

postage

If you don't receive your tax bill by March 9th,
call Dawn Arnst, Tax Collector, at 570-223-0675

The County-wide 911 Readdressing changed many mailing
addresses. Have you updated the assessment office?

If you haven't updated your 911 address with the Monroe County Assessment Office, you may not get your tax bill. **You are responsible for paying your tax bill – and paying it on time -- whether you receive it or not.** If you do not pay your tax bill on time, penalties will be applied. If you do not pay your tax bill, liens will be applied, and eventually, your property will go up for tax sale.

Please make sure the Monroe County Assessment Office has your correct 911 address!

If you haven't sent in this form
to the Assessment Office,
do it now!

| MIDDLE SMITHFIELD | | | 2015 TAX NOTICE | | | MAR 1, 2015 | | |
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| COUNTY OF MONROE | | | RECEIVING HOURS | | | MARCH 1-JUNE 30 TUES 5-8PM WED 9-12 | | |
| PAYABLE TO DAWN M ARNST, TAX COLLECTOR | | | APRIL 26 9-12 OR BY APPOINTMENT | | | 570-223-0675 | | |
| 326 FRUTCHEY DRIVE | | | TELEPHONE | | | DEC 31, 2015 | | |
| TAX PO BOX 1279 | | | LAST PAYMENT DATE TO TAX COLLECTOR: | | | TAX CLAIM BUREAU | | |
| COLLECTOR MARSHALLS CREEK PA 18335-1279 | | | 29,130 | | | 5,950 ON: JAN 1, 2016 | | |
| DUPLICATE BILL | | | TAXES UNPAID WILL RETURN | | | 35,080 | | |
| ACCOUNT # 000000 BILL NUMBER | | | BUILDING | | | LAND ASSESSMENT | | |
| PROPERTY NUMBER | | | TYPE TAX | | | MILLS DISCOUNT BASIC PENALTY | | |
| 09/9C/1/00 | | | CTY 21.250 | | | 730.54 745.45 820.00 | | |
| | | | LIB 1.100 | | | 37.82 38.59 42.45 | | |
| | | | MUN 9.500 | | | 326.59 333.26 366.59 | | |
| TAXES BILLED HEREON ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE AND DEMAND FOR PAYMENT IS HEREBY MADE. DO NOT DETACH | | | AMOUNT IF PAID BY | | | APR 30, 2015 JUN 30, 2015 DEC 31, 2015 | | |
| TAXPAYER Molly Smithfield | | | 1,094.95 | | | 1,117.30 1,229.04 | | |
| NAME 147 Municipal Drive | | | TOTAL TAX DUE | | | | | |
| ADDRESS East Stroudsburg, PA 18302 | | | | | | | | |
| IF PROPERTY SOLD OR TAXES PAID BY A MORTGAGE COMPANY FORWARD TO APPROPRIATE PARTY WITH LOAN NUMBER WRITTEN ON TOP OF BILL | | | | | | | | |
| RETURN ENTIRE BILL WITH A STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WHEN REQUESTING A RETURN RECEIPT. | | | | | | | | |
| RECEIPT NOT VALID UNTIL CHECK CLEARS BANK. | | | | | | | | |
| LOT 71 | | | | | | | | |
| 2015 TAX NOTICE | | | PIN 0000000000000000 | | | MAR 1, 2015 | | |

| ADDRESS CHANGE FORM | | | 2015 TAX NOTICE | | | MAR 1, 2015 | | |
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| IF YOU ARE REQUESTING AN ADDRESS CHANGE, DETACH AND SEND THIS BOTTOM PORTION ONLY TO THE ADDRESS LISTED BELOW | | | | | | | | |
| MAIL ADDRESS CHANGE FORM ONLY TO: MONROE COUNTY ASSESSMENT OFFICE MONROE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER 1 QUAKER PLAZA, ROOM #102 STROUDSBURG, PA 18360-2171 PHONE (570) 517-3133 | | | | | | | | |
| DATE: _____ | | | | | | | | |
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| PLEASE PRINT NEW ADDRESS: _____ | | | | | | | | |

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Important message regarding your tax bill on back page.



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Go Green! To receive a monthly news digest via email, contact:
info@mstowship.com



Dear Middle Smithfield Residents,



... what better way to set the tone for a fresh New Year than to recognize those residents who have made a positive difference in the world ...

(New Year's Message from the Supervisors continued on the centerfold)



Where MST Mobile App

The official app for smartphones
A Township at Your Fingertips

Find out where you can eat, shop, play, or stay with the new app available on Android, iPhone, and web-enabled mobile devices!

Scan the code or visit the website to download the app for FREE!

www.FinditinMST.com



At the end of last year, an independent panel of judges sifted through some of Middle Smithfield's finest nominees to choose the first ever MST Person of the Year. Meet the winner and finalists on the next page.



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Signing up is easy and free!

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Newsletter Designed by Steven Natiello

The Very First: Laura Law



Laura Law is the president and co-founder of Mady's Angels, as well as a dedicated, persistent, and active member of the community. Mady's Angels was established by both Laura and Malcolm Law to honor and memorialize Madyson Brendyl Law, an exceptional daughter, sister, friend and student. Under her leadership, Mady's Angels has given back over \$80,000 to the community. These contributions go towards providing scholarships to local students, support local charities, and local families with financial needs. Described as selfless, compassionate, and sincere, Laura has turned her work with Mady's Angels into a full time job, a volunteer commitment.



"Out of tragedy comes good. That's what **Mady's Angels is about."**

Over the last three and a half years, we have been able to give more than \$80,000.00 back to the community.



Mady's Angels was established by Laura and Malcolm Law to honor and memorialize their daughter, Madyson Brendyl Law.

Mady's Angels is a non-denominational charity whose main focus is giving back to the local community. Its goals include awarding scholarships to local students and providing contributions to local charities and causes that were supported by Madyson.

Since its founding, Mady's angels has been able to give back over \$80,000 back to the community.

For more information about Mady's Angels, including upcoming events, visit www.madysangels.org

For more information about the 2014 Person of the Year, visit: www.mstPersonOfTheYear.com

Historical Commission *Not Your Grandmother's Historical Association!*

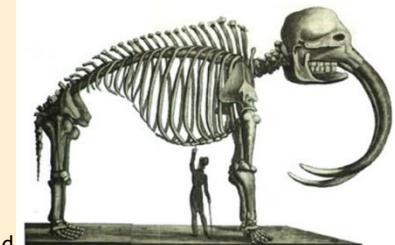
The Historical Commission is comprised of historical educators, local residents and committed volunteers that aim to foster and promote public knowledge and interest in Township history.

Since its establishment in 2012, the Commission has served as an advisory resource for those interested in township history. Members have been involved with identifying significant architectural, historical, and natural sites in Middle Smithfield Township; the goal is to create a registry available to all residents.

The Commission also hosts interactive and fun events to further its role in preserving history. Each year, the Commission hosts a Memory Makers luncheon to celebrate long-time residents and give them a platform to reminisce about their experiences living in the Township. Last year's event celebrated the 200th anniversary of Middle Smithfield Evangelical Presbyterian Church, listed in the National Register of historic places.

With a great year ahead, the Commission continues to come up with exciting ideas and projects to accomplish its mission to preserve and create awareness of Township history.

The Historical Commission holds its meetings every fourth Monday of the month, at 7pm, in the township building. Those interested in joining should call 570-223-8920 ext 132 or email HistoricalCommission@msttownship.com



Did you know?

A skeleton of an adult mastodon was uncovered right here in Middle Smithfield Township!

Public Works Department

From Roads to Parks (and Everything Between!)



Middle Smithfield Township's Public Works Department provides a number of needed services to our community. They maintain Township roads throughout the year, establish invaluable infrastructure, build and maintain our parks, maintain and groom the municipal golf course, and so much more. This Department relies on annual grants to operate on a tight budget and manages manpower, equipment, and materials to save tax dollars and remain fully equipped with the trucks and machinery to get the job done.



Sewer Department

New Year, New And Improved

We have installed power savers at the main Fernwood sewer plant and the Winona sewer plant which will result in a guaranteed minimum savings of 11% on our electric bills. This is a timely improvement; as you might recall, Met Ed has filed for a rate increase, which would increase rates for the average residential customer by over \$20 a month. The rate increase is triple that for commercial customers such as the MST Sewer department - so, instead of passing along utility rate increases to our sewer customers, we are instead looking to reduce our costs, to prevent increasing our own rates.

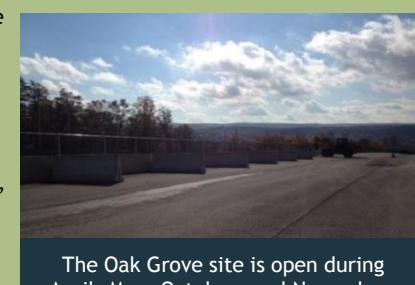
SPRING INTO SAVING!

The Sewer Department has some great improvements planned for 2015, such as upgrading the Computer Control System for the Fernwood Wastewater Treatment Plan (the current system is over 20 years old), replacing the Control Panel for the Sewage Pumping Station at the intersection of 209 and Sellersville Road (it was hit by a car in the recent past) and adding an emergency generator, alarms, fence and control structure for the Sewage Pumping Station on Big Ridge Drive.

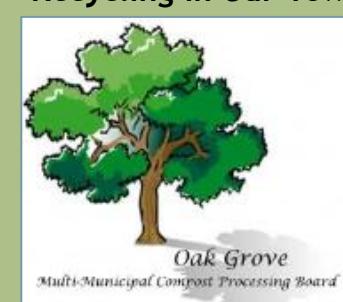
So far, in just a few short months, we have seen a considerable savings. If the results remain positive, we intend to install power savers at the other township buildings, such as the Whispering Pines, main township office and public works buildings, and perhaps some of our larger pump stations.

Staying Green in 2015: Composting at the Oak Grove Multi-Municipal Compost Facility

Now you can enjoy your Christmas Tree for TWO seasons! We hope everyone took advantage of the free Tree-Cycle offered by the OGMMCPB, and left your Christmas trees at Oak Grove facility to be recycled into spring mulch! Look for the ribbon cutting for the Oak Grove facility this spring. You can learn more about the Oak Grove Multi-Municipal Compost Processing project, including the spring hours of operation, by visiting the official website at www.ogmmcpb.com



Recycling in Our Township



Composting is just recycling naturally! In addition to the leaf composting facility, Middle Smithfield Township also hosts the blue recycling bins for the Monroe County Municipal Waste Authority to recycle glass, metal, plastic and paper. Composting isn't just for the benefit of gardeners! Here are some composting facts, courtesy of the Penn State Extension office, showing the benefits of recycling organic waste:

- The average US. Household generates 650 lbs. of compostable materials each year.
- Over 60 percent of what we put in our landfills is organic waste, such as food scraps. Yard trimmings, and paper, much of which could be recycled by composting. (Reducing what we put in our landfills means we can use land for other things like growing, housing, building, preserving!)
- Composting saves money. Families reduce their garbage collection bills and municipalities save money on transporting and disposing of waste when organic materials are eliminated from the collection system.
- Compost improves soil, adds important nutrients for plants, and reduces the need for expensive commercial fertilizers.

The Oak Grove site is open during April, May, October, and November.

Parks and Recreation Committee

The township's Parks and Recreation Committee's mission is to retain enough open space for our residents' use, maintain the beauty and character of the area, and maintain full functioning park equipment and facilities that will provide a number of recreational activities and events throughout the year.

Echo Lake Park on Rt. 209

In 2012, Gerald Patane, from a local Boy Scout Troop, achieved his Eagle Scout designation by planning and constructing a new planting bed, flagpole, and seating area at Echo Lake Park. Residents enjoyed the new pavilion at the first annual Christmas tree lighting in 2013.

Coolbaugh Community Gardens Park

2014 started a new effort: to create a Community Garden in an area of the township that is currently underserved. The Community Garden Planning Task Force, together with the Eagle Scouts, Monroe County Gardener's Club, and Penn State Master Gardeners, and other groups will herald the 2015 planting season.

Reserve your raised planting bed now!
For more information visit
mstCommunityGardensPark.com

MST Parks

Resica Park on Gravel Ridge Road

Middle Smithfield Township leases a portion of the Resica School grounds where residents can use the covered pavilion, nature trail, baseball field, and kiddie rides. The Township holds Trunk or Treat and Easter Egg Hunt events here, and our Little Leaguers enjoy the home field advantage.

Judy Putek Park on Municipal Drive

Dedicated in 2008 to the memory of Judy Putek, who was instrumental in obtaining the grant that obtained the park for the township, the addition of the "Dog Park" has made it one of the most visited parks in our township. Putek Park holds events for pets and owners and has become one of the popular stops for residents and neighbors.

LOOK FOR A NEW DOG PARK ON 209!

Economic Development Committee

The Township's Economic Development Committee mission is to be a resource for the business community, by supporting the growth and support of local business. The committee looks at new and innovative ways to market existing businesses and the community, and attract new businesses that will be complementary to our existing base.

The Economic Development Committee also promotes the Township's popular **Shop Local** program, which included over 30 local businesses this past holiday season and saw many residents participate. Thanks to this program, local businesses were able to get the word out and attract more local shoppers, while still saving residents tons of spending money during the holidays. For more information about the most recent shop local program, visit

mstShopLocal.com



Another of the largest projects that the Economic Development Committee has been working on is a Local Economic Revitalization Tax Act (LERTA) program. The LERTA program allows for tax abatement for businesses to expand and/or construct new facilities, and the improvements are taxed on a graduating scale over 5 years. Businesses that expand will undoubtedly require more employees, so by offering an incentive, we hope to see increased and/or improved development in our township. Once approved by the Township Supervisors, East Stroudsburg School Board, and County Commissioners, the LERTA program will be a key driver in seeing our commercial and industrial areas improve.

Golf Advisory Committee

Swing into the Season of Great Golf

Middle Smithfield Township Municipal Golf Course at Country Club of the Poconos is one of the most desirable golf courses in the Poconos. The township's Golf Advisory Board works with the Supervisors and township employees to maintain the course, manage operations, and advertise to members and guests. Now, the course offers some incredible new discounts for Township residents and returning members!



Since the township's previous board acquired the course in 2010, the Country Club of the Poconos Golf Course has been open to the public.

Since then, the volunteer Golf Advisory Board has put in a tremendous effort to increase play by offering new incentives for part-year, weekday, and other types of memberships. New tournaments and outings were added, such as the Resica Playground fundraiser, Council of Governments, Mady's Angels, and many more.

The progress so far has been phenomenal. With steadily increasing rounds and nothing but positive feedback about the ever-improving quality of the course, a membership or even single round of golf has never held more value than at Country Club of the Poconos. Stay tuned in 2015 for some exciting new events and outing opportunities!

2015 Memberships are available! Call 570-2238920

Be the first to know about new golf specials and opportunities!
Like CCP Golf at Facebook.com/CCPgolf and follow @ccpgolf on Twitter.

Two Very Awesome *Finalists*

After pouring through dozens of resident nominations involving some of Middle Smithfield's finest volunteers, the independent panel of judges accomplished the impossible and chose a Person of the Year and 2 finalists to receive \$2500 and \$500 toward their charities.

Lisa Baldwin



Lisa Baldwin is a teacher of English at Lehman Intermediate School, a volunteer with Joey's Eagles, and a deacon and band member at the Bushkill Reformed Church. Lisa is an active volunteer with Joey's Eagles, a non-profit organization that provides support for families with youth facing cancer or other serious chronic illnesses. She fundraises for, organizes, and facilitates events for the organization.

In addition to her work with Joey's Eagles, she has also organized numerous community and international missionary projects to assist others in need: After Hurricane Sandy, Lisa helped organize clean-up and repair efforts in affected areas, and in 2013 a mission trip to the Dominican Republic to assist families in need and build a church. Lisa works extensively with the Bushkill Outreach and is the advisor to the National Junior Honor Society for the East Stroudsburg North Campus.

Joey's Eagles is a non-profit organization established in 1996 by Nelly Grampp in memory of her son, Joseph Grampp. The organization provides support for families with children and young adults facing cancer or other serious chronic illnesses. Through fundraising events combined with individual and business contributions, Joey's Eagles has been able to provide financial support, parental support, and planned group activities for families in times of crisis.



Melvyn Coon



Melvyn Coon is a dedicated and passionate volunteer at the Resica Falls Scout Reservation, a 4200+ acre nature preserve that serves as a campground for scouts. Since Melvyn moved up to East Stroudsburg in the 1960's, he has generously devoted his time to serve the community.

As a volunteer, Melvyn does everything from keeping the grounds, building latrines, to assembling and servicing the cots. He and his wife Margie even planted a garden on the grounds of the Reservation so that the scouts would have the opportunity to take part in gardening fresh vegetables. Those who have come to know and love Melvyn describe him as a humble man, whose influence in the lives of others is astounding, without any thought of reward or accolade.

The Resica Falls Scout Reservation is a 4200+ acre Scouting Paradise located in Middle Smithfield Township. Founded in 1957, the reservation was created to provide a parcel of land for scouts to use. Since its founding, tens of thousands of scouts have enjoyed summer activities among the hidden natural treasures the reservation provides, all creating memories that last a lifetime.



Looking Forward . . . to a great 2015!

Find new events and all event updates at MiddleSmithfieldTownship.com/Calendar

2015 Events

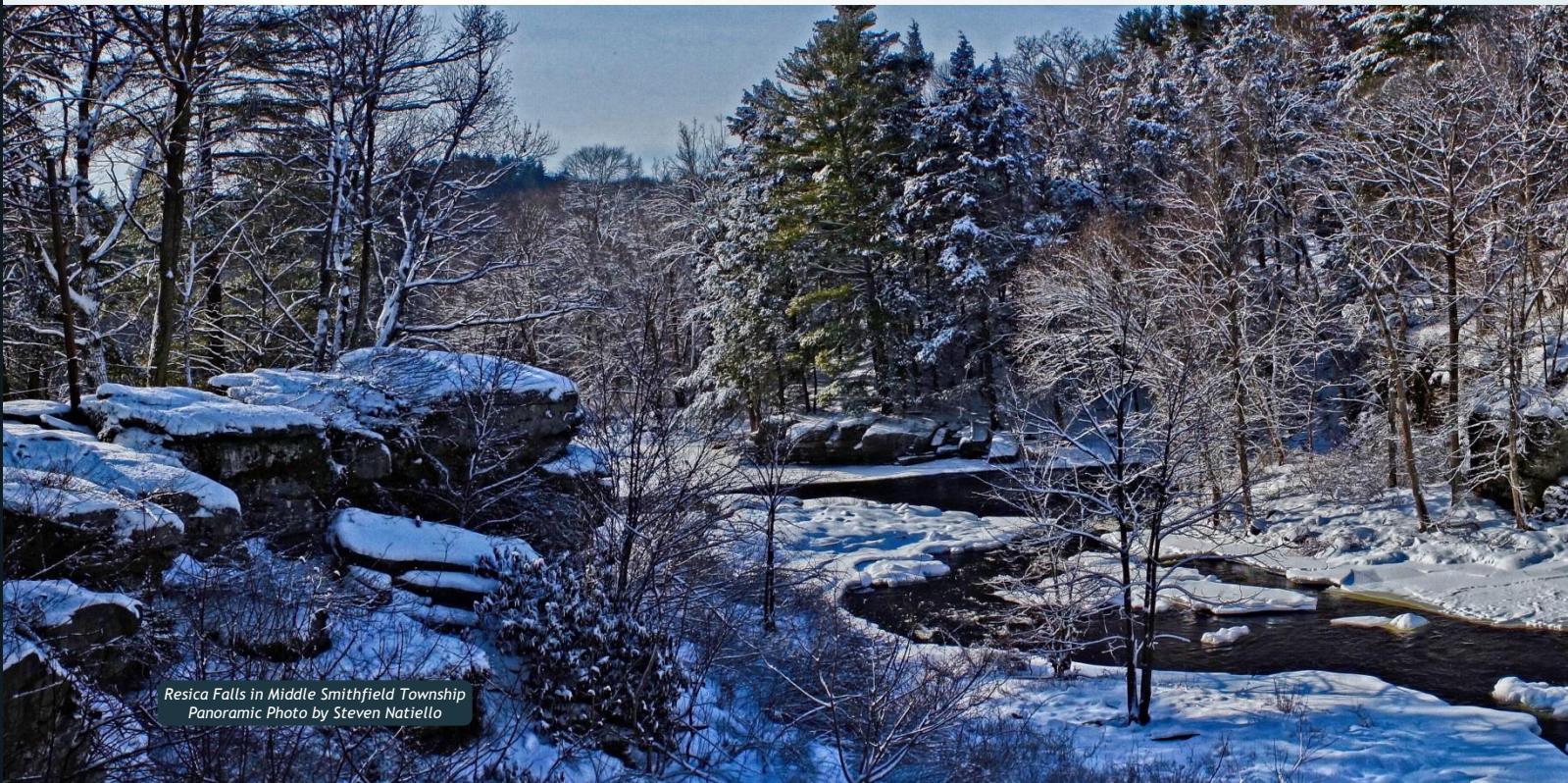
- 3/28..... Easter Egg Hunt
- 4/3..... Golf Course Opens (weather permitting)
- 4/11..... MST/Homeowners Association Networking Meeting
- 4/25 "1000 Feet of Street" (cleanup 1000 Feet at a time)
- 4/27..... Leaf Collection begins
- 5/1..... Dumpster Day Spring Cleanup and Freecycle 5/1-5/2
- 5/2-6/1.... Photography Exhibit Opens
- 5/7-9..... Freecycle
- 5/15..... Leaf Collection ends
- 7/23..... Mid-Year Report
- TBD..... First Art Gallery Exhibit

2015 Meeting Schedule

(meetings subject to change)

- Board of Supervisors.....2nd & 4th Thursday of the month... 7:00p
- main BOS workshop.....every Friday..... 8:00a
- Central Sewer Workshop.....4th Friday of the month.....9:00a
- Economic Development Advisory Committee.....2nd Monday of the month,.....6:30p
- Golf Course Advisory Committee.....2nd & 4th Monday of the month.....8:00a
- Historical Commission.....4th Monday of the month.....7:00p
- Litter & Beautification.....meets with Parks & Rec.....6:30p
- Oak Grove Multi-Municipal Composting Board2nd Monday of the month.....10:00a
- Planning Commission.....3rd Thursday of the month.....7:00p
- Parks and Recreation Board1st Monday of the month,.....6:30p
- Regional Park Commission at Smithfield Township3rd Monday of the month.....7:00p

* Except for November and December: visit our website at MiddleSmithfieldTownship.com/Calendar for full details.



Dear Middle Smithfield Residents,

We recently attended the Martin Luther King Jr Celebration Breakfast at East Stroudsburg University, and this quote by Mr. King resonated with us most that day:

**"Life's most persistent and urgent question is
'What are you doing for others?'"**

Ironically, we were in attendance with some of our own committee members and volunteers. You might remember we had our own township celebration on New Year's Eve.

If morning sets the tone of the day, then surely New Year's Eve sets the tone for 2015. And what better way to set the tone for a fresh New Year than to recognize those residents who have made a positive difference in the world and, as we welcomed in the New Year, to focus on the importance of altruism, philanthropy and community service.

Many thanks to all those who nominated many fine folks for the Middle Smithfield Person of the Year award -- but more than that -- thank you to all our amazing residents who were the nominees. You will learn more about them on the following pages.

In life, there are spectators and then there are participants. Watchers and doers. Those who make a difference. The Board of Supervisors created this award because we realized that it is the doers and their contributions that support the township's mission to build a sense of community that make our township great.

Life is not a spectator sport.

The Board of Supervisors wishes each and every resident health and happiness, and all the good things they hope for. We can hardly wait to see what the New Year will bring! Here's hoping it's our -- and your -- greatest year yet!

Happy New Year! Sincerely, your Board of Supervisors,
Annette Atkinson, Mike Dwyer, Mitchell Marcus

Committees

570-223-8920, extensions as marked

Planning Commission, x112

PlanningCommission@mstownship.com
A volunteer board charged with advising the Supervisors and guiding land use and development at the municipal level, the Planning Commission reviews all plans submitted by developers.

Golf Course Advisory Board , x205

GolfAdvisoryBoard@mstownship.com
The main goals are to facilitate stewardship of municipal golf course.

Parks and Recreation Board x201

Parks&Recreation@mstownship.com
Stewardship of township parks & recreation activities.

Litter and Beautification x202

Litter&Beautification@mstownship.com
Meets with the Parks board. Dedicated to beautifying the township.

Economic Development Committee x204

EconomicDevelopmentCommittee@mstownship.com
The main goals are to increase healthy economic growth or existing businesses and attract new businesses to our township.

Historical Commission x203

HistoricalCommission@mstownship.com
This group doesn't just preserve artifacts, but historic sites and the memories of our long time residents.

