

# Penn Township

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## Penn Township Board of Supervisors Authorize Land for All Inclusive Playground Andy Russell Charitable Foundation Central Pennsylvania Region

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors have officially authorized the use of 9600 square feet of available land at the existing East Snyder Recreation Park for the construction of a state of the art All Inclusive, Barrier Free, Playground designed exclusively to accommodate children who may be autistic, have intellectual disabilities, hearing or sight impairments, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, cystic fibrosis, spina bifida, are dependent upon wheel chair use, or have other life altering disabilities. Jon Payne, Chairman, Penn Township Board of Supervisors, along with members William Moyer and Brenda Moyer, presented Fritz M. Heinemann, President, Central Pennsylvania Region for the Andy Russell Charitable Foundation, copies of the Resolution and Memorandum of Understanding voted by the Board for use of the land and construction of the Playground.

In announcing the agreement, former Penn Township Supervisor, Pete DeWire, noted that no other totally designed All Inclusive Playground exists in Pennsylvania and said "once again, the central Susquehanna Valley area establishes the example and vision of community caring, sensitivity, and commitment to creating a valuable resource for the benefit of those with disabilities and physical challenges. The Penn Township Board of Supervisors are pleased to make land available for the Playground, to be part of this exciting and wonderful endeavor, and greatly appreciates the willingness of the Andy Russell Charitable Foundation to spearhead the project." A former star linebacker with the Pittsburgh Steelers, Andy Russell and his wife, Cindy, are frequent visitors to the Susquehanna Valley community and have referred to the area as "their third home neighborhood." The Russell's established their Foundation in 1999 with its primary mission to fund children's causes linked to health, nutrition, mental health challenges, physical disabilities and impoverished circumstances. During that time they have contributed over \$6 million to various charities and special needs causes. "Cindy and I love 'the Valley' and when the opportunity to help with the All Inclusive Playground project was presented we felt it was a perfect fit within our Foundation's mission and purpose and we're thrilled to be part of the effort" Russell commented.

With 15 specifically designed pieces of play equipment suited for all disabled, multi-handicapped and other physically or mentally challenged children and some adults, parents will be able to more easily socialize with their children; therapists can interact with their clients in structured exercises and settings that offer not only therapeutic benefits but an opportunity for children to simply laugh and have fun. An all volunteer fund drive is currently underway to raise \$475,000 to cover the costs of construction and equipment. "This is an entirely volunteer endeavor" Cindy Russell noted, saying "no one is being paid, no commissions or personal expenses reimbursed, so that every contribution received goes directly to the Playground. Once it is built we'll turn it over to Penn Township and it becomes a community resource as part of the existing recreation center. It truly will belong to the people and especially the kids who will directly benefit" Mrs. Russell commented.

With offices in Lewisburg, The Russell Charitable Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) IRS recognized charitable, not for profit organization, and all donations are tax deductible. For additional information please visit [www.andyrussell.org](http://www.andyrussell.org) or telephone 570-372-5322.

For Additional Information please contact Fritz M. Heinemann at 570-428-5411

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 570-374-4778 - phone



**PENN TOWNSHIP ROADS**  
 If you live on any of the roads listed below your road is maintained by Penn Township. If you ever have a road question or concern, call the Road Supervisor, Isaac Ramer at 570-374-4258 or 570-259-2780. No answer...leave a message, all calls will be returned.


Airtower Road  
 Bake Oven Hill Road  
 Beaver Road  
 Beech Court  
 Belmar Avenue  
 Breezewood Drive  
 Bridge Street  
 Burgess Avenue  
 Calvett Place  
 Calvin Drive  
 Clifford Road  
 Creekside Drive  
 Crescent Avenue  
 Deerfield Court  
 Emily Lane  
 Fair Oak Road  
 Fairview Drive  
 Farmhouse Lane  
 Fawn Drive  
 Fetter Road  
 Foxboro Road  
 Gaugler Lane  
 Graysonview Court  
 Gregg Drive  
 Gregory Avenue  
 Hidden Valley Road  
 Hill End Road  
 Herman Road  
 Horizon Drive  
 Hower Street  
 Jackson Road  
 Kratzer Road  
 Kuster Road  
 Lisalynn Road

Lorian Drive  
 Meadowview Drive  
 Miller Farm Road  
 Mountain Drive  
 Mulberry Court  
 Mulls Road  
 Old 522  
 Old Colony Road  
 Old 11 + 15 Road  
 Pawling Station Road  
 Peachwood Drive  
 Perkinson road  
 Pheasant Ave  
 Pine Brook Road  
 Pleasant Drive  
 Quarry Road  
 Ridge View Road  
 S. Front Street  
 Salem Glenn Blvd.  
 Sand Hill Road  
 School House Lane  
 Sheri Lane  
 Sportsman Drive  
 Sunset Drive  
 Swope Drive  
 Sycamore Court  
 Universal Road  
 Valley View Drive  
 Walters Lane  
 Wedgewood Drive  
 Willow Court  
 Woodlynn Drive

**COMMUNITY AID BIN**  
 Located beside the recycle bins, the Community Aid Bin is for clothing, shoes and small household items that will fit into bin. Nothing may be left outside bin. Please **DO NOT** put glass of any kind in the bin. Larger or fragile items could be taken directly to the Thrift Store on the Strip.

**GET INVOLVED**  
 There are many opportunities to get involved in our Township. The Zoning Hearing Board, Planning Commission, and the East Snyder Park have Boards in which members get appointed by the Supervisors. Quite often, openings on these Boards come up, and Penn Township looks for residents to fill these positions. If you are interested in sitting on any of these Boards, please contact the Township office.

**HELP WANTED!!!!**  
 The Board of Supervisors are seeking someone to fill the vacant Auditor position within the Township. Please contact the Township office for more details.  
 (570) 374-4778



**What Have We Done For You Lately?**  
*In 2018 the following road projects were completed:*

- Salem Glenn Blvd, Emily Lane, Farmhouse Lane brushed & fog sealed
- Old Rte 522 erosion prevention project
- Shoulder work on various township roads

**PENN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**  
 (sewer and water)

The PTMA office is **NOT** located in the Penn Township building.  
 We **cannot** accept your sewer or water payments at the township office.

Payments are accepted at  
 Northumberland National Bank  
 on Lori Lane,  
 Weis Markets (at the Susquehanna Mall)  
 or by mail to:  
 PTMA  
 PO Box 155  
 Selingsgrove, PA 17870

The PTMA Board meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:00PM at 2595 US 522 inside Keystone Building Products. Meetings are open to the public.

**Need more information call Susan at 570-374-8256.**

**REAL ESTATE AND PER CAPITA TAXES**  
 Ron Zeiders, Tax Collector  
 PO Box 452  
 Selingsgrove, PA 17870  
 570-374-8401

Tax collection office hours are provided here in the township building. These dates are always printed on your tax bill.

**Please note: The Township office staff cannot accept your taxes!**

If you are mailing your taxes include a self addressed

**SEWAGE CODE ENFORCEMENT**  
 In 2013, Dan Page became the Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO) for Penn Township. The SEO issues septic permits, inspects septic systems and reviews properties when a complaint is received about a private septic system.  
**You can contact Mr. Page at 800-639-3641**



### Parking During a Weather Advisory

#### Ordinance 2014-01

*AN ORDINANCE OF PENN TOWNSHIP, SNYDER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, RESTRICTING PARKING AND PLACING PROPERTY ON OR ALONG TOWNSHIP ROADS DURING AND FOLLOWING ANY SNOWFALL OR WEATHER EMERGENCY.*

WHEREAS, the Penn Township Board of Supervisors, in order to advance the welfare and safety of the residents of the Township and such other persons who use said streets and roads deems it necessary to adopt an Ordinance restricting parking and placing property on or along Township Roads during and following any snowfall or weather emergency. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, and it is ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Penn, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

**Section 1** - During and following any snowfall or weather emergency, which shall be defined hereinafter, it shall be unlawful for anyone to park a motor vehicle and/or place any property or objects on or along any Township Road.

A snowfall or weather emergency shall exist when:

a Winter Weather Advisory or Winter Storm Warning is issued by the National Weather Service for the County of Snyder, Pennsylvania and for a period of eight (8) hours after the cessation of the Advisory or Warning; or

The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and/or Township Roadmaster causes a declaration to be publicly announced by means of broadcasts on radio stations WKOK and/or Big Country, or as may be amended by resolution by the Board of Supervisors; and shall cause such declaration to be posted on the Township website. The declaration or posting shall state that a snowfall or weather emergency is in effect for the Township of Penn, Snyder County, Pennsylvania. No person shall park or place property on or along any Township Road. The notice shall also set forth how long the snowfall or weather emergency and restrictions shall be in place.

**Section 2** - No person shall shovel or place any snow or ice accumulation on a Township Road.

**Section 3** - This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Township Code Enforcement Officer, the Township Roadmaster and/or any police officer.

**Section 4** - Any person who violates this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars and costs of prosecution. In addition to the foregoing penalties, any vehicle or property found in violation of this section shall be subject to removal by the Township at the expense of the owner.

**Section 5** -This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after adoption and shall repeal any ordinances inconsistent herewith.

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014, by the Board of Supervisors of Penn Township, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, in public session duly assembled.



## CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

The road crew will be picking

up trees on the following days:

Friday, December 28

Friday, January 4

Monday, January 7

### Penn Township Board Accepts AED for East Snyder Park

On June 20th at the Penn Township Workshop Meeting, Cameo Romig, mother of Alyssa Dressler, presented an AED unit to be placed at the East Snyder Park, 875 University Avenue, Selinsgrove. The unit will be located outside of the restroom's entrance in the playground area for quick access.

An automated external defibrillator (AED) is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias and is able to treat them through the application of electricity which stops the arrhythmia, so that the heart can reestablish an effective rhythm. The units have simple audio and visual commands allowing them to be used by the layperson.

The Alyssa Dressler Foundation was formed following the passing of Alyssa, an active 14 year old who enjoyed making people laugh and was a member of the National Barrel Horse Association (NBHA). A competitive barrel racer, she was to leave to compete in Georgia at the NBHA Youth World Barrel Race Championships, on July 17, 2015. Alyssa passed away on July 14, 2015, from sudden cardiac arrest due to cardiomyopathy. She would have entered ninth grade that fall, her first year at Selinsgrove High School.

The Alyssa Dressler Foundation is endeavoring to establish free heart screenings, education and some CPR education to Children between the ages of 12 to 19. To find out how you can donate or help, visit their website at [www.alyssadressler.org](http://www.alyssadressler.org).



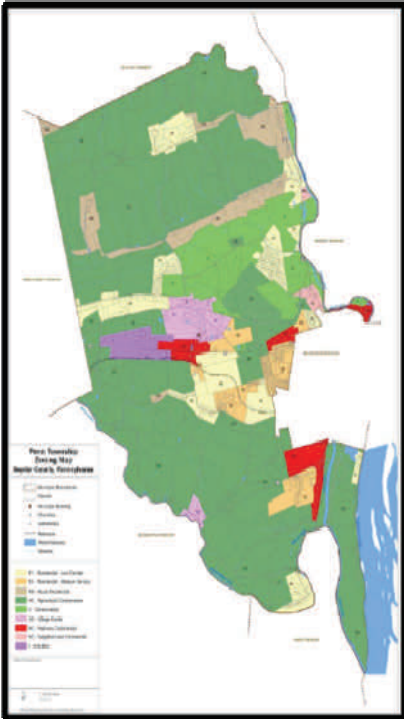
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**RETURN ADDRESS REQUESTED**

HELP!



## We Need YOU and YOUR Input!

The Penn Township is updating its Comprehensive Plan. As a resident of the township your thoughts and opinions are valued as a critical part of this update. Please visit the Township's website ([www.penn-township.net](http://www.penn-township.net)) to complete the Comprehensive Plan survey. Surveys are also available at the Township office, at the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce or by visiting the survey link below:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/8TGWXNP](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8TGWXNP)

**Surveys should be completed no later than Wednesday,  
November 21, 2018.**