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"A NEWSLETTER FOR GREENE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS."

STORAGE OF DISMANTLED OR NON-OPERABLE VEHICLES ON PROPERTIES IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

Residents and property owners are advised that the storage of dismantled or non-operable vehicles in residential zoning districts is prohibited. Such vehicles are defined as being vehicles which do not display a current Pennsylvania inspection sticker and license plate. The Zoning Ordinance does allow no more than two such vehicles to be stored on the property providing the vehicles are completely screened from the view of all adjacent properties and from the road frontage. Screening is defined as a fence or vegetative material at least five feet in height and of a density to completely conceal the vehicles from view. The erection of a fence over four feet in height does require a building permit. In no case shall such storage take place in any front yards. Due to recent increases in the number of violations of this section of the Zoning Ordinance, the Township has no choice but to commence a concentrated enforcement of these regulations. Any person who has such vehicles stored on their property should take steps to either remove them from the property or provide the required screening for no more than two such vehicles) to bring the properties into compliance. This requirement applies to the areas of the Township that are zoned as Residential Districts only. The vehicles should be disposed of at a licensed salvage facility. One such facility is Beecher's Auto Salvage, Lincoln Way East, Fayetteville. They have informed the Township Office that they will pick up such vehicles at no charge but there is a fee of \$1.00 per tire on such vehicles. They also accept old tires at their facility at this same rate. For further details on the disposal of such vehicles, you may call Beecher's Auto Salvage at 352-2246. Bumbaugh's Auto Sales & Salvage, Anthony Highway, Fayetteville, has also informed the Township Office that they will pick up such vehicles. They do not have facilities to accept old tires. For further details, please call Bumbaugh's Auto Sales & Salvage at 352-3089. Both of these salvage facilities are located within Greene Township.



BULK COLLECTION DAY HAS BEEN SET FOR SATURDAY OCTOBER 11TH 1997. THE COLLECTION WILL BE AT THE GREENE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING LOCATED AT 1145 GARVER LANE IN THE VILLAGE OF SCOTLAND. THE COLLECTION WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 6:00 AM AND WILL STOP AT 4:00 PM. ITEMS TO BE COLLECTED INCLUDE: HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES SUCH AS STOVES, WASHERS, DRYERS, REFRIGERATORS, WATER HEATERS, BOX SPRINGS, MATTRESSES, MICROWAVES, FURNITURE, BICYCLES, AND LAWNMOWERS. ALSO ACCEPTABLE ARE: SCRAP IRON, TIN, METAL, BRASS, AND COPPER. ITEMS NOT ACCEPTABLE INCLUDE: BATTERIES, PIECES OF BATTERIES, GAS TANKS, TIRES, CLOSED CONTAINERS OF ANY KIND, MOTOR OIL, OR ANY MATERIAL CONSIDERED HAZARDOUS. REMEMBER: ITEMS THAT MAY BE COLLECTED BY REGULAR REFUSE SERVICE WILL ALSO NOT BE ACCEPTED. GREENE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THANKS THE RESIDENTS FOR MAKING THIS BULK DAY A HUGE SUCCESS.

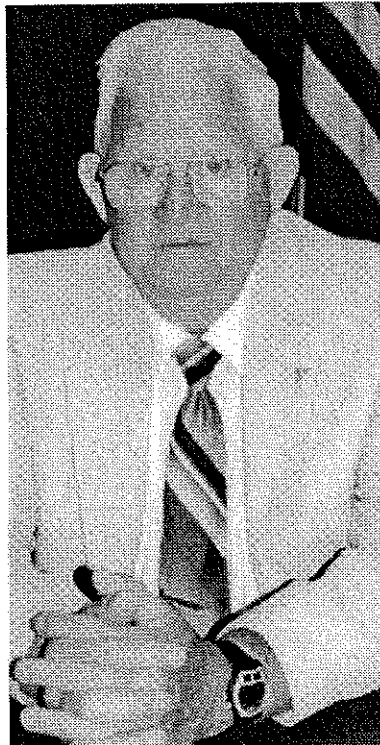
MEETING DATES

- ✓The Board of Supervisors meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., at the Township building in Scotland, 1145 Garver Lane. All meetings are open to the public. The Chairman of the board of Supervisors is Charles D. (Dave) Jamison, Jr.
- ✓The Greene Township Planning Commission meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township building in Scotland, 1145 Garver lane. The Chairman of the Planning Commission is Glenn O. Shetter. All meetings are open to the public.
- ✓The Greene Township Zoning Hearing Board meets the 4th Monday of each month, or on an "as needed" basis. The meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Township building 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland. All meetings are open to the public. Chairman of the Zoning Hearing Board is Kenneth H. Mummert.

STREET LIGHT MALFUNCTIONS: If Township residents note a street light is not functioning they may contact the Township office. The Township will then contact Allegheny Power. The information that Allegheny Power needs to make the necessary repairs is as follows: Pole Number; Location/Address; and the problem. By providing this information, Allegheny Power is better equipped to handle the problem. The Township thanks all its residents in advance for their cooperation.

SPOTLIGHT

- A REGULAR FEATURE OF THIS NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTING YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND STAFF.



JACK W. FURRY, SUPERVISOR/VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Jack is a life-long resident of Greene Township and served as Greene Township's first Sewage Enforcement Officer from 1970 to 1987. He successfully ran for Supervisor in 1987 and has served the Township in that capacity to the present time. Jack is currently serving his second term as Township Supervisor.

The Township has seen many changes in those years and Jack is most proud of the financial stability of the Township over the years and that the Supervisors have been able to operate with no real estate taxes.

Jack is married to the former Peggy Hancock and has three children and six grandchildren.

He is affiliated with Mt. Pleasant United Brethren Church and the Harbor Light Temple.

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SUPERVISOR/VICE CHAIRMAN

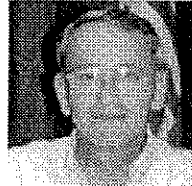
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MEET THE PLANNING COMMISSION



Glenn O. Shetter



Thomas R. Diehl



Gerald F. Peters



P. Larry Fraker



Dale E. Eberly

Glenn O. Shetter has served on the Greene Township Planning Commission since January 1979 and currently serves as its Chairman. Glenn works as a Senior Project Engineer for Mack Trucks, Inc. based in Hagerstown, Maryland. When asked why he serves on the Planning Commission Glenn states, "having been a resident of Greene Township since 1951, this provides a way to repay Greene Township for good government and good services."

Thomas R. Diehl has served on the Planning Commission since 1989 and currently serves as the Vice Chairman. Tom works for a local banking institution. When asked why he serves on the Planning Commission, Tom states, "I find it to be exciting and interesting to be a part of the present and future planning of Greene Township."

Gerald F. Peters has served on the Planning Commission since approximately 1989 and currently serves as the Secretary to the Commission. Jerry retired from the Chambersburg School District and is owner of the "Green Thumb". Jerry explained his reasons for serving on the Commission as, "I enjoy being a part of making decisions that will hopefully benefit the quality of life in Greene Township."

P. Larry Fraker has served on the Planning Commission since approximately 1994. Larry is a retired auto dealer after 30 years in the business. Larry appreciates the opportunity of serving on the Commission stating, "to serve and give something back to the Township and community and make a better place to live for the future."

Dale E. Eberly is the newest member to the Planning Commission having been appointed in January 1997. Since retiring after 33 years at Public Opinion, Dale is currently employed as a bus driver for the Chambersburg School District. Dale states, "I enjoy serving on the Planning Commission because it gives me an opportunity to be a part of the process to make sure we have good orderly development in Greene Township. It's very interesting to see residential and business developments go from plans on a piece of paper to final development with all of the Township's Ordinances being met."

The Greene Township Planning Commission had its beginning in the 1960's to utilize a Subdivision Ordinance as first developed by the Township Supervisors. The Subdivision Ordinance was then expanded to include land development. Henceforth, it would be known as the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and was later enacted by the Township in conjunction with the Zoning Ordinance on August 1, 1973. The Commission's primary purpose and responsibility is to act as a review and recommendation agency to the Township Supervisors regarding the submission of subdivisions and land development plans. The only exception to this would be that the Commission reviews and acts upon Parking and Circulation Plans that are submitted. They also review proposed amendments to the Ordinances. The Commission meets the second Monday of each month, unless otherwise advertised, at the Township Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, beginning at 7:30 P. M.

RENEWAL AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGRICULTURAL SECURITY DISTRICT

Greene Township is in the process of renewing its 1983, 1990, 1997 Agricultural Security District. An Agricultural Security District is formed in cooperation with the landowners and Greene Township. The local landowners must petition the Township to start the Ag District.

After receiving the proposal for the formation of an agricultural area, the Township then establishes an Agricultural Area Advisory Committee (AAAC). The membership must consist of three separate farmers representing different lands, one resident of the area, and one local government member. The member from the local government unit shall act as the Chairman and all members act without compensation.

The purpose of the AAAC is to advise the local government and its Planning Commission on the proposal of establishing the agricultural area. The AAAC also advises the desirability of renewing the agricultural area every seven years.

Once the AAAC and the Planning Commission have accepted the area or the renewal of an area, a public hearing must be set. The public hearing for the 1997 renewal has been set for October 14, 1997, at 7:00 P. M.. The hearing will be incorporated with the regular meeting of the Greene Township Board of Supervisors at the Greene Township Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland. Charles D. Jamison, Jr., Chairman of the Greene Township Board of Supervisors, will preside over the meeting. The other members of the AAAC are: Herman Wirth, Dr. Stanley Stratton, Clyde Kuhns, and J. Nelson Wengert.

The benefits to those in the Agricultural Security Area are as follows:

1. The local government shall not enact laws or ordinances that would restrict farm structures or farm practices unless the laws or ordinances bear a direct relationship with public health.
2. Any local law or ordinance defining or prohibiting a public nuisance shall exclude from the definition of such nuisance any agricultural activity or operation that is a normal operation of a farm unless it bears a direct relationship with public health.
3. Commonwealth agencies with programs that might negatively affect farms shall conduct their programs in a manner that will encourage the continuance of viable agriculture in the areas.
4. Limitations are placed on the use of the land condemnation procedures, i.e. "eminent domain", by the Commonwealth and local agencies unless approval is obtained from the Board.
5. Finally, the lands must be registered in the Agricultural Security Area to receive a financial benefit if the participants wish to sell the rights to develop their land to the county governing body as part of a purchase program that counties may authorize. It may not be a benefit if the county does not have this program. This program to the counties is strictly voluntary. Franklin County does participate in this program.

The 1983, 1990, 1997 Agricultural Security Area has a total of 3,151.49 acres enrolled in the District. During this renewal process there was a total of 173 acres added and a total of 4.4 acres deleted from the program.

Greene Township also has another Agricultural Security Area which will be due for renewal in 1999.