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PENN TOWNSHIP PERMITS REQUIRED

Most if not all the activities involving land use or construction require a permit. Property owners can obtain all permits in their name. Alternatively, property owners can have contractors obtain the permit. Property owners are ultimately responsible for ensuring that permits are obtained. “After the fact” permits will have a late fee assessed and could result in moving a building or obtaining a conditional use or variance.

A zoning permit, sometimes called a land use permit, states that the purpose for which a building or land is to be used conforms with the uses permitted and all other requirements under the zoning ordinance for the zone in which it is located.

A Uniform Construction Code (UCC) permit is required for the construction, alteration or razing of any structure. Pennsylvania has a statewide building code, the Uniform Construction Code (UCC), which is administered and enforced locally and at the state level. Inspections are required. In Penn Township the inspections are done by Middle Department Inspection Agency. UCC permits are not required for all construction. The township secretary will inform you if you need a UCC permit when you apply for a zoning permit.

To save your time, here are some “dos” and “don'ts” and other important considerations relative to building and land use within Penn Township.

Zoning

Zoning approval is required anytime the “footprint” of development changes on your property. This means the addition of a new building (including sheds), addition to an existing building (including a deck), fences, and swimming pools are all activities that require the issuance of a zoning permit.

The main purpose of zoning is to document the location of your planned development on a plot of your property and to ensure that the location meets setback requirements from adjoining properties and road rights of way. The zoning permit also insures that what you want to do is allowable in your zoning district.

You will be required to submit a plot diagram with the permit application showing the dimensions of the lot; size, location and dimensions of existing structures on the lot; dimensions of the driveway and whether it is paved or gravel; and the location and dimensions of the proposed new structure including distances to the property line. If a UCC permit is also required the Secretary will let you know when you submit the zoning permit application.

Failure to measure the distances accurately, as agreed upon in the zoning permit could result in your having to tear out the building, addition, etc., or at the very least a costly trip, with no guarantees, to the Zoning Hearing Board for an “after the fact” variance. The Penn Township Zoning Ordinance can be found on our website www.penntwpcc.org.

New Construction/Additions

A UCC permit is required for construction of a new residential dwelling or any addition to an existing residential dwelling. Once your zoning permit has been approved, the Secre-

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Penn Township Personnel

Zoning Hearing Board

Holbert Myers - Chair
Todd Vogelsong - Vice-Chair
Linwood Clippinger
Joan Fordham—Voting Alternate
Richard Mislitsky - Solicitor

Planning Commission

Dan Ries— Co- Chair
Max Klein – Co-Chair
Marcia Leeds - Secretary
Victor Barrick
Kathy Hughes
Gary Cribbs
Dennis Shoff

Fire Company Executive Officers

John Wardle— President 776-7266
Gary Martin – Vice President
Wayne Hockensmith – Treasurer
Pat Sangialosi - Secretary
Sally Miller -Assistant Secretary
Cindia Whistler— Financial Secretary
John Wardle Jr-Chaplain
Cindia Whistler—Facility Contact

Fire Company Line Officers

Robert Kough, Jr. – Fire Chief
Chris Alleman – Deputy Chief
Doug Stum - Assistant Chief
Ryan Finkey - Captain
Tyler Wardle—Lieutenant
Tim Knepp, Sr. – EMS Captain
Joe Miller - EMS Lieutenant

Fire Company Auxiliary

Mary Wert – President
Evie Seiders – Vice President
Sandy Morrison – Secretary
Joyce Wardle – Assistant Secretary
Marcia Leeds – Treasurer
Kay Kann – Financial Secretary

Fire/Police Members

Jim Sheaffer - Captain	Ron Tritt
Ricky Stitt - Lieutenant	Ira Wagner
Leon Kitner	John J Wardle Jr
Art Danner	Robert Alleman
Wayne Hockensmith	Grace Hernandes
Steve Cohick	Pamela Sheaffer
Richard Cook	

Fire Company Trustees

Jim Sheaffer	Sean Conaway
Denny Shoff	John J Wardle
Tim Knepp	

Emergency Management Coordinator

Robert Kough, Jr. – 226-6537 Ernie Beecher - Deputy

Vacancy Board

J. Michael Ickes - Chair

Loan Grant Coordinator

Buck Shuller

2015 Township Calendar

All meetings are held at the Township building , 1301 Centerville Road, Newville, PA at 7:00 pm unless otherwise stated.

April

- 4 PTVFC Easter Egg Hunt 10:00
- 5 PTVFC Easter Breakfast
- 8 Zoning Hearing Board
- 9 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 11 PTVFC Meat Raffle
- 18 PTVFC Home Party Show 8:00—2:00
- 19 Planning Commission Meeting
- 25 PTVFC Pot Pie Dinner 3:30—?

May

- 13 Zoning Hearing Board
- 14 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 16 PTVFC Cash Bash
- 18 Planning Commission Meeting
- 24 PTVFC Breakfast

June

- 10 Zoning Hearing Board
- 11 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 15 Planning Commission Meeting
- 27 PTVFC Yard Sale w/ Food Stand
- 28 PTVFC Breakfast

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

PENN TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY AUXILIARY

POT PIE SUPPER

April 25, 2015

3:30—?

**Beef, Chicken & Ham
All You Can Eat
Includes Desert & Drink**

12 & Up \$8.00 6—12 \$4.00

Children Under 6 \$3.00

Questions? Call the Fire Company at 486-5488

COMMUNITY EVENTS

News from Dickinson Presbyterian Church...

Hey Parents and Children would you like to have some fun this summer? We have two events that we are sure you will enjoy!

Save the date, **Sunday June 21st through Thursday June 25th**. Centerville Lutheran and Dickinson Presbyterian churches will join to offer a community VBS, hosted at Dickinson Presbyterian, 12 Church Road, Carlisle. The theme this year is "Son Spark Labs" where children will discover "God's plan 4 them = Jesus!" Meals are provided along with lessons, games and music for children aged preschool through high school. Dinner will start at 5:30 and the program runs to 8:30. It lots of fun and we hope you will join us. Any questions please call Dickinson Presbyterian Church at 776-3461.

Another opportunity to have fun is to join us at Dickinson Presbyterian Church **July 20th through July 24th from 9 am to 4 pm**. We are hosting Krislund Church Camp for a Traveling **Day Camp** that includes an overnight trip to Krislund Thursday and Friday. Krislund is a Presbyterian Camp in Center County, near Lock Haven.

Traveling Day Camp is a week of crazy fun and games, challenges, singing, dancing, Bible Study and worship. Our camp is open to anyone who has completed Kindergarten through 6th grade. The camp is run by 5 counselors from Krislund and 5 volunteers from Dickinson Presbyterian and Second Presbyterian in Carlisle. All volunteers have back ground checks and are chosen for their Christian commitment, work ethic and love of children.

We at Dickinson and Second Presbyterian as well as Krislund are pleased to offer Derrick Dellinger this mission event for the children in our area, many who may not have the opportunity to attend a camp. For information and registration please call Linda Smith, 486-5577 or Dickinson Presbyterian Church at 776-3461.

Dickinson Presbyterian invites you to join us on any Sunday for Sunday school at 9:15 am and Worship at 10:30 am. Please visit our website, www.dickinsonchurch.org

WANTED

The South Fairview Church of God is looking for an upright piano.

If you have one or know of one available, please contact Pat Sangialosi at 486-3088.



PENN TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY CASH BASH

49 CASH PRIZES!



Saturday, May 16, 2015

Doors Open at Noon

Meal Served 1:00—3:00

Raffle Begins at 3:00

**For tickets call 717-776-7339
or 717-486-8919**

**1750 Pine Road
Newville, PA (Huntsdale)**

Pennsylvania Township Names Reflect the Heritage and Hopes of Their Settlers

Courtesy of the Pennsylvania Township News magazine

Several years ago, the *Pennsylvania Township News* magazine started the “What’s in a Name” column to find out where townships of the second class got their names. Recently, the *News* took a broader view of the subject, looking for common threads among the more than 1,400 that make up the tapestry of township names in Pennsylvania.

Repeat after me

Some township names were just so popular that they kept getting used over and over again. For example, there are 22 Washington townships in Pennsylvania. There are also 18 Union and 11 Penn townships, many of them probably named for the commonwealth’s founder. Pennsylvania also has nine Perry and Wayne, eight Liberty, and seven Greene townships.

There are many township names that repeat five or six times, including Allegheny, Porter, and Eldred (*six each*) and Brady, Center, Clinton, Fairview, Greenwood, Hopewell, Limestone, Morris, Mount Pleasant, Richland, Rush, Salem, and Summit (*five each*).

Then there are derivations of the same name that pop up from county to county, such as Spring and its various forms, including Spring Brook, Spring Creek, Springfield, Springhill, and Springville. There are 19 vernal township names in all.

Some early settlers apparently decided to take the middle road when naming their communities because “middle” shows up in eight township names, including Middlebury, Middlecreek, Middlesex, and Middletown.

Other similarly named townships include three White townships, along with Whiteley and Whitemarsh; Wood, Woodbury (*two*), Woodcock, and Woodward (*three*); and Mill Creek (*two*), Millcreek (*two*), Miller (*two*), and Millstone. There are also Cherry, Cherry Grove, Cherry Ridge, Cherryhill, and Cherrytree townships.

Presidential names were also used repeatedly. In addition to the aforementioned Washington, Jackson was used to name 18 townships, Jefferson for nine, and Monroe for seven. There are four Madison townships in Pennsylvania, and three each named Adams and Lincoln, plus a handful of other historically significant names, including Hamilton (*five townships*).

Native names

Many township names were taken from Indian terms for the area. There are too many to list all of them, but here are a few that are sure to give your spell-checker a nervous breakdown: Choconut, Connoquenessing, Cowanshannock, East Chillisquaque, Kiskiminetas, Lackawannock, Lackawaxen, Maxatawny, Monongahela, Nockamixon, Ontelaunee, Quemahoning, Sheshequin, Tunkhannock, Upper Mahantango, and Wiconisco.

The settlers’ own heritage also came into play when many townships were named. The melting-pot nature of Penn’s Woods becomes apparent through Irish and Welsh names such as Caernarvon, Cambria, Conemaugh, Croyle, Cumru, Donegal, Belfast, Derry, Dublin, Lower Gwynedd, Toboyne, Tredyffrin, Tyrone, Ulster, and Uwchlan.

English settlers felt at home in townships named Conyngham, Birmingham, Buckingham, Cambridge, East Manchester, East Nottingham, Exeter, Worcester, and London Britain, London Grove, and Londonderry. German immigrants gave their new homes names such as Heidelberg, Alsace, Berlin, German and Germany, Munster, Tulpehocken and Upper Tulpehocken, and Weisenberg. A few French names appear, too, including Le Boeuf and Napier, along with assorted foreign names such as Athens, Armenia, Sparta, and Zerbe.

The promised land

Given how many immigrants came to the New World to escape religious intolerance, it is not surprising that many graced their new settlements with biblical names. Such township names include Ararat, Bethel (*five townships*), Bethlehem and East Bethlehem, Canaan, Damascus, East Providence, Ephrata, Hebron, Lower Nazareth, Mount Carmel, Paradise (*three townships*), and Palmyra.

Some settlers seemed to find promise in the area’s natural features and took their communities’ names from them. There are five Beaver townships in Pennsylvania and 14 named for pine trees, including Pine, Pine Grove and Pinegrove, Pine Creek, and Piney.

There are townships named Deer Creek and Deerfield; Sandy, Sandy Creek, Sandycreek, and Sandy Lake; and Sugar Grove, Sugar Creek, and Sugarloaf. Throw in Bear Creek, Fishing Creek, Snake Spring, Spruce Creek, Spruce Hill, White Deer, and Wolf and Wolf Creek and you’ve covered just about every major flora and fauna species in the state.

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Permits Required (Continued from page 1)

tary will provide you with a packet of forms and instruct you to take them to West Pennsboro Township when they are complete.

Why West Pennsboro Township? The small municipalities on the western end of Cumberland County who are members of Western Cumberland Council of Governments (WCCOG) have gone together to negotiate with Middle Department Inspection Agency to obtain a better fee for their residents. West Penn has been designated as the agency to oversee this permitting process.

If you are proposing new construction, i.e. new single family dwelling, you will be required to obtain a septic permit before any other permits will be issued.

The Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, commonly called Act 537, which has been in place since the 1960s, requires all municipalities to develop and implement plans to manage sewage disposal needs, including on-lot septic systems.

Section 7 of Act 537 requires a permit to install, construct, alter, repair or connect to an individual on-lot sewage or septic system. In separate regulations, Section 72.22 also requires a permit for these activities. Section 72.42 of those regulations requires local governments to employ a sewage enforcement officer (SEO) for permit issuance and code enforcement.

This Permit is applied for at the Township Office and the application is forwarded to the SEO. You will not be allowed to apply for any other permits until the Septic Permit is issued.

Once you have obtained the UCC permit, you, or your contractor, will be required to call for inspections at various points in the construction. Required inspections include footing, foundation, framing, plumbing, electrical, mechanical (heating and air conditioning), and final. Upon completion of a successful final inspection a Certificate of Occupancy will be issued. The Certificate of Occupancy serves as the authority for the property owner to begin use as planned.

Renovations

A UCC permit is required for renovations when it involves the movement of walls, replacing a roof deck (but not replacing shingles only), replacing doors and/or windows with new that are a different size. As long as the footprint of the building is not changing, you will not need to obtain a zoning permit.

Accessory Buildings

Accessory buildings include but are not limited to garages, sheds, and barns. A UCC permit is required for accessory buildings if they exceed 1,000 square feet. If electric is installed an electrical inspection will be required no matter the

size. Zoning is also required for the construction or placement of any accessory building to include small, pre-constructed storage sheds.

Manufactured Homes

Both zoning and building permits are required for manufactured homes. Manufactured homes must be transported to the site and installed by a state certified mobile home installer. This applies for both new and used manufactured housing.

A valid septic permit must be obtained prior to applying for a permit to place a manufactured home on a lot.

Agricultural Buildings

For the most part, buildings erected for agricultural purposes will not require a UCC permit, no matter the size. If electric is installed an electrical inspection will be required. They will, however, always require a zoning permit.

An agricultural building is defined as a structure utilized to store farm implements, hay, feed, grain or other agricultural or horticultural products or to house poultry, livestock or other farm animals, a milk house and a structure used to grow mushrooms, agricultural or horticultural products. The term includes a carriage house owned and used by members of a recognized religious sect for the purposes of housing horses and storing buggies. The term does not include habitable space or spaces in which agricultural products are processed, treated or packaged and shall not be construed to mean a place of occupancy by the general public.

Driveways

Zoning permits are required for all driveways in the Township. In addition, if the driveway will exit onto a township road a driveway permit will be required. This applies to both new driveway installations and paving of existing gravel driveways. It does not apply to seal coating of an existing paved driveway. If you wish to install a driveway exiting onto a state road you will be required to obtain a highway occupancy permit from PennDOT after you have received zoning approval from the township.

In the past we have had many instances of paving contractors starting work Gregory Seibel before any permits are obtained. The property owner is responsible for any fees or fines if permits are not obtained. Make sure you have your permits before work starts! If a driveway installed or paved without obtaining a driveway permit is damaged by a snow plow the township is not liable for any damages and, if installed improperly, the property owner may be responsible for any damages to township equipment.

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Board of Supervisors

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

January 2015

Reorganization Meeting

- Approved Resolution 2015-01 Appointment of Township Staff
- Approved Resolution 2015-03 Schedule of Fees
- Approved Resolution 2015-04 Personnel Manual
- Approved Resolution 2015-05 Establishing Staff Holidays, Hours of Work and Board of Supervisor Meeting Dates

Regular Meeting

- Adopted Ordinance 2015-01 Compression Release Brakes
- Adopted Ordinance 2015-02 Open Burning Ordinance
- Adopted Ordinance 2015-03 Regulating Alarm Systems
- Adopted Ordinance 2015-04 Numbering of Buildings
- Approved Resolution 2015-06 Setting Uniform Expiration Dates for Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board and Park & Recreation Committee

Permits Required (Continued from page 5)

Remember

Permit applications are available online or in the office. If you do not have internet access and are unable to get to the office we will be happy to mail them to you.

Occupying or using any structure without a Certificate of Use & Occupancy issued by the Middle Department Inspection Agency is a serious violation and will also result in enforcement action. Please do not occupy or begin using any structure without a Certificate of Use & Occupancy!

Perspective buyers and realtors frequently contact the township office to insure that all permits have been obtained for properties. If you fail to obtain permits, inspections and certificates of occupancy, it is very likely that you will have serious difficulties when you eventually try to sell your house or property, as all structures built since April 9, 2004 must have a legal Certificate of Use & Occupancy.

If you have any questions as to whether you need a permit, please contact the township office. The Secretary and Zoning Officer are both happy to help you with your project and will strive to answer any question you may have. A phone call is much cheaper than tearing down a building because you did not obtain the necessary permits.

- Appointed Carolyn McQuillen Deputy Tax Collector
- Appointed Brehm-Lebo Engineering, Inc. as Township Engineer

February 2015

- Approved Tri-County Regional Planning Commission Memorandum of Understanding
- Approved Morton Conditional Use Application
- Approved installation of remote operation device for fire police on the traffic light at Routes 11 & 233

March 2015

- Approved request to rezone a 91.25 acre tract from Agricultural to 33.83 acres Residential and 57.42 acres Commercial/Industrial
- Approved appointment of Dennis Shoff to Planning Commission
- Approved Resolution 2015-02 Setting Wages, Commissions & Mileage Rate for 2015

Roadmaster's Report

With the warmer weather, we will be starting road repairs soon. Brush trimming will also begin soon.

Please watch for workers and give them plenty of room.

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Township diversity

Then there are those township names that you have to love just because of their uniqueness. Who wouldn't like to be able to say he's from Broken Straw Township or Asylum Township? How about Broad Top, Brothersvalley, Ulysses, or Warriors Mark townships? Any of those names would be sure to spark a conversation.

The truth is, the names of Pennsylvania's townships are as diverse as the people who inhabit them. Whether named after presidents, Indian terms, natural features, locales in the Holy Land, or settlers' native countries, the commonwealth's townships are rich in history and cultural heritage. And they have the names to prove it.

Email Address Collection -

The township is collecting email addresses to be able to efficiently deliver the newsletter and emergency information to our residents.

If you are interested in receiving information by email, please sign-up at

www.penntwpsc.org

- **Community Information**
- **Newsletter**
(sign up or cancellation of subscription)

Like us on Facebook for emergency alerts and information on road closures.

Newsletter Advertising

The PENN TIMES is published quarterly (January, April, July, and October), and offers area businesses the opportunity to advertise their businesses to all of the residents of the township. Advertisements may be changed to fit the seasons. Seasonal businesses may choose to advertise in the issue that is closest to their peak season.

The following are the prices for advertising in the 2014 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 and for newsletter deadline.

PENN TOWNSHIP SERVICES

- * **Photo copies** \$.25 each
- * **Faxing** \$1.00 first page— \$. 50 each additional page
- * **Laminating** \$1.00 per item
- * **Notary work** \$2.00 a seal (No DMV forms or titles)

The township will accept residential waste oil from vehicles

All services offered during normal business hours

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 Saylor’s Market before May 15. Our thanks to Curt Saylor for his donation to the newsletter.

CAN YOUR HOME BE EASILY IDENTIFIED BY EMERGENCY VEHICLES??

There is a Township Ordinance that requires all homes to have the street number three inches high so that emergency vehicles can easily find your home. These street numbers are available for only \$10 from Bob Kough, 385-2179. This is not-for-profit, and Bob does this as a favor to the fire department.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Penn Township Board of Supervisors is looking for a residents to serve as a Zoning Hearing Board Alternate. The Zoning Hearing Board meets on the second Wednesday of the month when needed

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact the Township Secretary at 486-3104 or speak with a supervisors.

**Penn Township
1301 Centerville Road
Newville, PA 17241**

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If you know of a Township resident who did not receive this newsletter, extra copies are available at the Township office.

Penn Township

Address:

1301 Centerville Road
Newville, PA 17241
Phone: (717) 486-3104
Fax: (717) 486-3522

Office Hours:

January 2—March 21, 2015
Monday—Friday
7:00 AM — 2:00 PM

March 22—October 17, 2015
Monday—Thursday
7:00 AM — 4:00 PM

Township Staff

Board of Supervisors

Gary Martin, Chairman
Ken Sheaffer, Vice-Chairman
Amos Seiders, Supervisor

Township Engineer

Brehm-Lebo Engineering, Inc.

Sewage Enforcement Officer

Vincent Elbel

Township Secretary

Vicki Knepp

Township Tax Collector

Mable Stitt

Zoning Officer

Tim Knepp, Sr.
Paul Seiders, Assistant
Jim Sheaffer, Assistant

Township Treasurer

Martha Sheaffer

Road Master

Jeff Gillaugh

Township Auditors

Charles Leeds, Chairman
James Proctor, Secretary
Ron Tritt

Township Solicitor

Marcus McKnight, III

Employee

Ernie Beecher