't forget, with time change coming November 2nd PLEASE change the batteries in your smoke alarms when you change your clocks.

On behalf of the Officers and Members of Company 50, we would like to wish you all a SAFE and enjoyable upcoming holiday season.

Yours in Protection and Safety,
Ernest R. Beecher, President
P.T.V.F.D.- Co. 50

Find Your Name

The names of two Township residents, selected randomly from township records, are "hidden" out of context somewhere in this newsletter. Find your name and we will treat you to a \$20 gift certificate to Saylor's Market in Newville. If you find your name, claim the reward by stopping by the Township office before November 30, 2008. Our thanks to Curt Saylor for his donation to the newsletter.

About Penn TownshipHuntsdale



The village of Huntsdale has a long and prosperous history. The abundance of water from the Yellow Breeches and the Irish Gap Springs made extensive milling possible. Located here were Cumberland Iron Furnace, grist mills, two or three saw mills, clover and plaster mills, fulling and oil mills, and a distillery.

The original name of the village was Spring Mills. In 1872 Spring Mills became known as Milltown, due to the numerous mills erected in this period of time. In 1878 the name was changed again to Huntsville and with it came the post office known as the Ernst Post Office, named after the Ernst-Clever company who operated a large store here. In 1880 the name was again changed, and the little town became known as Huntsdale, the name it still bears today. It was named for the

Hunt family who had acquired considerable land in the area. At one time there was a large sign in the village with this information on it.

Michael Ege is the name found most often when reading about early activity in the Huntsdale area. He is credited with building a grist mill of stone at Huntsdale before 1797. In 1797 Ege sold the Huntsdale mill to John Arthur. Arthur in turn sold it and 2079 acres of land to David Smith for \$26,666 in 1809. Several other owners ran the mill until it was bought by James Weakley in 1837. This picture is identified as "Weakley's Mill" by the Cumberland County Historical Society. The mill office was the rendezvous for all the philosophers of the neighborhood, and questions most profound were here discussed and champion games of checkers played; attached to the office was a bunking room which the men in attendance slept. It required three men to run the mill, whose "tricks" were divided into 8 hours each, as the mill ran continuously from midnight Sunday to 12 o'clock Saturday night.



In addition to the mill, Ege built Cumberland Furnace in the year 1794. Michael Ege was, perhaps, the largest land owner and iron master in Pennsylvania. At his death the Furnace descended to his daughter, Mrs. Wilson. It has since been owned, and for sometime operated, by General Thomas C. Miller. Dr. William Mateer operated the Furnace for a short period, apparently under lease from the receivers or the new owner, Peter N. Tritt. The last iron was produced in 1854 or 55. Tritt tore down the Furnace stack in order to convert the property to his use.

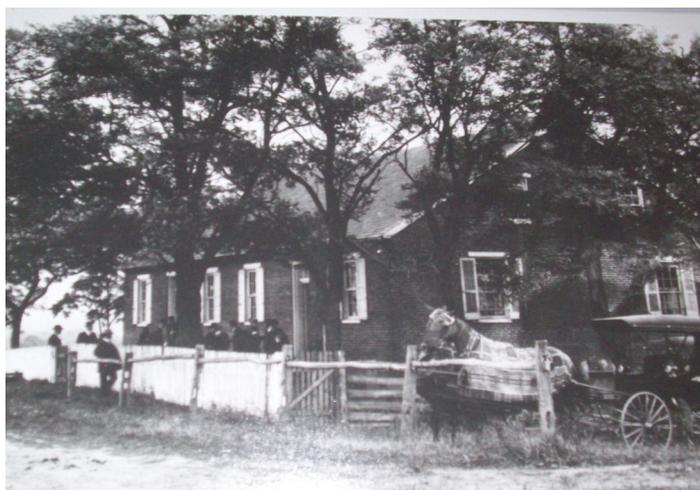
John Lefever made several diary entries about the Furnace. He notes hauling 2 and 3 ton loads of "mettal" from Milltown to Alterton (later Kerrsville) on the Cumberland Valley Railroad for shipment over that line. He mentions seeing "them cast pigs at the furnace." Lefever and other hauled cinders and stones. He also hauled "oar" to the furnace. There were many small pockets of ore scattered over the Township and it seem likely that he gathered it on his farms. He also sold quantities of grain and hay for the animals which were part of the iron business and also provided pork and other items, apparently for the company store.

According to [John R., 1909] Miller, Cumberland Furnace cast an iron fence which was placed around the Court House in Carlisle. When the jail was built (it was rebuilt in 1854, perhaps Miller is referring to this) the fence was removed from its Court House location and placed in front of the jail. J. R. Miller writes of the name T.C. Miller being cast in the top rail of the fence.

When Peter N. Tritt bought the Cumberland Furnace site he was interested in the water rights which came with the property. It was his intention to go into the lumber business and he needed the waterpower to operate his machinery. He expanded into the largest operation of its kind in the area. In addition to the sawmill, there was a planing mill, shingle mill, and a sash, door, and blind factory. It is likely that a number of houses in the Township have doors and windows which were made at the Tritt Mill. The Tritt Mill continued to operate into this century [1900's].

The establishment continued until 1902 when John Myers noted in his diary, "The Huntsdale Mill has ceased operations on account of the water taken to supply the cress ponds." Frank Dennis had bought the mill and water rights. (Picture right)

On a hilltop about a mile northwest of the village the Church of the Brethren has its meeting house, preacher's residence, and burial ground. This group began holding services in the early 1820s. For about four decades they assembled in homes of members for their services. Some of their houses were built with folding partitions so that the rooms could be opened into an expanded area. We learn from the Lefever diary that meetings were sometimes held in barns. On June 21, 1857 he wrote, "Dunker meeting at G. Hollingers barn. Baptizing."



Shenk, and Jacob Hollinger to make the house 70 feet by 40 feet with the basement divided into three parts. Cost of the land, building and stable was \$3457.51. The first love feast was held in the new building May 27 and 28, 1865.

During this same pre-Civil War period, as often happens, Robert Linn ran a distillery at Huntsdale. It stood where the stream coming down from Irishtown Gap entered the yellow Breeches. A farmer brought 20 bushels of rye to Linn to be processed on shares. He then took a barrel of whiskey home as his share.

Sources:

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History of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, Rev. Conway P. Wing, D.D. and others; James D. Scott, Philadelphia; 1879 (by Hon. J. M. Weakley)

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