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what uses our residents would like to see a trail system developed in the Township. In 2008, the process will conclude with a trail plan.

The Botanical Survey conducted in 2007 found a total of 804 species, some of which are rare and/or endangered and about 259 of the species are considered alien.

Township employees and consultants worked on 31 separate development plans and/or applications during 2007. The process will continue in 2008.

The renovation of the former Kemblesville Elementary School was begun by the Avon Grove Charter School in 2007. The school is expected to open for the fall of 2008.

In 2007, 137 permits (55 of which were use and occupancy) were issued in 2007. West Grove Fire Company made 74 fire calls and 153 ambulance calls to the township.

In Crossan Park, the Township limited use on the playing field to improve the turf's conditions to 140 events on the multipurpose field and 130 events on the 60-foot baseball field. These numbers will be used again in 2008. Also in 2007, a new multipurpose field (soccer/flag football) was built at the park.

During 2007, the Township worked with consultants to complete a road study and 10-year road maintenance plan for the nearly 35 miles of roadway in the Township. A sign inventory for the entire Township was completed. The 10-Year Road Maintenance Planning Program is available for review at the Township Office.

Approximately 2.6 miles of roads were refurbished in 2007 at a cost of approximately \$673,000.

The Township is planning to refurbish 2.72 miles of roadway in 2008, depending on road conditions at the end of this winter season. See the related story on page 3.

The Township's most dangerous intersection--Routes 896 and 841--received some attention in 2007 with new warning signs

## Franklin Township's Organization

Franklin Township's 2008 organizational chart outlines the commissions and committees that serve the Township.

From time to time there are openings on the commissions or committees. If you would be

willing to volunteer a small amount of your time to help make your township a better place, please call Sharon at 610-255-5212. Currently there is a need to fill vacancies on the Historical Commission and the Historical Architectural Review Board.

### **Board of Supervisors**

Dick Whipple, Chairperson  
Paul Overton, Vice Chairperson  
Norman Hughes, Member  
Nan Latimer, Member  
open seat, Member

### **Administration**

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

### **Appointed Commissions and Committees**

**Planning Commission:** Ralph Olivier-Chair, Eric Brindle-Vice Chair, Richard Squadron-Secretary, Mark Harris, Dave Hoffman

**Open Space Committee:** Phil Geoghegan-Chair, Dolores Hughes, Bob Brechter, Teddy Price, Paul Overton

**Zoning Hearing Board:** Bill Finch, chair, Connie Chiasson, Debbie Hinderer, Nancy Chromey-alt., Dave Francis-alt., William P. Lincke, Esq.-Solicitor

**Historical Commission:** Lou Mandich-Chair, Dolores Hughes-Vice Chair, Wendy Toman, Kevin Hull, Dave Kidder, Joe Neuman, Ralph Olivier

### **Historical Architectural Review Board**

**(HARB):** Ralph Olivier-Chair, Lou Mandich-Vice Chair, Wendy Toman, Keith Herrington, Kevin Hull, Dave Kidder, Duane Brady-Zoning Officer

**Recycling Coordinator:** Jim Trouba

**Emergency Management:** Harold Walls

**Act 209 Committee:** Kevin Barrow, Tina Chromey, Ken Crossan, Scott Downs, Earl Hatton, Dave Kidder, Patti Kehrer

**Vacancy Board:** Teddy Price

**UCC Appeal Board:** Steve Lee, Ralph Olivier, Bill Finch

### **Other Township Officials**

**Board of Auditors** (elected): Mike Korsak, Fred Scheing, and Carol Daly

**Tax Collector:** (elected): Marcia Lee

**Tax Collector:** (appointed): Berkheimer

and rumble strips on the southbound lane of Route 896. Township officials met with the Pennsylvania Transportation Commission urging the need to upgrade the safety at this intersection.

To keep residents up-to-date on Township issues, the Franklin Township Newsletter was published three times in 2007 and three issues are planned for 2008.

Information about Township business is posted regularly on the Township website: [www.franklintownship.us](http://www.franklintownship.us). Check it out regularly!

As always, residents are encouraged to bring their concerns to the attention of the Board through emails, phone calls, or by attending public meetings.

### **Reminder To Residents:**

All residents must file their Earned Income Tax payment to Berkheimer Tax Administrator by April 15, 2008. The mailing address is 50 N. Seventh St., Bangor PA 18013. Forms are available in the Township office and online at [www.hab-inc.com](http://www.hab-inc.com).

### **Message from Chairman**

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email me if you have any questions or if you'd like to check out the accuracy of anything Franklin related that you're hearing: [rwwhipple1@aol.com](mailto:rwwhipple1@aol.com). We want to communicate as much as possible. Please help us accomplish this goal. Thanks!

Dick Whipple, Chairman  
Franklin Township  
Board of Supervisors

[www.franklintownship.us](http://www.franklintownship.us) -- Check it regularly for current Franklin Township news!