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SPRING THAW

The 2025/2026 winter season was much colder than in recent years. This caused the frost to go deeper into the roads, and caused soft spots once the thaw started. Many roads in other Townships throughout northwestern Pennsylvania were experiencing the same issues.

Prior experience in dealing with the soft spots has shown that it is best to wait for the frost to come out. The crew added millings to the soft areas. Pothole areas were filled by using the road plane as the weather allowed. The soft areas will be tiled to correct drainage issues, as soon as road conditions and the weather allows. Material will be added to the roads. The grader will be used once the roads dry out and firm up.

ROAD PROJECTS

This summer the crew will be working throughout the Township fixing drainage issues in soft areas, building up roads, and cleaning ditches. Morgan Road will be improved with a grant from the Dirt & Gravel Roads program, through Erie County Conservation.

Maintenance seal coating needs to be done to surfaced roads every three to five years. This needs to be done to protect the original investment in the roads. A seal coat will be placed on the blacktop section of Wilson Road, on Rohl Road from the North East Township line to the Harborcreek Township line and on the asphalt aprons on Ashton Road near the bridge over I-86. The remainder of the budgeted seal coat money will be used to seal the intersections of Township roads with surfaced roads. This project has been on the Capital Improvements Plan for a number of years. Once complete, it will help prevent potholes from the starting, stopping and turning of vehicles. It will also provide a safety area for the crew when grading from the dirt area to match the sealed pavement.

DIRT & GRAVEL ROADS GRANT

The Township has received a grant for \$ 157,000.00 from Erie County Conservation through the Dirt & Gravel Roads program, for the Morgan Road project (from Wilson Road south to the curve). The Dirt & Gravel Roads grant program funds improvements for drainage correction and road stabilization to promote cleaner run off. The project includes tiling, ditching, addition of material to build up the road, and seal coat surfacing on the hill near the Wilson Road intersection. The Township has received \$1,643,054.33 from the Dirt & Gravel Roads grant program since 2007.



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MAINTAINING YOUR PROPERTY

Greenfield Township has laws regarding conditions that may be determined to be nuisances and/or a violation of the Nuisance Ordinance. In some instances, this happens without the owner recognizing how it looks, or knowing that they are violating laws. Annually, during the spring road inspections, a list of property owners that need to be reminded of the conditions is made and letters are sent. Most often, these properties have junk vehicles and piles of scrap materials accumulating. If the owners respond and clean up the condition of the property, no further legal action is taken. If no clean up is done, legal proceedings will be filed through the District Judge. At the discretion of the Judge, the property owner may have to pay fines up to \$ 1,000.00, plus costs and expenses, including court costs, attorneys' fees and witness fees, which were incurred by the Township in enforcing these laws.

GREENFIELD COMMUNITY PARK

The multi-use court installation has been completed. Grants were received from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Hirtzel Foundation, and the Erie County Gaming and Revenue Authority. The employee's time, Township equipment and Township material were required as a match for the grants. The concrete pad and fence were installed by contractors. The Township's expense for the project was \$ 1,870.66, for a total project cost of \$167,391.66.

Reservation rates for the pavilions have been set at \$ 125.00 for the large pavilion and \$ 70.00 for the small pavilion. The pavilions have electrical service to keep food warm and charcoal grills for cookouts. Reservations can be made by calling the Municipal Office. The pavilions are not considered to be reserved until the fee is paid. Picnic tables should not be moved from one pavilion to another.

The water fountain has been removed from the Park, due to vandalism. Due to the high cost of testing, the Public Water Supply System status through the Department of Environmental Protection has been dropped. The water in the restroom is chlorinated, but posted as non-potable. Please bring water with you for consumption or for making coffee. Because the park is a public facility, it is not available for Stag & Drags or other fundraising activities that involve raffling of alcohol. Exclusive use of the park is not available. The park has a multi-use court with basketball, volley ball and pickle ball, a baseball field, playgrounds, a one-half mile walking/exercise/ADA trail and restrooms.

In order to keep animals from getting used to coming to the park looking for food, we ask that you take all garbage with you when you leave. This is for the safety of everyone at the park, as bears have been sighted in the neighborhood! *Pets are allowed at the Park, but must be on a leash and cleaned up after.*

☀️ **Construction will begin this summer for the new Fire Station. The Fire Company received a Community Funding Project grant for part of the cost of construction, which was secured by U.S. Rep. Mike Kelly (R-PA). The Fire Company will provide funding for the remaining construction costs with reserved funds. *Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Company had another busy year in 2025 responding to more than 700 calls!***

☀️ **The Fund Drive mailer will be sent shortly. Please come out and show your support at the fundraisers. Please consider mailing a donation now to the Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Company, 10160 Station Road, North East, PA 16428.**

☀️ **If you would like information on joining the Fire Company to fight fires or be an emergency responder, drills are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.. If you are able to donate any time helping with fundraising, building maintenance or general business operations, please leave a message at the Fire Station at 725-9109 or on Facebook at Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Company.**



Driveway Paving

Please contact the Municipal Services Department before you have blacktop installed on your driveway. Some companies charge you to pave into the road. The road cannot be maintained with the pavement in the roadway. The property owner is paying for the pavement that will be removed.

House Numbers

The blue reflective house number signs are available at the Municipal Building. There is a fee of \$ 25.00 to cover costs.

Dog Licenses and Laws

The issuance of dog licenses can be handled in the office or through the mail. To obtain them by mail, call the office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., and provide the information for the license. Mail a check for the fee and the tags will be mailed to you.

Pennsylvania Dog Laws require that owners keep dogs under control at all times and not allow them to run the neighborhoods. Greenfield Township does not have a leash law.

Mail Boxes

If you had issues with your mail box this last winter, now is the time to correct them. Making sure they are installed to the correct height, will help next season. The post for the box must be behind the ditch, the bottom of the box should be at least 42" from the grade of the road (a couple inches higher would allow for snow buildup). No angle supports should be placed from the bottom of the box to the post. Please contact the office for a diagram of the correct installation.

Ditch Dirt

The Township will haul the dirt removed from the ditches to your property, if you have a signed release form on file. The quality of the material is not guaranteed. The dirt is hauled to the closest landowner with the easiest access. If you are interested in filing a release form, please contact the office.

Planting Trees

Don't forget to look up when planting trees! Trees planted under utility lines will be trimmed back once they reach the lines. Don't plant trees that will reach into the right of way, which is 25 feet from the center of the road. This area needs to be kept clear to maintain ditches and push snow back.

Zoning Permits

To obtain a Zoning Permit, make a sketch of your property showing all of the setbacks from the building or addition that you are planning. You can bring it to the office, mail it or drop it off at the Township Building with a check payable to Greenfield Township in the amount of \$ 25.00. If mailed or dropped off, the permit and Zoning Certificate will be mailed to you. Call the office for more information.

Meetings

All Township meetings are open to the public. The remaining Board meetings are at 6:00 p.m. on June 15th, July 13th, August 10th, September 14th, October 12th, November 9th and December 14th. If necessary, meetings are scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of the month on June 23rd, July 28th, August 25th, September 29th, October 27th, November 24th, and December 29th at 7:00 p.m.. Planning Commission will hold meetings at 7:00 p.m. on June 29th, July 27th, August 31st, September 28th, October 26th, November 30th and December 28th. Recreation Committee meets at 9:00 a.m., at the Greenfield Community Park on June 25th, July 30th, August 27th, September 24th and October 29th.