

# MOORE TOWNSHIP

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## LAND AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD

The Land and Environmental Protection Board (LEPB) would like to thank all the residents of Moore Township for their continued support of efforts to preserve as much of Moore Township's natural resources as possible so future generations will also be able to live surrounded by the farms and woodlands.

Currently, the Township has 2,749.24 acres of preserved farmland and 244.10 acres of preserved woodlands and open space. Forty-seven farms are preserved with the number growing every year. This past year, several new farms in Moore Township were added to the Northampton County preserved farms list. The Township's current preserved farmland total is third most in Northampton County.

Preservation of open space has started to gain traction over the last few years, and the Board hopes it will match the great success of the farmland program one day. As residents become more aware of the program, the number of applications for preservation of our woodlands and open space has increased. This year in particular, the Board has seen a significant increase in open space applications. This past year, several landowners with adjacent properties got together to preserve their properties allowing the preservation of what will be a very large parcel of contiguous preserved woodlands and open space. The importance of landowners preserving their woodlands, meadows, and wetlands cannot be stressed enough in helping make water and air both cleaner and safer.

The LEPB continues to maintain two preserves, Schiavone Park and Appalachian Park, for all residents who enjoy the outdoors. Appalachian Park is open for hunting and hiking, while Schiavone Park is open for fishing and picnicking. The Board will continue to plan improvements for both parks in future years.

Each year, the Board hosts an Open Space Open House. One of the two conservancies working with the Township does a presentation for all those who want to learn more about preserving their land. The Open House has been very successful with last year's being no exception. There was a great turnout with everyone benefiting from a terrific presentation by the Wildland Conservancy. The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session. This year, the Open House will be on September 11 at 7pm at the Rec Center Pavilion with a presentation by Heritage Conservancy.



## Open House Event

The Land and Environmental Protection Board Open House will be on Monday September 11th at 7pm at the Moore Township Recreation Center Pavilion. Matt Babbitt of Heritage Conservancy will be presenting and answering questions about the Open Space preservation program. Anyone interested in the Township Open Space or Farmland Preservation programs are encouraged to attend.

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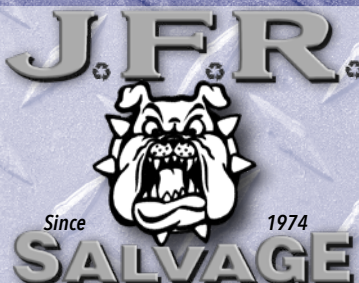
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## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Historical Commission has seen nine years come and go since its establishment in 2014. Every year, the Township grows older, and it seems harder to find and preserve our history. Much has happened to this ground since 1765, but there aren't many ways to share with people other than through stories passed down and held tight in family and close groups of people.



Restoration of the Edelman one-room schoolhouse is coming along. All wainscoting has been restored and doors, shutters, and windows with original



window weights are in great working order. It was discovered the original timbers from 1859, as well as the floor and subfloor, will need repair. The Commission hopes to have a re-opening ceremony later this year or early 2024.

The Commission would like to thank Bob Fedio for all the hard work he has done on the Edelman School thus far. Thank you, Bob!

The public is invited to attend the Historical Commission's public meetings the last Tuesday of every month. Members are trying very hard to gain knowledge of past railways, structures, businesses, grist mills, lime kilns, distilleries, people, or anything of historic value to our great township. You may contact the Commission through Township Manager Nick Steiner or Supervisor Mike Tirrell, with anything you'd like to share: pictures, stories, artifacts, etc.

The Historical Commission will again be at Community Days, the Lion's Club Car Show, and a few other events. The annual Oktoberfest Dinner fundraiser is planned for October 12th at Klecknersville Rangers Fire Hall from 5pm to 9pm.

## WHAT IS THAT UGLY GREEN STUFF ALL OVER MY TREES?

I'm sure many of you may have noticed that weird light-green mossy growth on some trees that can look like little silver patches of sliced cauliflower on dark-green blotchy areas. You can especially notice it after it rains. Some people refer to it as green and white 'tree measles'. Well what is it? Is it harmful to the trees? Is it good for anything? Why did it grow on my tree? Can it be removed?

What you are seeing is something called 'lichens' – Foliose lichens, to be exact. They can grow on many things, but one often notices them on tree trunks and branches. They arise from a symbiotic relationship between fungi and a photosynthetic partner, typically algae.

In laymen's terms, the way this works is that one needs the other. A harmless fungi can be present on your tree, but when it comes in contact with an algae, all the sudden these two organisms merge – 'link up' to form the lichens that you see. The way to remember this term 'lichens' is to remember that one organism has to 'like' the other, sort of like a romance.

Ok, that's a lovely story, but the stuff is ugly. Is it going to hurt my tree? The answer is no. Lichens never hurt your tree. They exist on top of it, but they do not cause any harm to the tree.

What good are they? Well, lichens play an important role environmentally. They provide a food source for many animals such as deer, goats, and caribou, (which I haven't seen for awhile in Moore Township) and they are used as building material for bird nests. Some species can even be used in antibiotics.

Lichens are also a useful indicator of atmospheric pollution levels. Because lichens have no roots or protective surface, they cannot filter what they absorb, so whatever is in the air is taken straight inside. If there are pollutants, it can accumulate in the lichen and stunt growth quickly. So, the good news is that the more lichens you see in general, the more different species you see, and the larger they are – well, it probably means you have clean, healthy air.

The bad news is that they can be an indicator that the tree they are attaching to is stressed for some other reason. Lichens like to grow where they get sunlight and where they don't have to worry about their host moving much, or getting bigger. So if a tree has gotten thinner, or has lost some of its canopy – the lichens get more light. If the tree is struggling and not growing much, the lichens feel comfortable that the bark won't move much. This is why you often see lichens on dead trees – plenty of light, and they aren't growing. The presence of lichens might give you the opportunity to check into any possible reasons your tree might be struggling.

Can they be removed? Sure – but it is time-consuming. The only way to get these off is to gently use some kind of stiff brush while you are wetting down the bark, but being careful not to injure the bark.

This is the romantic, but not-so-lovely story of lichens. So the next time you are driving down a Moore Township road and you see these lichens, you will know exactly what they are – the good, the bad, and the ugly.

*Contributed by: Susie Dettmer*





## MOORE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### HI! MY OWNERS ARE AWAY! COME ON IN!

Is this what your house tells people when you go on vacation? Better yet, is this what your social media tells people? Or when you talk to someone in a public setting about your future vacation plans and house vacancy? There are some simple and high-end steps to ensure you return to your house and property the way you left it. There are also a few steps to take while on your trip to make sure you are not announcing the vacancy.

When going away for a long weekend, a whole week or more, we have a checklist of things to pack, itineraries, and reservations. But, do you have a checklist for preparing your, soon-to-be, vacant home for vacation? Simple steps include making sure all doors and windows are locked and functioning properly, having your mail and newspaper delivery put on hold, and making sure no packages are scheduled for delivery while away. Having mail, newspapers and packages stacking up is a good indicator the house is vacant and an opportunity for those items to be stolen. Uncovered windows or sliding glass doors are great to look out but can also be looked in through. Simple curtains can keep a curious person less curious. Speaking of sliding glass doors, they are one of the easiest access points unless you place a piece of wood between the door and frame. Does your attached garage have automatic garage door openers? There are devices on the market to clone or mimic the remotes to open the doors. If your system has a lock feature, use it, or unplug the openers. Do not forget to cut the grass just before you leave or have someone on standby to remove the snow.

Do you live in the dark when you are home? Probably not. Do you have a habit of turning exterior lights on and off when you are home? Lights are used at all times of the day, usually regularly. A consistently dark house is a great indicator your house might be vacant. Simple analog timer devices (think Christmas lights), set for morning and evening hours, will keep the appearance of an active house. More technologically advanced timers can be set and monitored from smart phones.

There is an old saying; a lock only keeps an honest person honest. The same could be said about security alarm systems. That is not to say an alarm system is a bad option. Keep in mind how your system is set for activations and response times. Think about how long it takes the alarm to trigger, if the alarm company calls you first to see if the activation was false before calling police, and the time it takes police to get dispatched and arrive at the home. A burglar can do a lot of work in ten minutes. Talk with your alarm company provider about how to change some settings in the activation and response times for specific areas of your house. Since we are on the subject, do you have a security camera system that only notifies you of a motion activation? That is a good option, but what if you do not have your cellular telephone or have a weak signal? At least later, you will be able to watch what the thief took from your home while you're relaxing on vacation. Have a secondary monitoring system for those situations, be sure the system is activated, and notifications are sent.

Having someone stop over and check the house is a great idea. You can also contact the Northampton County 911 Center or Moore Township Police Department and request a vacation vigilance check. We will do periodic drive by inspections but will rarely stop and walk around the residence. The reason for not stopping and walking around the residence every time is just like the lights. The police consistently walking around the house checking doors and windows would be a good indicator the house is vacant. If you notify the Department of home vacancies, and something suspicious is reported in the area, then we can take extra care to check the property and have immediate contact information.

Social Media! It is everywhere and most use it without thinking; #FamilyOrlandoVacation, #CaribbeanCruise, #We're-not-home-thisweek. Thieves spy on social media accounts to see who is away, leaving a vacant home for the taking. Try and limit your postings of the vacation until you arrive home. Enjoy the moment with the people you are on vacation with. Everyone else can be jealous about the vacation after you get home. Think about what you say and when you say it to people when planning to go away. Telling your friend of the details (dates, location, etc.) of your vacation while standing in line at the crowded store or coffee shop is an invitation for anyone else to gather the same information. Be careful about mentioning vacation dates when scheduling appointments. You never know who is listening.

Hopefully, you just came back home from a relaxing vacation. The last thing you want to do is come home to a burglarized home. While this is not every point to safeguard your property, this information will get you thinking about how to leave your property when on vacation. Next time you go on vacation, instead of your home saying, "you are away" have it say, "nothing to look at here." You can contact the Moore Township Police Chief to schedule an Officer to make additional suggestions, or you can call a security specialist who can provide suggestions and systems.

## RESOLVE TO LOSE A LITTLE LAWN IN 2023

We all like walking in the grass in our backyards and local parks or watching our children play soccer or some other sport on athletic turf. But lawns and turfgrass take up as much as ten percent of the land in some areas. Do we truly believe that all of these acres are maintained as lawn for good reasons? Or is the lawn just the modern default option for land in developed areas that isn't covered by roads or buildings? While utterly ubiquitous, lawn cover is far from environmentally friendly. Do you want to reduce your environmental footprint and help to improve water quality in our local streams in 2023? An easy way is to reduce your lawn cover!

### **What's the Fuss About a Little Lawn?**

Anyone who's had the responsibility of maintaining a lawn knows that it can take a lot of work. At the very minimum it requires regular mowing and trimming, usually with the help of gas-powered equipment. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, Americans burn about 1.2 billion gallons of gasoline on lawn mowing annually, emitting up to a metric ton (over 2,200 pounds) of CO<sub>2</sub> into the atmosphere every year per acre of lawn.

To keep our lawns deep green and weed-free, we apply about 70 million pounds of fertilizers and 90 million pounds of pesticides annually. And we all know what happens to chemicals that don't get incorporated into the soil: they run off, making their way into our streams. This is exacerbated by the fact that a typical lawn can only infiltrate about one inch of rainwater per hour (compared to a forest, which can infiltrate up to 16 inches per hour). This means that during intense rainfall events, your lawn becomes a source of stormwater runoff. That water picks up pollutants, not just from your yard (including animal waste) but also from roads and parking lots, carrying them into our local streams. Stormwater travels fast, and with high volumes, can rapidly erode streambanks, further polluting streams with sediment.



### **What Can You Do?**

You can make some small changes in your own yard that can go a long way toward improving water quality in our local streams. There are three eco-friendly alternatives to a lawn in our region: conservation landscaping, forest cover, and meadow cover.

Conservation landscaping is precisely what it sounds like: manipulating the land and flora around your home or business, with the goal of reducing your environmental impact. Practices like rain gardens, beds of native grasses and wildflowers, and planting native trees and shrubs are great ways to improve water quality, sequester carbon, and benefit pollinators while still meeting traditional expectations of how the area around a home should look.

What about larger areas? Many residences in the Township are surrounded by several acres of lawn, and innumerable churches, schools, and businesses pay landscaping companies to mow huge swaths of turfgrass. Spaces that are hardly ever touched, except by a mower, could be converted to patches of woods or meadow to maximize ecological benefits while minimizing maintenance. And that, of course, means saving money!

Converting a lawn to a native meadow can be challenging, but if successful, very rewarding. A less complicated approach to converting lawn cover to a native ecosystem is by simply planting trees. Maintenance in the form of mowing between the trees will be necessary for a few years, but eventually the canopy will close and provide sufficient shade and leaf litter to overtake the turfgrass and begin to rebuild forest soil (an unsung hero for both carbon sequestration and water infiltration).

Even planting trees in your yard with turf grass below them or planting a street tree that will cover the road with its canopy will reduce nutrient loads. And trees provide many benefits beyond water quality improvements.

#### **Trees help:**

- Improve air quality by catching particulate matter and absorbing air pollutants.
- Reduce urban temperatures by shading roads, parking lots, sidewalks, and rooftops.
- Help mitigate climate change by absorbing greenhouse gases.
- Serve as an important wildlife habitat for birds and insects.
- Enhance aesthetic value, increase property values, and increase recreational opportunities within the community.

If you're interested in more technical information about lawn conversion or planting trees on your property, visit [dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation/Water/LawnConversion](https://dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation/Water/LawnConversion).





## BOY SCOUT TROOP 33

Boy Scout Troop 33 in Bath, sponsored by the Lions Club of Bath, is a youth-led Troop that follows the patrol method. Troop 33 has been continuously chartered since 1928 and is part of the Minsi Trails Council. Scouts are encouraged to challenge themselves to step outside their comfort zones, allowing them to become confident and successful young men.

The active Troop has over fifteen Scouts and four trained Scoutmasters/Assistant Scoutmasters. Outdoor activities are planned throughout the year, including camping, backpacking, canoeing, and biking. For a more challenging activity, scouts and adult leaders participated in a Boy Scouts of America High Adventure sailing trip in St. Thomas, the U.S. Virgin Islands, last summer.

The Scouts also participate in various community service projects such as Fishing for the Blind, sponsored by Moore Township Lions, Scouting for Food, conservation projects at Jacobsburg Environmental Center, and various Eagle Scout projects benefiting the community.

The Troop meets Tuesday night from 7-8:30 PM at the Klecknersville Fire Company. For more information about Troop 33, contact the Scoutmaster Paul Connolly at PJ@BathSupplyPA.com.



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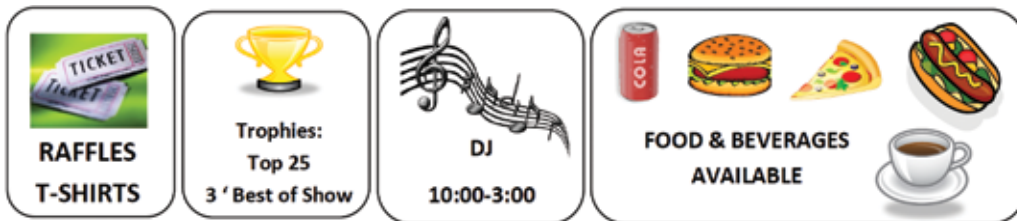
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## MOORE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY DAYS SUMMER FUN EVENTS

The Community Days Committee is hosting a number of fun activities to enjoy during the summer, such as outdoor movie nights, music concerts, and the Township's annual Community Days weekend. The summer band nights and movie nights are free to attend. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy great local bands playing at our Moore Township Recreation Center!

### 2023 COMMUNITY DAYS WILL BE FRIDAY, AUGUST 18 & SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

There will be rides, games, bingo, food from local businesses and food trucks, and live bands playing throughout the event. Cody Templeton Band and Social Call will be performing before the popular fireworks display. Make sure to check [mooretownship.org](http://mooretownship.org) or follow the events on Moore Township Community News Facebook page.



These events are organized by volunteers. Please consider volunteering so the Township can continue to provide these great events to the community. As a volunteer, you will meet new people and make a positive impact in the Moore Township community!

Sponsorship opportunities are available by calling 610-759-8844 Ext. 5.

The Committee would also like to acknowledge the Moore Township Community Days events and programs are being funded in whole or in part with funding from the hotel tax grant program through the County of Northampton Department of Community and Economic Development.

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## MOORE TOWNSHIP FAMILIES IN NEED

Moore Township Families in Need is a nonprofit local organization helping the residents of Moore Township since 1986. The organization was founded to provide financial assistance to Shannon Warner, a 9-year-old with leukemia, and his family. After Shannon's passing, our group continued to help others in our community.

This past year, we helped residents with prescriptions, utilities, bills, rent and car insurance. We help feed families in need and play a part in helping neighborhood kids have a Merry Christmas. We also participate in Moore Township Community Days.

Every year, we honor Karen Grube, one of our founding and longest serving board members, by awarding "The Karen Grube Scholarship" in her memory. The \$500 scholarship is open and awarded to Moore Township high school seniors.

Moore Township Families in Need meets at Covenant United Methodist Church the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm. For those residents requesting help or interested in joining our organization, you can contact us through our Facebook page, MOORE TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION FOR FAMILIES IN NEED. You can also write to us at Moore Township Families in Need, PO Box 217, Bath, PA 18014.

Our primary goal is to promote, coordinate, support, assist and organize efforts to meet the financial needs of the residents of Moore Township and surrounding areas without regard to race, religion or creed, but we need your support. Financial donations are greatly appreciated. Please mail donations to Moore Township Families in Need, PO Box 217, Bath, PA 18014.



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## PUBLIC WORKS

In 2023, Asphalt Maintenance Solutions will be double seal coating all or portions of Alpine Dr, Applebutter Rd, Bigley Rd from Glase Rd to W Scenic Dr, Crestvue Circle, Derhammer Rd, Hillcrest Ln, Horseshoe Rd, S Mink Rd, N Oaks Rd, and Vista Dr. The project is expected to take place the end of August. The Public Works Department is replacing culverts and repairing portions of these roads to prepare for the seal coat.

The Public Works Department is planning to repair sections of Schlegel Rd, Carol Ln, Orchard Ct, Meadow Ln, Delps Rd, Copella Rd, and W Beersville Rd in addition to annual maintenance of dirt and gravel roads.

For winter information, leaf collection, yard waste, and the road program, visit [mooretownship.org/publicworks.html](http://mooretownship.org/publicworks.html) and select the appropriate links.

Maintenance of state roads including roadside mowing, snow plowing, potholes, and dead deer removal is the responsibility of PennDOT. PennDOT District 5-0 Maintenance can be reached at 610-798-4280 or [customer.care.pennndot.gov](http://customer.care.pennndot.gov). You should receive an electronic response explaining the resolution to your question and an approximate time in which work will be completed, if required.



# FOCUS ON MOORE TOWNSHIP FARMS: GRAVER FARMSTEAD

*Contributed by Zachary Zeitner*

It's only a few moments of driving on South Delps Road coming from West Scenic Drive when the homes vanish and suddenly an overwhelming sense of openness and tranquility sets in. For years I've often taken this off the beaten path home to absorb the bountiful farmland that stretches out as far as the eye can see. It's a sprawling landscape that feels expansive and unrestrictive, inviting exploration and evoking a profound connection with the earth. It's these beautiful farms that weave throughout the landscape of our township, connecting our businesses, homes, and parks like patchwork in a giant quilt.

The moment you crest the hill, your eyes fall upon the operations of Graver Farmstead located on 820 South Delps Road. The farm is owned and operated by Charles and Janice Graver along with their family. The Graver family has owned the farm since 1804, but their roots may even go back into the 1700's before county records.

I've spoken to several residents who, like me, have seen the farm but not really know anything about it. I recently had the pleasure to chat with Jan and Charles to find out more about their farm including what they produce and sell, along with some of the challenges they face as farmers.

The Graver Farmstead raises wholesome, grass-fed Angus beef without hormones and antibiotics. The Gravers strive to have a healthy, happy herd of cattle living their entire lives on their farm. Interestingly, the Gravers keep their spring born calves with their moms until fall, where they are then separated to adjacent paddocks where they are still in sight of each other, reducing stress levels for the animals. The bulls are also gentle and calm, creating a friendly and gentle herd. The Graver Farmstead also raises and sells pigs and chickens. As a self-proclaimed bacon connoisseur, I can confidently say that their bacon is incredible! The farm also sells eggs and seasonal vegetables. Items are available at the farm and at the Nazareth Farmer's Market for purchase.

The Gravers shared some of the challenges they face as Moore Township farmers. Speeding and reckless driving around farms can be dangerous. Motorists should be extra attentive and cooperate when driving around any of our local farms. As you may be aware, farm equipment tends to move at a slower pace to cars on the road, so it's essential to exercise caution and drive carefully to ensure the safety of everyone. By remaining patient and mindful, allowing sufficient space and time for farm vehicles to maneuver safely, we can all contribute to a harmonious coexistence between our farms and the community.

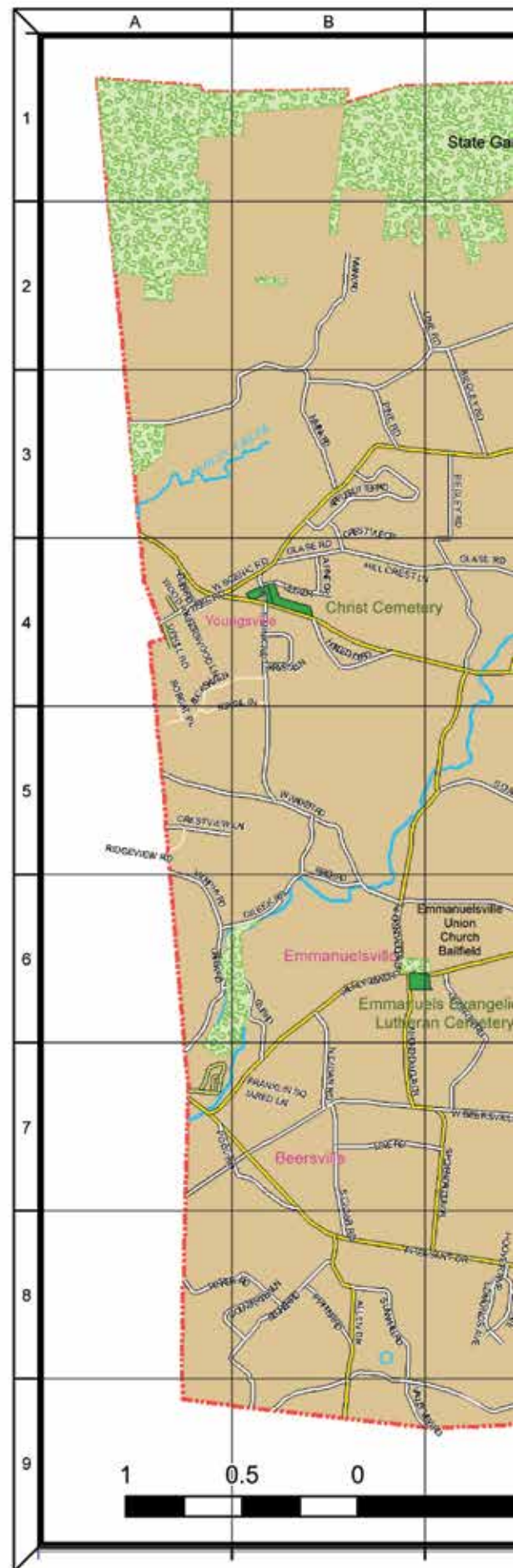
Another challenge that affects both our community and the well-being of farm animals is the increase in littering that has been occurring in the township. It can be easy to overlook the impact of littering, but when litter is inadvertently baled in the hay or harvested with grain, it can pose a serious threat to farm animals. Pieces of litter, such as sharp objects or plastic materials, can cause severe injuries or, in some cases, even lead to the loss of life for beloved livestock. The Gravers kindly ask for cooperation in refraining from littering, not only for the sake of a cleaner and more aesthetically pleasing environment but also to ensure the safety and well-being of farm animals. By doing so, we can foster a culture of respect for our surroundings and the creatures that share Moore Township with us.

You can find more information about Graver Farmstead on their Facebook page, their website [graverfarmstead.com](http://graverfarmstead.com), or reach them by phone at 610-837-1304. If you would like to see another Moore Township farm highlighted in an upcoming newsletter, please email me at [zzeitner@gmail.com](mailto:zzeitner@gmail.com).

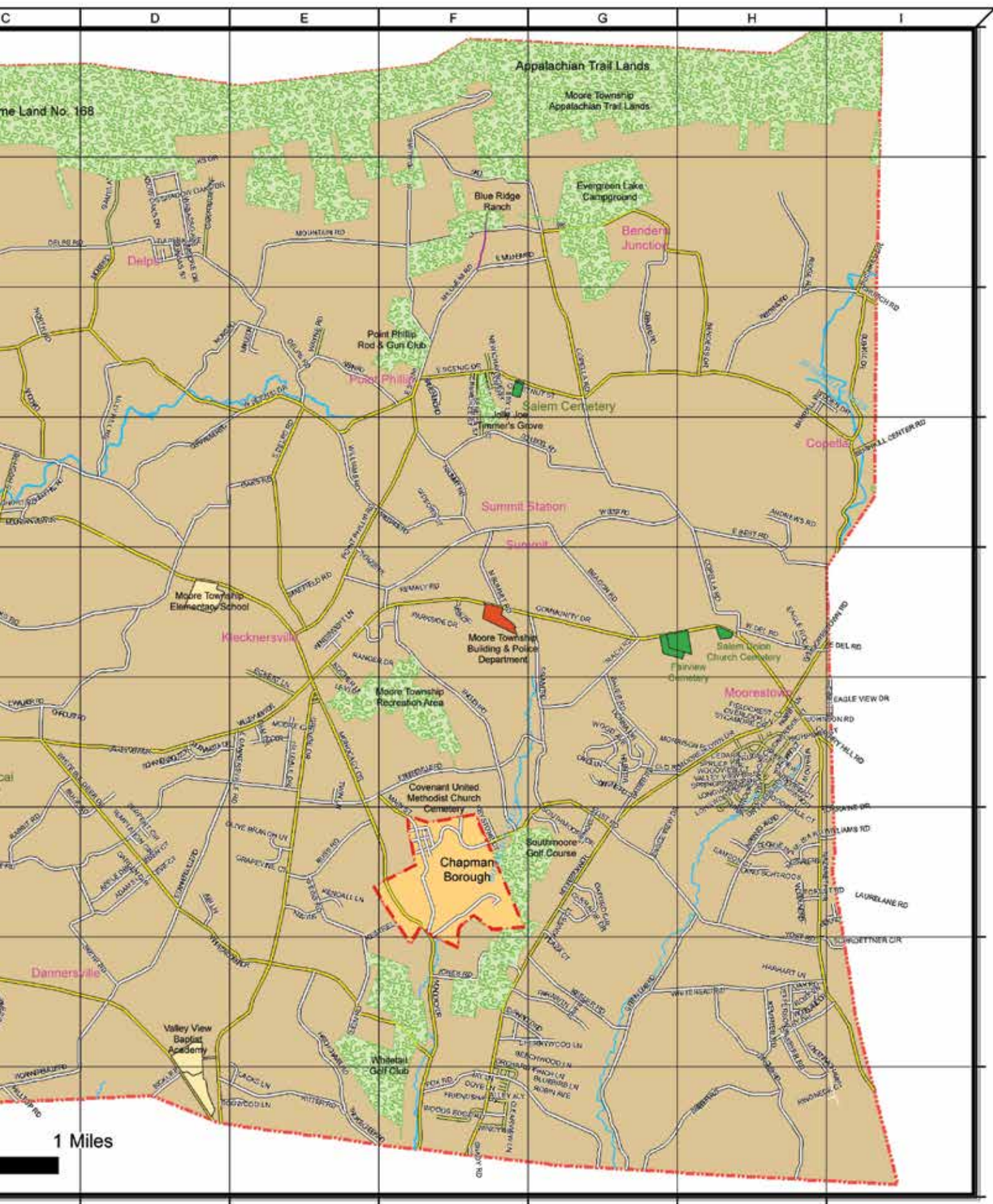


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5th St	F6	Hyatt Mill Rd	H4-G	Pine Allen Rd	H8-B8
6th St	F6	Hyatt Rd	H7	Piney Dr	E8
7th St	F6	Hickory Hills Dr	H5	Pheasant Dr	ST-C7-E7
Abil Ln	E7	Hickory St	H5	Pine Rd	B4
Adams Ln	D7	Hidden Dr	H3	Point Phillips Rd	E4-E5
A-Port Rd	E6	Highland Rd	E7	Pool Rd	C7
A-Port Dr	C8	Highpoint Ct	H5	Poplar St	F6
A-Port Dr	B4	Hill Crest Ln	H4	Poplar Dr	B7
Amelia Rd	H6	Hill Dr	E8	Primrose Ln	D7
Andrews Rd	H4	Hilldale Dr	E8	Rabbit Rd	D7
Aneway Ln	H4	Hillside Ln	D7	Ranger Dr	E5
Apple Dr	D7	Hilltop Rd	D8	Red Maple Dr	A4
Applebutter Rd	B4	Hobby Ct	H5	Redwood Rd	B6
Arcroot Dr	A6	Hoover Ave	D7	Rennally Rd	F5
Ash Rd	B7	Hoge Dr	H5	Ridge Rd	G2
Ashwood Dr	H5	Horseshoe Rd	B5	Ridge View Ln	B8
Barnall Rd	H3	Howe Rd	B5	Rivier Rd	B8-C8
Bath Pike	G8-H8	Iona Cir	D8	Robie Ln	G7
Bauer Rd	G5-G6	James Ave	D8	Rose Ln	H6
Bacon Rd	E5-G4	James Way	H3	Royal Oak Ln	G6
Baetice Ln	E8	Jared Ln	B7	Ruth Rd	H3
Baldie Ln	C8	Jay Ln	G7	S Bieber Rd	H8
Beechwood Ln	G7	Jean Dr	E5	S Cedar Rd	C7
Benders Dr	F2-G2	Jefferson Ave	H6	S Cottonwood Rd	A5-B7
Bagley Rd	C4	Johnson Rd	H6	S Daps Rd	E4
Bird Rd	C6	Jones Rd	F7	S Egg Rd	F6-F7
Birth St	F3	Jude Ct	D6-D8	S Hoch Rd	C5
Black Oak Ln	G6	Kewler Rd	G7	S Havedausus Dr	C7
Blossom Cir	D3	Kelly Rd	E7	S Mink Rd	B5
Bushbird Ln	G7	Kemmerer Rd	H7	S Oaks Rd	C5-D5
Bolt Rd	H8-H9	Kentall Ln	F7	S Penn Dixie Rd	G7-H8
Broad Rd	H1	Kestral Cir	F7	S Shadow Oaks Dr	G7-H8
Brookside Dr	H5	Kern Rd	E3	S Summit Rd	F5-G6
Buck Rd	D6	Keystone Ct	F8	Saddle Ct	D6
Buena Vista Dr	E6	Kings Ct	G8	Schaner Belt Dr	E6
Burhill Center Rd	H3-H3	Kingwood Ln	B5	Schlegel Rd	F4
Burhill Dr	H2-H4	Klein Rd	F7	Schal Rd	G6
Bass Rd	E6-F6	Kocher Ln	E5	Schoetner Ct	H6
Callant Cir	D3	Knauss Rd	H1	Sellett Rd	H3
Canoeport Dr	B6	Kreicerville Rd	A8	Seneca St	F3
Carol Ln	G5	Kuter Rd	E8	Serpent Cr	D6
Carrage Dr	G6	Lacks Ln	E8	Shadow Oaks Dr	D3
Cedar Ct	H5	Lakewood Ct	H5	Shady Ln	E8
Cherokee St	F3	Lang Schtroos	H5	Shady Rd	G8
Cherry Hill Rd	H5-B8	Laureline Rd	H6	Short Rd	C5
Cherrywood Ln	G7	Lehigh Dr	A7-B7	Sidde Rd	E8
Chesnut St	F3-F8	Levi Dr	E3	Silbes Ln	H4
Chesnut Rd	D6	Levis Rd	H7	Sizak Rd	E2
Church Rd	A8-H2	Liberty St	F3	Smith Gap Rd	E3-E3
Cleaveland Rd	H2-H4	Lilly Hill Rd	C5-D4	Smith Rd	D7
Cleaveland Ln	G7	Liter Rd	C3	Southern Dr	G6
Cloverhill Dr	H3	Longbeach Ave	H7	Springidge Rd	H5
Clio Rd	B6	Longley Rd	H7-H8	Sproue Ct	H5
Community Dr	E5-H5	Longridge Ct	H5	Sproue Dr	A7
Countryside Ln	C8	Longwood Cir	H5	Sprouwood Ct	H5
Copella Rd	F2-G4	Longwood Ct	H5	SR 4219	F6
Creamery Rd	H5	Lonsine Dr	H7	Stoner Rd	H8
Creek Rd	B6-C6	Love Rd	C7	Stone Post Rd	F8
Crest View Cir	B4-C4	Luther Ln	H5	Sunny Hill Rd	C8
Crestview Ln	B6	Main Blvd	E8	Swamp Rd	H2
Danville Rd	H7-H8	Main St (SR 4217)	F8	Sycamore Ct	H5
Deacons Rd	G3	Mango Dr	A4	Sycamore Dr	H5
Delaware Ave	F6	Maple Dr	D3	Tammany Rd	F3
Delphi Rd	A4-E4	Meadow Ln	H5	Teel Rd	A5-B5
Derhammer Rd	D4	Mastfield Rd	E3	Teel Run Dr	B5
Deternus Ln	B6	Meyer Rd	H4	Tenolation Dr	D6
Dixie Rd	G5	Michael Rd	H5	Terry Rd	H7
Dogwood Ln	E8	Michaels School Rd	H8	Tomic Rd	E4
Dona Pl	G5	Michelle Ln	D3	Trach Rd	G5
Dore Ln	G7	Milhams Rd	E6	Trapper Rd	C8
E Beensville Rd	E6-F6	Monocacy Ave	F7	Trickle Creek Rd	F8
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E Milheim Rd	F3	Moorestown Dr	C6-G7-G8	Upland Rd	B5
E Somic Dr	E3-H3	Moorestown Rd	H5	Valley View Dr	B7-H5
E Walker Rd	C6-D5	Morrison Ln	G5	Valley View Rd	D8
Eagle Rock Dr	H4	Moser Rd	D6	Vista Ct	F5
Eagle View Dr	G6	Mountain Rd	D3-E3	Vista Dr	B5
Ely Ln	F3	Mountain View Dr	A4-E5	W Dannersville Rd	C8
Eckert Ln	E5	Murphy Rd	A6-B6	W Bannersville Rd	B7-E6
Eden Ct	E7	N Cigar Rd	C7	W Best Rd	G4
Edgewood Ct	H5	N Cottonwood Rd	A4	W Dannersville Rd	D8
Edgewood Ln	H7	N Dogwood Rd	A4	W Dell Rd	H4
Edmonds Ave	D8	N Granger Rd	A7	W E-d Rd	G3-H2
Elm St	F3	N Hoon Rd (SR 4007)	C4	W Main Blvd	E3-F8
English Rd	F5-F6	N Hickensdauqua Dr	C6	W Moorestown Rd	H4-H3
Evanswood Rd	G7	N Milk Rd	B3-B4	W Mountain Rd	H2-H1
Eve Ct	E7	N Oaks Rd	D4	W Scenic Dr	E4
Fairlane Ave	H5	N Penn Dixie Rd	H5-H6	W Scenic Dr (SR 4214)	B4-E4
Fairway Ln	F7	N Shadow Oaks Dr	D6	W Scenic Rd (SR 4014)	B5
Fieldcrest Ct	H5	N Summit Rd	F4	W Walker Rd	B5-C6
Finch Ln	G7	N Walnut St	G8	Wabasso Ave	D3
Forest Rd	H8	Nazareth Dr	H5-H6-H7	Walnut Dr	A7-A8
Fox Rd	F8-H8	Newchance St	F3	Wayne Rd	E3
Franklin Sq	B7	Noll Rd	H1	Whitehead Rd	H7
Friendship Ln	G8	North Rd	C4	White Oak Ln	G6
Gareland Rd	D3	Norwegian Wood Ct	D6	Whitetail Deer Dr	F7
Garces Cir	D7	Oak Rd	H5	Whitetail Deer Rd	D6
George Ln	H6	Oak Ridge Ln	D0	Williams Rd	E4
Gidons Ct	F4	Oaks Rd	D5-E4	Williams St	H6
Grady Dr	H5	Old Grade Rd	H1	Windswept Ln	E5
Glaze Rd	B5-D5	Old Rd	G5	Windy Ln	G8
Gore Rd	H4	Olive Branch Ln	E6	Wood Ave	G5
Grainger Rd	A8	Oreham Ct	H5	Wood Rd	B5
Gravene Ct	E6	Oreham Ln	G7	Woodland Dr	H7
Grouse Dr	E5-E8	Overlook Ln	H5	Woodline Rd	H6
Grove Ln	B7	Oxford Dr	G6	Woods Edge Rd	H6
Hahn Rd	H5	Pam Dr	E3	Woodscale Ct	H5
Hahnert Ln	H6	Parr Ln	G7	Woodview Ct	H5
Hatch Gravel Rd	F7	Parkside Dr	E5	Yost Rd	G6-H6
Helen Cir	G5	Parkview Ct	H5	Yost Rd (SR 4010)	F6









## RECREATION COMMISSION

The Recreation Commission oversees activities and maintenance of the Moore Township Recreation Center. The main goal of the commission is to provide recreational opportunities for all ages that will enhance quality of living and promote a positive community environment.

Covering approximately 100 acres, the Recreation Center includes a football field surrounded by a track, multiple soccer fields, several baseball and softball fields, basketball courts, tennis courts which are also available for pickleball, a disc golf course, a grass volleyball court, two playgrounds, picnic areas, a pavilion, and a walking trail.

The Recreation Center is home of the Moore Township Athletic Association (MTAA) Redhawks. Several other outside organizations utilize the facility for sporting events such as soccer tournaments, softball tournaments, disc golf tournaments, and men's baseball league activities.

In addition to sports, you can find other activities throughout the year including the annual Lion's Club Car Show and events hosted by the Community Days Committee such as movie nights, concerts in the park, yard sales, trunk-or-treat, and the annual Community Days Event held in August. The Recreation Commission organizes a "Playground in the Park" youth summer event summer held between mid-June and early August. Each fall through winter, lights over the football field track will be turned on during specific evenings to allow for walking.

In 2023, exercise equipment will be installed near the football field track and surrounding areas. The basketball courts will be resurfaced with proposed pickleball lines on at least one court. This summer, the Northampton Library will be starting a Story Walk program along the walking trails to include a series of stations with pages from a book for children chosen by the Library. Books will be rotated every few weeks.

Another exciting opportunity from the Recreation Commission is the ability for members of the community to add a brick to the Veteran Memorial. An Eagle Scout started the program and fundraised to cover the costs for the installation. The goal is to fill the memorial with additional bricks to honor those who served our country. The order form can be found on the Moore Township website.

The Recreation Commission is constantly working towards making improvements to the Recreation Center to fit the needs of the community. Meetings are held every 3rd Thursday of the month. For those in the community interested in getting involved, visit the website for more information.



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## MOORE TOWNSHIP INFORMATION

### Board of Supervisors:

The Board of Supervisors, which are elected at large, consists of 3 members which, set policy, approves budgets and expenditures, administers personnel, approves subdivisions, appoints members to various Boards and Commissions, and makes decisions regarding numerous Township matters.

#### Board Members:

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#### Township Manager:

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John Wetzel - Vice Chairman  
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Trevor Errington  
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#### Zoning Hearing Board:

Jeffrey Ayers - Chairman  
Jeffrey Deloglos - Vice Chairman  
Randy Silfies  
Lyle Woodard  
Zachary Zeitner  
Kimberly Talipan - Alternate  
Tama Rigler - Alternate  
Matt Flower - Alternate

#### Zoning & Building Officer

Jason Harhart - 610-759-9449 x1

#### Township Solicitor:

Atty. David M. Backenstoe, Esq.  
610-838-2255

#### Township Engineers:

Kevin Horvath, P.E. Keystone Consulting Engineers, 610-865-4555

#### Township Sewage Officer:

Chris Noll 610-865-4555  
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#### Recreation Commission:

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Julie Poniktera - Vice Chairperson  
Karris Pennington - Secretary  
Dave Ball  
Robert Bealer  
Ron Silfies

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Robert Romano - Chairman  
Maureen Romano - Vice Chairperson  
Lois Kerbacher - Secretary  
Robert Fehnel  
Craig Hoffman  
Peter Locke  
John Nierer  
William Poser  
Thomas Roberts

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Jesse Longley - Vice Chairman/Secretary  
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Janice Graver  
Janet Kline  
Edward Marshall  
Maryellen Miller  
Kim Silfies  
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Dan Tanczos - Associate Member

#### Emergency Management Coordinator:

Matthew DePuy

#### Board of Auditors:

Mary Schmoyer - Chairperson  
Justin Smith - Secretary  
Terry Papineau

#### Township Tax Collector:

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#### Community Days Committee:

Rebecca Miklas - Chairperson  
Dennis Martin - Vice Chairman  
Josh Cesanek - Treasurer  
Lois Kerbacher - Secretary  
Lisa Green

**MEETINGS:** All meetings are held at the Moore Township Municipal Building, located at 2491 Community Drive, Bath PA 18014. The public is invited to attend all meetings.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** Regular Business meetings are held the First Tuesday of the month. Sub-division meetings will be held prior to the Regular Business meeting beginning at 6:00 P.M.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Meets on the Fourth Monday of the Month at 7:00 P.M.

**COMMUNITY DAYS COMMITTEE:** Meets on the Second Thursday of the Month at 6:30 PM.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD:** Meets the First Wednesday of the Month on an as needed basis at 6:00 P.M.

**RECREATION COMMISSION:** Meets the Third Thursday of the Month at 7:00 P.M.

**LAND & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD:** Meets the Second Monday of the Month at 7:00 P.M.

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION:** Meets the last Tuesday of the Month at 6:00 P.M.



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# MOORE TOWNSHIP ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



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# MOORE TOWNSHIP ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Moore Township Athletic Association is excited to continue to offer a variety of sports opportunities for many ages of children of Moore Township and surrounding area. We continue to grow as an organization and are always eager to have an increased participation at our monthly meetings. We meet the 1st Wednesday of every month. During the winter months, meetings are held at Moore Elementary School and once the weather warms up typically during the summer and fall months, meetings are held at the Pavilion at Moore Recreation Center. If you are interested in learning more about what the organization offers or what is discussed at the meetings, please feel free to attend a meeting or reach out to any of the MTAA Officers. Additional information regarding our organization and the sports we offer can be obtained on our website, or email the Secretary, Karris Pennington at [secretary@mtaaredhawks.org](mailto:secretary@mtaaredhawks.org).

MTAA's support of the youth in Moore Township and the surrounding area continues even until the kids graduate from High School. Each year, MTAA is able to present two scholarships to graduating Seniors at Northampton High School who have played a sport at Moore. We ask them to write an essay to explain what playing at Moore meant to them. Reading those essays each year and selecting the recipients, is humbling as we read what an impact playing sports at Moore has had in their lives. This is our ongoing goal; to have a positive impact in the lives of the youth that choose to play sports at MTAA.

MTAA is proud to offer a cheerleading program to all children between the ages of 4-13. Athletes may choose to cheer on just the GameDay Cheer Squad or cheer for both GameDay and Competition Squads. The GameDay season runs from mid-July thru October, during which time the athletes learn sideline dances and cheers as well as perform a half-time routine at the football games. The Competition athlete's season runs from September through February, participating in approximately 6 competitions. Last year was an extremely successful Competition season with the two teams that we had. Our younger team brought home a 1st place finish at three of the competitions and the older squad finished the season with a 1st place trophy and most creative choreography. We also won Most Spirited fans at the final competition of the season. For more information, please send email to [mtaacheer@gmail.com](mailto:mtaacheer@gmail.com).

MTAA Soccer participates in the Blue Mountain Youth Soccer League. We have teams in the Spring and Fall season. Also for the past 2 years, we have had teams participate in Indoor Soccer during the winter months held at the Lou Ramos Center in Allentown. Soccer also has a number of exciting events throughout the year such as the Garcia Cup, a weekend long event held every year in November.

MTAA Football is part of the Colonial Youth football league. We have four teams ranging from the ages of 4-13 years of age. We have a rookie flag team, competitive flag, 100lb tackle, and a 120lb tackle. Our season begins July 24th, 25th, and 26th with our preseason camp that is open to residents who have children within the age requirements. Camp is \$15 and is held at the football field at the Moore Recreation center. Our regular season begins July 31st and will conclude early November. If you have any questions or would like further information. Please contact our football commissioner, Brad Rauch.

MTAA Basketball is looking forward to continuing to grow our basketball program and more importantly to continue to watch the kids grow together as a team, as teammates, and as friends. We strive to teach the fundamentals of basketball and allow each player equal opportunity for growth as they learn what it means to be a team. Kids 1st grade thru 12th grade will continue to play in the Rising Stars Basketball League. The kindergarten kids will continue to play in house and scrimmage other organizations. Come enjoy another fantastic season with us at Moore where we focus on the kids having fun. For more information regarding our basketball program, please email the commissioner, Jesse Hummel at [basketball@mtaaredhawks.org](mailto:basketball@mtaaredhawks.org).

Moore Township Athletic Association offers recreational and competitive league baseball to our players within Northampton Area School District. Our youth programs are available as early as Tball for 4 year olds through 17 at the Connie Mack level. Our recreational leagues are intended for the players who are simply looking to stay active and play for fun. Our teams in the recreational league play in the Central Whitehall league. For the more skilled players who seek to pursue competitive baseball we offer league play in the Lehigh Valley League and Connie Mack league. In spring of 2022, our players playing for our Knee Hi team won the Lehigh Valley Championship. In the summer of 2022, our Connie Mack team won the state championship. A special thanks goes out to the countless number of volunteers providing support to the program. Whether it is parents volunteering valuable personal time to working the snack stand or our many coaches spending countless evenings providing direction and support to our players. Our program would not be as successful as it is without the support from local businesses. If you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring the baseball program please reach out to Russ Kocher or Steve Spagnoletti at [baseball@mtaaredhawks.org](mailto:baseball@mtaaredhawks.org)

MTAA softball is a part of the Parkland Softball League. We accept girls from ages 5 to 18. Our program has doubled in size within one year. We pride ourselves in allowing these girls to have fun, but also build the necessary foundation to teach and succeed in the game of softball. We have a spring and fall season where girls compete against other teams in the Parkland league. In the off season, we have summer and winter workout clinics. That's where the hard work and dedication begin. During these workouts, athletes work on their hitting, fielding, pitching, and catching skills. Girls are welcome to join us for one season or for all of the programs we offer throughout the year. No matter when they join, one thing is for certain, they will have fun while make great friends and develop a love for the game of softball.

MTAA has been recognized by several of the teams in other leagues as having the best snack stands! If you are in the park and there are games going on, please feel free to stop by one of our snack stands and help support our organization. We promise you won't be disappointed! Currently, we have tip jars at each snack stand to raise money towards lighting our baseball fields. Any donations towards our light campaign would be greatly appreciated. In closing, we want to thank all the parents that bring their children to practices, games, and other events. Also, all those that volunteer their time to make all these sports opportunities possible. It definitely wouldn't be possible to offer these sports without everyone that volunteers their time in any capacity.

## MOORE TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD

In 2022, the Zoning Hearing Board began to address variance requests regarding its first warehouse proposal. While holding public meetings to address the variance requests, the Board was able to clarify to residents the various questions and concerns with the request and how complex zoning is in Pennsylvania. Each municipality in Pennsylvania must provide an area for every type of use somewhere within their borders. While the Board may impose various zoning conditions on any variance request, it may not be too restrictive as to prevent the property owner from developing the land for its intended purpose based on the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, the state law that regulates zoning. For example, the Zoning Hearing Board does not have the authority to regulate traffic when the land is accessed from a state road as PennDot has complete responsibility for state roadways.

With the expected growth in the Lehigh Valley region over the next decade, residents should expect more requests and challenges to local zoning ordinances. The supervisors are made aware of the various complex issues that face our neighboring communities and try to address these issues before they become a problem in Moore Township.

In just the past five years, the Township continued to update the zoning ordinance. There have been several issues leading the Township to further amend the zoning ordinance to keep up with the ever-changing society as well as state law. Marijuana legalization, solar panels, short term rentals (AIR B&B), demands for warehouses, and Agritainment/Agritourism are recent examples. These updated regulations in zoning are not to prevent growth in our community but to allow the Township and the community to have a balance with the surrounding neighborhood and the impacts some uses may have on quality of life that affect all residents. The updated regulations allow a property owner to conduct a legal use on their own property without negatively affecting the surrounding property owners or the community. This is the balance the Zoning Hearing Board strives for in granting some variances while having to deny other variances and proposals. Each application is reviewed on its own merits after listening to testimony from both the applicants and surrounding neighbors and property owners.

During the Covid-19 restrictions, the Zoning Hearing Board held Zoom meetings as required by the State and found the need to add another alternate to the Board due to availability of members and needing a quorum to conduct a hearing. Currently, the Board consists of five regular voting members and three alternates. The alternates may only vote on applications if the Board does not have enough regular members attending the meeting to make up a quorum. Both full and alternate members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors.



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