

WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

SUMMARY OF 2018 TOWNSHIP ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

What did the Warrington Board of Supervisors, staff, volunteer boards and residents accomplish in 2018? Here is a quick review.

LAND USE

Oversight of development determines how Warrington expand. The difficulty is protecting the legal rights of property owners and retaining the character of the Township. Land use regulations are the key tools used to balance public and private needs. Three initiatives were designed to foster this goal:

- ✓ UPDATE ZONING: Amended PI-2 Zoning to allow Municipal and Educational Uses.
- ✓ CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT: Applies only to properties over 25 acres. Developers can use a formula to cluster construction if prime land assets are preserved. This can conserve 65% of total acreage for township preservation.)
- ✓ UPDATE SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCES (SALDO): Update of all zoning and address issues raised by residents and Zoning Hearing Board. Will be completed in 2019.

RESIDENT SAFETY

As the number of residents grows, public safety becomes more important. There are more than 24,000 residents in Warrington. Four initiatives were passed to support this important goal.

- ✓ INCREASE POLICE STAFF: 2 Positions added and 1 Promotion.
- ✓ ADDED POLICE K-9 UNIT: Officer Blanchard and Jolie and Officer Plum and Murphy graduated from PennVet Working Dog Center in December. This initiative is supported by private donations.
- ✓ EMERGENCY SERVICES: Addition of fifth career fire fighter was completed. Increased incentive pay for volunteer fire fighters will help to bolster coverage for night-time and weekend emergencies as population expands.
- ✓ POLICE BUILDING: Planning work is progressing. Contracts for architect and construction management company were approved.

COMMUNICATION

The Board of Supervisors has worked to listen to residents input on a variety of topics. We may not always agree but we can listen respectfully to ideas and input. Clearly explaining items on the public agenda and providing timely answers to questions has been a shared goal among the supervisors, staff and consultants.

- ✓ INCREASE TRANSPARENCY BETWEEN TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES AND RESIDENTS

- ✓ TELEWISE SUPERVISOR AND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS: These meetings are recorded live and video streamed to the Township's website.
- ✓ INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENT FEEDBACK ON MAJOR PROJECTS: Examples are changes to Lion's Pride Park and Police Station Plan.

OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS

Warrington residents have supported initiatives to preserve as much of our rural character with protections on open spaces. With the guidance of consultants from University of Maryland Environmental Financial Center, Bucks County Planning Commission, Nature Conservancy and Natural Lands Trust, priority parcels were identified and discussed at public meetings. Grants were written and submitted by Warrington staff and progress made.

- ✓ MILLCREEK: Purchase 66-acre property at corner of Lower State and Pickertown Roads. Planning for protection and use now initiated.
- ✓ LION'S PRIDE PARK: Project initiated. Dilapidated buildings razed, fundraising and detailed planning continue. Project has multiple phases.
- ✓ Acquisition of a 15 ACRE PARCEL on Bristol Road and Kelly Drive (opposite Barness Park)

WATER AND SEWER

Grants were submitted to seek compensation from the Air National Guard for the contamination of wells in the eastern part of Warrington.

- ✓ PENNVEST LOAN: \$5.34 million low interest loan awarded to Township to pay for filtration systems not currently covered under the existing Cooperative Agreement with the Air National Guard.
- ✓ FUTURE PLANNING: Assess infrastructure needs for next 4 decades.