



KENNETT TOWNSHIP
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TO: Kennett Township Board of Supervisors
FROM: Eden Ratliff, Township Manager
Subject: Monthly Report – February

Administrative Staffing Changes

As previously reported The Township has separated several administrative employees and are accepting applicants for the positions of, Building Code Official, Planner, Executive Assistant, Receptionist, and Accounting Assistant. Received applications are currently being reviewed and interviews are being conducted. Interested applicants should review the job descriptions and position announcements on the Township website.

State Elected Officials

I had the pleasure of joining Senator Killion for lunch last month and a meeting with Representative Barrar to review pertinent issues for Kennett Township residents. I reviewed the Township's unsuccessful grant application to install a roundabout at 5 points intersection and asked for their continued support for a grant being submitted in 2020 for the roundabout. We also discussed the impact of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) on Kennett Township and the Commonwealth and how its costs are not sustainable.

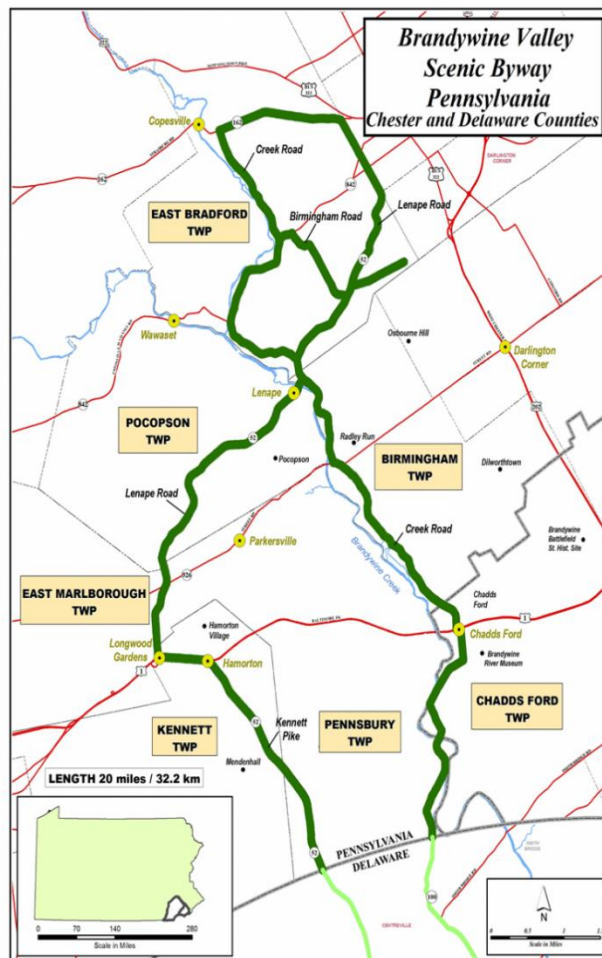


Human Resource Policies

We are continuing to work with the Township’s Human Resource consultant to create new personnel policies for the Township. Some policies include timekeeping, sexual harassment, tobacco usage, work place safety, etc.

Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway Commission

I had the opportunity to learn more about the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway Commission who advocates for the Byway in Kennett Township and our region. Our Township is very lucky to have such a wonderful asset in our community and we appreciate the work of appointed commissioners John Headrich, and Tom Nayle.



Chandler Mill Road Trails

The Township was awarded a multi-modal fund grant in the amount of \$1.7 million that has a local cash match of \$900,000.00. The grant will fund the construction and rehabilitation of the historic Chandler Mill Bridge and implement trails from the bridge to South Street in the Borough of Kennett Square. The Trails and Sidewalk Committee, along with the Township staff and key partners of the Township, are developing a plan for execution of the development and implementation of these stated trails. There will be a presentation at a future meeting of the Board of Supervisors along with stated public comment periods to facilitate community involvement.

Southern Chester County Opportunity Network (SCCON)

I had the pleasure of being invited to a SCCON meeting where dozens of non-profits shared their work and discussed how they can collaborate on vital challenges facing our community including transportation, affordable housing, and building bridges to all sectors of our community. I later attended a meeting with the Transportation Management Association of Chester County (TMACC) and community members including Kennett Area Community Services, La Comunidad Hispana, and Square Roots Collective to discuss the SCOOT bus and how it can be expanded in our region. I look forward to inviting these community leaders to speak about these issues at a future meeting of the Board of Supervisors.



Emergency Medical Services Commission

The regional EMS Commission met this month to review the reports of the three Fire Companies, Kennett Fire CO., Longwood Fire Co., and Pro-Mar-Lin Fire Co and the good work they are doing. One of the topics of the meeting was how our region can enhance recruitment efforts of volunteers to serve a firefighters and emergency medical technicians. Volunteers are vital to the ongoing operation of fire and EMS in our region at a low cost. Another topic was how to improve the efficiency of EMS delivery in the region, specifically in the Borough of Kennett Square and Kennett Township. The fire companies are currently working together to see if adjustments should be made and will be reporting back to the commission on their progress and recommendations.

American Mushroom Institute Specialty Crop Block Grant Application

Kennett Township went on record supporting the American Mushroom Institute's SCBG application which, if awarded, will be used to study best practices for maximizing production while minimizing environmental impacts. Through this type of collaborative work, our Township, a leader in balancing agriculture, environment and communities, is confident that The American Mushroom Institute will make a great stride in supporting the sustainable economic development of the industry. The proposed mapping, verifying and in-depth analysis of growing practices and environmental impact of the area will produce new information. This information will allow for analysis that will achieve newly informed outreach and education to growers for implementation of mushroom farm best practices.

Events In and Around the Township

I had the honor of representing the Township at several events and meetings this past month contributing to the good work happening in our community and discussing the happenings within Kennett Township. Some of the events include:

- Southern Chester County Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet
- Historic Kennett Square Board of Directors meeting
- Southern Chester County Opportunity Network meeting
- United Way Chocolate Festival
- SCOOT Bus Community Partner Meeting
- Southern Chester County Chamber of Commerce Government Relations Committee
- Longwood Rotary Club meeting
- District Executive, District 6, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
- Longwood Crossing Homeowners Association