

Eden Township Newsletter

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From Gerry Parker, Zoning Officer...



Well, as life would have it, things have changed again for obtaining building permits. We have a new Storm Water Management Ordinance required by DEP that was adopted on May 12, 2014.

We also now require pre-permit site inspections to verify the location of any new structure. Please remember to PLAN AHEAD – you can no longer just come in and walk out with a building permit.

For storm water, all properties have a 1000 Sq. ft. exemption, cumulative from May 12, 2014. After that exemption is used up, you will be required to submit plans as to how you will control the water. These plans will be reviewed by the Township engineer. If your project is over 2500 Sq. ft. of impervious surface, you will be required to have a certified PA engineer design your storm water plan. NPDES permits are still required for projects of one (1) acre or more of disturbed area. As you can see, all of this will take time and money. When you decide to do ANY project, please contact the Zoning Officer to verify what is required.

Onto another matter: placing orange cones or signs of any kind in the roadways of the Township is illegal without a permit according to the State Police. If you place any object in the roadways and there is any kind of accident, you will be responsible for any and all damages. So please do not place anything in the roadways. At this time Eden Township will not be issuing any permits for these objects on Township roadways. State roads are controlled by the State; therefore you must contact the State road department for any permit on a State road.

Please remember to keep our Township beautiful by properly disposing of all trash, especially those Ag bags which are sometimes left in the fields. Plastic is not bio-degradable, so please pick it up and dispose of it properly.

Thank you,
Gerry Parker
Zoning Officer



Eden Township is currently seeking volunteers to serve on the **Township Planning Commission** starting in January 2015.

The Planning Commission meets once a month to review any proposed development plans within the Township. If you are interested in serving in this appointed capacity, please contact the Township Office at (717) 786-7915.

We would like to thank Leroy Welk, Judi Phipps and Tony Brown for their years of faithful service as members of the Eden Township Planning Commission.



Eden Township Meeting Schedule

Board of Supervisors:

Meets 2nd Monday of the month @ 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission:

Meets the 4th Thursday of the month @ 7:30 p.m., except for November and December when the meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month @ 7:30 pm.

Zoning Hearing Board:

Conducts hearings on the third Monday of each month starting @ 7:00 p.m. on an as needed basis.

All meetings are held at the Eden Township Municipal Building.

The Public is cordially invited to attend the Township Supervisor's meetings and the Eden Township Planning Commission meetings.

From State Representative Bryan Cutler...

When not in our care, our children spend the majority of their time at school. Each time they board the school bus, we entrust our most treasured possessions to others. It's unfathomable—for us and for our children—when that sacred trust is violated sexually by a teacher.



That violation should never happen. But when it does, there's no excuse for us to allow that person to violate another child. House Bill 1816 will prevent repeat violations.

Language for the bill, written by Rep. David Maloney (R-Berks) and passed in the House in April, was amended into a broader piece of legislation by Sen. Anthony Williams (D-Philadelphia). The House concurred on the legislation on Oct. 16.

The legislation would address a despicable practice known as "passing the trash." Passing the trash is when school or school district administrators catch an employee having a sexual relationship with a student or students. But, instead of reporting the transgression to authorities, they let him or her resign to avoid a scandal. Then, the former employee is free to get a job at another school and continue his or her predatory behavior.

The Pass the Trash Bill would require public and private schools in Pennsylvania, as well as their independent contractors, to conduct a thorough employment history review before offering employment for a position involving direct contact with children.

Each applicant would be required to provide detailed background information. His or her previous employers would also be required to supply a school entity with all requested background information for the applicant to be considered.

The legislation was a great advancement. However, our children needed us to provide more protection. There have been too many incidents where individuals who violated our children were allowed to resign. In some cases, as the Lancaster County School District one, an individual was even arrested and even pled guilty but continued to hold her teaching certificate.

Because the ultimate goal is to protect our children and make sure that all classrooms are free from predators, I knew that the legislation had to be strengthened. We cannot risk our children's well-being by allowing a previous offender such intimate access to them.

My amendment, which was included in the legislation, would require the Department of Education to monitor arrest records and criminal databases, and as soon as an individual who holds a certificate is flagged, an inquiry is immediately started. This will ensure safety of all of our students across the Commonwealth and significantly improve our educational environment.

I want to thank Rep. Maloney for writing the bill and also Sen. Lloyd Smucker of Lancaster for ensuring that my amendment was included.

The bill applies to all public schools, private schools, nonpublic schools, intermediate units

and area vocational-technical schools in the Commonwealth. It now awaits the governor's signature.

Rep. Cutler (R-Peach Bottom) serves the residents of the 100th Legislative District.

From Mark Rudy, Roadmaster...

Throughout the fall, the Road Crew will be **trimming trees** along Township roads. This is necessary to allow for sufficient sight distance and clearance for all vehicles.

We are aware of the water issues on the Eastern section of **Springville Road** and have contacted the Township engineer to work on fixing the problem.



Eden Township has adopted a **Green Strip Ordinance**, which requires that a six-foot-wide section along Township roads be kept clear of fences, structures, excessive vegetation, rocks and any debris.

The Ordinance also prohibits plowing or disturbing the surface of land within the Township's right-of-way, which measures 16.5 feet from the center of any Township road. Please be mindful of these regulations, so we can safely and effectively maintain our road banks.

Hunting is permitted within posted areas on the Rail Trail. To ensure safety, we strongly recommend that trail users wear fluorescent orange clothing during the hunting season.

According to the Farmers' Almanac, this **winter** is expected to be just as harsh as last year. Although we can't predict the future and can only hope for milder conditions and less snow, please know that we will do our best to handle whatever nature has in store for us. We truly appreciate your patience and understanding last winter and ask for the same for the upcoming season.

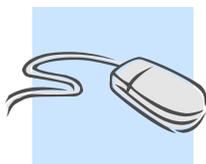


Thank you,
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Roadmaster

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