FROM THE MANAGER’S DESK

I am proud to announce the Chippewa Board of supervisors approved work to begin on Phase II of Veterans Park this spring. We recently accepted a donation for 100% of the labor for construction of Phase II valued at $723,000 from Bryan Wright and his family.

HOW DID WE GET HERE?
CHIPPEWA RECREATION TIME LINE

2002 First meeting – established a panel of residents and members of the school district to discuss the Township’s recreation needs.

2004 Partnered with Blackhawk School district and received a grant to hire Pashek and Assoc. to do a Park and Open Space study for our entire district.

2006 Adopted Chippewa / Blackhawk School District Regional Recreation Park and Open Space Plan.

2008 Received a grant to help purchase 125 acres along 37th St. and McKinley Rd. for recreation (DCNR grant).

2008 First meeting – Chippewa Park Core Planning Committee comprised of individuals from our area youth and school district programs.

2009 Adopted Recreation Park Plan.

2011 Received a grant to start construction of phase 1 (two all-purpose fields, future baseball fields) (DCNR grant).

2012 Received approval from a Federal military program (IRT) to help with our park.

2013 Installed two infields, fencing, backstops, parking lot, pavilion and trees.

2013 IRT program, installed cement sidewalks.

2014 Little League fields opened.

2014 Installed water and additional parking lot.

2014 IRT program, installed storm water retention ponds for Phase II.

2015 Phase II, plans to install all-purpose fields, parking, walkways. (active and passive recreation)

Chippewa Township has been blessed since 2002 by receiving grant money, military assistance and donations. We have received over $500,000 in grant money from DCNR, $350,000 in labor from the IRT military training program, Field Sponsorship by Bowers Hyundai and Westerhaus, the donation of a 100 Acre Nature Park from Susan Sahil and now the generous donation from Bryan Wright and his family. I would also like to thank all of the people who served on our committees over the years.

DCNR - Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
IRT - Innovative Readiness Training
**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP RECREATION PROGRAMS**

**MAY THROUGH DECEMBER 2015**

**MOVIE UNDER THE STARS**

WHEN: Saturday, May 30, 2015 at dusk (9:00 p.m.)
WHERE: Chippewa Park, Klein Street (old pool area, behind Yolanda’s Restaurant)
DETAILS: Popcorn and refreshments.
Bring a blanket or a lawn chair.

**12TH ANNUAL CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY DAY**

WHEN: Saturday, June 20, 2015 from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.
WHERE: Chippewa Township Municipal Building, 2811 Darlington Road
DETAILS: Music, food, fireworks, special guests, kids’ activities. Fun for all ages.

**PIRATE BASEBALL GAME**

WHEN: Saturday, July 25, 2015, Bus leaves from the Chippewa Township Municipal Building Parking Lot at 6
WHERE: Pittsburgh, PA
DETAILS: Cost of the Pirate game ticket is $28. The bus ride & tailgate party at the stadium are free. Hot dogs, chips and drinks are provided. Pre-registration is required by June 27th. Call the Recreation Office at 724-847-2705 to register. Leave your name and telephone number.

**FAMILY POOL PARTY**

WHEN: Sunday, August 2, 2015 from 8 to 10 p.m.
WHERE: East Palestine Park pool in Ohio
DETAILS: Free to Chippewa Township residents. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Swimmers, don’t forget to bring your suit and a towel.

**SUMMER CONCERT**

WHEN: Saturday, August 22 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
WHERE: Chippewa Park, Klein Street (old pool area, behind Yolanda’s Restaurant)
DETAILS: Bring a lawn chair or a blanket.

**BUS TRIP TO CABELA’S STORE**

WHEN: Sunday, September 27, 2015 from noon to 5 p.m.
WHERE: Wheeling, West Virginia
DETAILS: Bus leaves Chippewa Township Municipal Building parking lot at noon. Bus returns at approximately 5 p.m. Call the Recreation Office at 724-847-2705 to sign up. Leave your name and telephone number. Seats available for the first 50 people who sign up by September 14th.

**OCTOBERFEST**

WHEN: Saturday, October 24, 2015, from 1 to 3 p.m.
WHERE: Chippewa Park, Klein Street, (old pool area, behind Yolanda’s Restaurant)
DETAILS: Hayride, pumpkin decorating, prizes, petting zoo, face painting, crafts, popcorn, candy, refreshments.

**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP TO SUGAR CREEK**

WHEN: Saturday, November 14, 2015, from 8 a.m. to 6 – 6:30 p.m.
WHERE: Sugar Creek, Ohio
DETAILS: Bus leaves Chippewa Township parking lot at 8 a.m. Bus returns at approximately 6 – 6:30 p.m. Call the Recreation Office at 724-847-2705 to sign up. Leave your name and telephone number. Seats available for the first 50 people to sign up by November 4th.

**CHRISTMAS IN CHIPPEWA**

WHEN: Saturday, December 5, 2015, from 1 to 3 p.m.
WHERE: Blackburn High School, orange cafeteria
DETAILS: For children up to age 10. Pictures with Santa, presents, crafts, face painting, cookies, refreshments.

To register for events or for additional program information call the Recreation Office at 724-847-2705.

Check out our signs along Route 51 for event information. All activities are free to Chippewa residents. All bus trips are free. All you pay is the admission to the events. Come and take part in these activities for all ages. A special thanks to the Chippewa Township Supervisors for providing these events to the community!

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Theresa Adler, Krista Kenelly, Katie Lechene, Kent Parkhill,
Cindy Vannoy, Teresa Wright, Chuck Wisnner

**ALTERNATES:**

Jim Troup, Kathy Michael, Steve Zachewicz, Brad Verhlyay

**EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN CHIPPEWA**

Check us out on Facebook
www.facebook.com/chippewarecreation
SHELTER RENTALS
Chippewa Township will begin taking reservations for the Chippewa Township Park Shelters at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2015. Rental fees are as follows: Shelters #1 and #2: $35.00 for Chippewa residents, $55.00 for non-residents; Shelter #3: $100.00 (includes $25.00 refundable security deposit) (Available to Chippewa residents only). Shelters can be reserved at the Chippewa Township Municipal Building located at 2811 Darlington Road, Beaver Falls, PA or by calling 724-843-8177.

REAL ESTATE TAX OFFICE
The 2015 Chippewa Township Real Estate Tax Bills were mailed out February 27th. If you do not escrow your taxes with a mortgage company, you will not receive your bill, please call the office at 724-846-4824, and I will mail a copy to you. Please make checks to Township taxes payable to Chippewa Twp. Tax Collector. The 2015 Blackhawk School Tax Bills will be mailed at the beginning of July. Payments for school bills should be made payable to Blackhawk S.D. Tax Collector. If you have any questions about your tax bills, please stop in or call. Thank you.

Linda Rawding, Tax Collector

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Barb Jablonski is the kitchen cook and does an excellent job preparing healthy and hearty meals. She is assisted by kitchen volunteers who help in various ways with food preparation and packing.
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In addition, a quart of milk and a container of soup (other than in the summer) are provided once a week. The cost for these meals is $3.00 per week/$65 per day.

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MARCH 30 – NOVEMBER 1, 2015
10 am – 6 pm

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9 am – 5 pm

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“Find!” With a joyous bark, Sophie, a German Shepherd, is off and running in ever-widening circles around her trainer as we walk along Seneca Loop Trail. Sophie is searching for someone who is “lost” in the park. When she finds the “missing” person, Sophie runs back to signal her trainer and lead us to her “find.” As a reward for completing her mission, Sophie is praised, petted and treated to a play session with her favorite toy. On January 2, the Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group brought 8 dogs to the park for rescue training. The group members, all volunteers, train their dogs in three ways. Air-scent trained dogs work off-leash searching for anyone within an area. Trailing dogs are kept on a leash and use the scent from a personal article to track and find a specific person. The dogs are also trained to detect human remains in water. The dogs worked with amazing intensity searching the forest, searching inside buildings, or tracking a scent through the fields and trails. There was much happy tail-wagging and playing when the dogs successfully completed each mission. The trainers and their dogs are rightfully proud of the invaluable work they do in assisting police and fire departments in finding people who are missing and providing closure to anxious families waiting for word about their loved ones. We had a wonderful time playing “Lost and Found” with this wonderful team and hope they will return to Sahli Park for a night time training session.

This winter’s freezing temperatures and deep snow were especially hard on wildlife at the park. Our bird feeding station was fully of activity as Chickadees, Nuthatches, Downey and Hairy Woodpeckers, Red-bellied Woodpeckers, Titmouse, Juncos, Blue Jays and Wild Turkeys came to feast on sunflower seeds, apples and cracked corn. Of course the squirrels came too, little Red Squirrels, frisky Gray Squirrels and the larger Fox Squirrels. Deer, rabbits and our resident opossum came to eat seeds and spread on the ground. Spring, summer and fall offer great opportunities for watching and photographing birds. You may catch sight of brightly colored Bluebirds, majestic Red-Tailed Hawks, or our elusive Indigo Buntings in the wildflower meadows.

The national decline in the populations of pollinators, especially Monarch butterflies and native bees, is a great cause of concern among the environmental community. Loss of habitat and food sources, increased use of pesticides, and climate change have reduced some species by as much as 75-80%. At Sahli Park, the goal of our Pollinator Conservation Project is to create and enhance habitat for pollinators. Last year we planted 62 seedlings (Gray Dogwood, Elderberry, and Buttonbush) and increased the size of our Milkweed gardens to provide nectar rich blossoms for butterflies and bees and food for hungry caterpillars as well. This year, we are excited about Phase Two, the construction of a greenhouse! The greenhouse will be used to grow native plants, especially Milkweed, and as a nursery to raise Monarch butterflies. During the summer, there will be tours of the greenhouse, presentations about pollinator gardening, and crafts and stories for children. We hope you’ll join us in learning about the butterflies and the bees!

Every season has its own special beauty at the park. Come, enjoy, and see for yourself.