

## Crossan Park's playing fields

Various youth athletic leagues use the two fields at Crossan Park to run their soccer, Little League, and flag football programs. The use puts a great deal of stress on the turf. To keep the fields in good condition, plus continue to expand youth sports opportunities, the Supervisors recently approved two initiatives for Crossan Park.

First, the Supervisors have hired an engineering firm to begin the surveying and engineering work needed for a new combination soccer/flag football field. The field is located beyond the 60-foot field in the meadow to the right. The work on this field is expected to be completed in 2007 with seeding this fall, and if all goes according to plan it can be ready for limited use for the 2008 season.

The township has retained Nancy Bosold, a turf expert from Penn State University's Cooperative Extension, to help improve and manage the two existing playing fields at Crossan Park. She is working with Jeff Eastburn on fertilizer use and best management practices to

improve the fields.

One of the major issues is overuse. Ideally, the fields should be used for no more than 125 events a year.

For 2007, the various youth leagues requested to use the fields 189 days. To compromise between the optimal use and what is needed, the Supervisors approved 140 events on the 90-foot baseball/multipurpose field and 130 events on the 60-foot field. The youth organizations will meet among themselves to determine how to cut use to the required levels on the fields for 2007.

In the long run, limiting the use of the fields will improve the conditions for the future and save the fields from major renovations. By next year, with the third field ready for limited use, the Township should be able to meet all the needs requested.

The additional field is the replacement recreational project for the Skate Park that was purchased with county grant money. When the Skate Park was removed, the Township was required to add another recreational activity at the park.

### About Franklin Township

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#### Township Meetings

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**Work Session –**

2nd Wednesday, 7 p.m.

**Board Meeting –**

3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.

**Planning Commission –**

1st Thursday, 7 p.m.

**Historic Com. & HARB-**

3rd Tuesday, odd months,

7 p.m.

**Open Space Committee –**

2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m.

## Franklin Township's organization

Although it is the Board of Supervisors that ultimately make the decisions for the residents of their Township, these individuals rely on the opinions of the hired administrative staff and the residents that volunteer their time on Township commissions and committees. Below is Franklin Township's organizational chart, outlining the commissions and committees that serve the Township.

### Board of Supervisors

Juanita Bennett, Chairperson  
Teddy Price, Vice Chairperson  
Norman Hughes, Member  
Dick Whipple, Member  
Roger Wilson, Member

### Administration

Stephen Ross, Interim Township Manager/Secretary  
Jeffrey Eastburn, Assistant Township Manager  
Joan McVaugh, Treasurer  
Sharon Norris, Secretary

### Planning Commission

Eric Brindle, Chairman  
Ralph Olivier, Vice Chair  
Richard Squadron, Sec.  
Mark Harris, Member  
Dave Hoffman, Member

### Comprehensive Planning

Ralph Olivier, Chairman  
Nan Latimer  
Teddy Price  
Harold Walls  
Dick Whipple

### Historical Commission

Wendy Toman, Chair  
Kevin Hull  
Dave Kidder  
Joe Neuman  
Ralph Olivier

### Historical Architectural

### Review Board (HARB)

Wendy Toman, Chair  
Duane Brady, Zoning Officer  
Keith Herrington  
Kevin Hull  
Dave Kidder  
Lou Mandich  
Ralph Olivier

### Board of Auditors

Member: Mike Korsak

### Emergency Management

Harold Walls

### Open Space Committee

Phil Geoghegan, Chairman  
Dolores Hughes  
Bob Brechter  
Teddy Price  
Paul Overton

### Zoning Hearing Board

Bill Finch, Chairman  
Connie Chiasson  
Debbie Hinderer  
Nancy Chromey, Alternate  
William P. Lincke, Esq.,  
Solicitor

### Vacancy Board

Nan Latimer

### UCC Appeal Board

Steve Lee  
Ralph Olivier  
Bill Finch

### Tax Collector

Elected: Marcia Lee  
Appointed: Berkheimer  
Tax Administrators

### Recycling Coordinator

Jim Trouba

### Ford Farm Committee

Tina Chromey  
Keith Herrington  
Norman Hughes  
Steve Ross  
Wendy Toman