



PENN TOWNSHIP SNYDER COUNTY, USA

DECEMBER 2005

Permits, Permits, Everywhere Permits!!

Why Do I need a Zoning Permit? The Penn Township office issues Zoning Permits. These are issued to assure compliance with the Penn Township Zoning Ordinance. Zoning Permits are required for, but not limited to new homes, new mobile homes, additions, decks, garages, sheds (including prefab), pools, or replacement of any of the above. A Zoning Permit is not required by the Township for blacktopping an existing driveway, siding a home or replacing windows.

Please note: The Penn Township Zoning Ordinance was revised in January 2005. Contact the Township office if you have any questions about the revisions or the need for a permit for your project.

How Much Does a Zoning Permit cost? The cost is determined by the value of your project. Twenty dollars (\$20) for the first one thousand dollars (\$1000) of the project VALUE and three dollars (\$3)



per additional thousand dollars of project value.
Example: \$12,500.00 garage
\$20 (First thousand)
+ \$33 (11 additional thousand x 3 dollars)

\$53 Cost of Zoning Permit

Will I need a Building Permit, too? Effective April 9, 2004, PA Statewide Uniform Construction Code (UCC) went into effect. This means that per state law, the same requirements for building standards are universal throughout the state. Central Keystone Council of Governments (COG) enforces the

Building Code for the Township. They have certified inspectors who have been trained to understand and enforce the code to assure compliance with the State law. The Building Permit applications are available at the Township office or at the COG's office located at 1610 Industrial Blvd—Suite 400A, Lewisburg, PA 17837 or you can reach them by phone at 1-877-457-9401. Building Permits are required for, but not limited to room additions, garages, (attached or detached) porches, decks, roofing, pools, guardrails and stairs, or the replacement of any of the above. The applications are also available on their web site at www.ckcog.com.

Are there any other permits required? For new homes (cont on pg 4)

PENN TOWNSHIP

12 CLIFFORD ROAD

SELINGSORVE, PA 17870

570-374-4778

570-374-4931 (fax)

E-mail—penntwp@ptd.net

Office Hours:

9:00AM—4:00PM

Other hours available by appointment.

We are Growing!

New Home Construction
To give you an idea of how fast our Township is growing, the following is a list of new home permits issued since

2000.....	32
2001.....	58
2002.....	36
2003.....	56
2004.....	42
2005.....	39

That's a total of 263 new homes in Penn Township in 6 years. A big hearty "Welcome!" to all of our new residents!

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BIOGRAPHY

- Although Penn Township was founded in 1753, its size then was quite large, encompassing several counties as we know them today. Penn Township boundaries, as recognized today, were determined in 1885.
- Acreage—17.8 square miles
- Township Roads—29.85 miles
- State Roads—31.86 miles
- Population—3781 (2000 census)
(Increase of 17.9% over 1990)

If you have any questions regarding any information found in this newsletter, please contact the Penn Township office at 570-374-4778.



TOWNSHIP TAXES

- Real Estate Tax - 0
- Occupational Tax - 0
- Per Capita - 0

Please note that while you still pay these taxes to Snyder County and to Selinsgrove School District, Penn Township receives none of these monies.

Penn Township does receive:

- Earned Income Tax - .5%
(The remaining 1.6% goes to Selinsgrove School District.)
- Occupation Privilege Tax - \$10.00
- Amusement Tax - 10%

*"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."
- Muriel Strode*

New Tax Collector

Effective January 1, 2006, Bethany Edmunds will be the Penn Township Tax Collector. You can contact her at:

Bethany Edmunds
PO Box 216
Selinsgrove, PA 17870
(570)374-4640
E-mail—betc@ptd.net



Remember to Vote!

To register to vote, please contact Snyder County Commissioners office at 837-4208.

2006 Primary Election
May 16, 2006
2006 General Election
November 7, 2006

Winter is Here!

Another winter season is here and that means snow and icy road conditions. Please drive carefully and remember to give yourself extra time to reach your destination. As always, our road crew will be out as soon as possible. For everyone's safety, please allow plenty of room between you and the snow plows. Also, if your road

has yellow lines on it, it is a State road and you can contact Penn Dot with maintenance questions at 570-374-8123. Please make sure your mailbox is ready for winter by making sure they are stable and securely fastened. The Township is not responsible for damage to mailboxes as a result of snow being thrown from the plow.

Mailboxes are erected in the right-of-way by the resident and are the resident's responsibility. Also, parking is banned on all Township roads during a snow storm and 48 hours after the snow fall begins. Please find off street parking during snow falls so the snow plows can do their job.



What's Happening at the Penn Township Ball Fields??

In our last newsletter, July 2004, we asked for volunteers to form and serve on a committee that would advise and help the Township to determine long range recreational needs, as well as plan for the additional 30-acre recreational parcel, owned by the Township, adjacent to the current Penn Township ball fields. A lot has happened since then. A committee of Penn Township residents did volunteer and formed what is now known as the:

Penn Township Recreation Committee

A Recreational Survey was mailed to 1130 households in the Township (Oct '04) which generated a 22% response, well above the national average of survey responses of about 13%. Many of the respondents took advantage of the survey by adding personal, written comments. As further evidence of interest, numerous residents expressed a desire to serve on a recreation board and/or perform maintenance at the proposed complex. This information, along with two, well-attended public meetings, the aid of a consultant, and the guidance of this committee, helped the Township to generate a DEVELOPMENT GRANT for a regional

recreational complex in Eastern Snyder County. This grant was submitted to Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on September 30, 2005. The Township expects to receive an answer by mid to late spring. If you have a desire to get involved, please contact the Township office at 570-374-4778.



“The right of children to play, sing and to dance; the right of the youth to sport for sport's sake; the right of men and women to use leisure in the pursuit of happiness in their own way, are basic to our American Heritage.” - Harry S Truman

Recycling

Penn Township provides recycling services for our residents. It is held the 2nd Saturday of every month from 8:00AM until Noon. It is located at the Keystone Building Products location on Rt 522. Included in this program are:

Aluminum, tin cans, glass bottles and jars, #1 and #2 plastic bottles, newspapers and magazines.

County Recycling

Occasionally, Snyder County holds a Recycling event for electronics, tires, etc. please contact Debbie Wolfe, Snyder County Recycling Coordinator, at 570-374-5751, ext 115 to see if there's an event scheduled that would be beneficial to you.

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construction on property on Township roadways, you will need a Driveway Permit. This permit will allow a cut into the Township roadway to join the new driveway. The cost of a Driveway Permit is \$50.00 and there is no additional charge if the driveway is black-topped.

How do I know if I live on a Township roadway or a State Roadway? If the roadway has yellow lines, it is a State Roadway. If there are no lines on the road, it is a Township roadway. If you have any questions regarding a Township road, you can contact the Penn Township Roadmaster at 570-374-4258. For questions regarding

State roads, you can contact Penn Dot at 570-374-8123.

What if I'm not sure if I need a permit? For any questions regarding permits, please contact the Township office at 570-374-4778.

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Please feel free to E-mail us at penntwp@ptd.net. At this time, Penn Township does not have its own web page. However, if you feel this is something that would be beneficial for you or your neighbors, please let us know.

*Our Warmest Wishes for a safe,
healthy and happy holiday season to
all Penn Township residents and
their families!*