



# EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

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### *Thank you...*

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- Shenk's Greenhouse
- Zook's Greenhouse



## New Director of Planning / Zoning Officer

Mr. Colin Siesholtz has joined the Township as the new Director of Planning / Zoning Officer. Colin started in this position on Monday, June 21. He comes to the Township with a master's degree in Geography and Planning and more than 4 years of experience in Pennsylvania Township government while working for East Hempfield Township as their Zoning Officer and Assistant Stormwater Manager. Colin has also had work experience with the Bucks County Planning Commission and project management experience in private industry. Colin holds certifications as a Building Code Official and a Certified Stormwater Inspector. We are very happy about adding Colin to the Township's Management team. Please join us in welcoming Colin to East Lampeter.



## Assistant Township Manager

Mrs. Tara Hitchens has been promoted to the position of Assistant Township Manager and began serving in this role as of June 1. Tara has served the Township as the Director of Planning / Zoning Officer since 2013. In this new position, she will be assisting with the management of all Township operations as well as leading a number of special projects. Tara's knowledge of the Township, hard work and dedication will continue to be a great asset to the East Lampeter community.

## Update: Public Meeting Arrangements

All meetings in the Township's Public meeting room have returned to full capacity for in person attendance. The wearing of masks or other face coverings by attendees is optional. Participation in all public meetings, except for Zoning Hearings, is also available via Zoom, a virtual meeting tool. Information regarding how to participate in meetings using zoom is available on the Township's website under Upcoming Events. Recordings or live stream of Township meetings can also be viewed on East Lampeter Township's You Tube channel.

Ralph Hutchison	Township Manager
Stephen Zerbe	Chief of Police
Tara Hitchens	Assistant Township Manager
Kevin Hostetter	Finance Director
Colin Siesholtz	Dir. of Planning/Zoning Officer
David Sinopoli	Assistant Zoning Officer
Alecia Hair	Zoning Admin. Assistant
Charlie Thomas	Public Works Director
Larry Frankford	Sewer Superintendent
John Brooks	Road Superintendent
Troy Bresch	Parks Superintendent
Charles Hayes	Stormwater Coordinator
Alex Wasilewski	Stormwater Technician
Jeffrey Shirk	System Administrator
Kurt Vivaldi	IT Support Specialist
Kathy Treier	Bookkeeper
Stephanie Leakway	Admin. Assistant
Lashawnda Martin	Admin. Assistant

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Meets 1st and 3rd Monday of each month  
except for February, May, July,  
September and November when  
they only meet on the 2nd Monday  
All regular meetings begin at 7:30 pm

### PLANNING COMMISSION

Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm

### SEWER AUTHORITY

Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month except for  
November when they meet on the 1st Wednesday  
All regular meetings begin at 4 pm

### TOWNSHIP OFFICE PHONE:

**717-393-1567**

### PARK BOARD

Meets 4th Wednesday of each month at 7 pm  
(NO MEETINGS in November and December)

### ZONING HEARING BOARD

Meets 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month  
at 7 pm  
(NO MEETING on 4th Thursday in  
November and December)

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## Casey Kaufhold of East Lampeter Township to Compete in the Tokyo Olympics!

The Township Board of Supervisors has adopted a Resolution recognizing Miss Kaufhold's achievement in earning her position on Team USA for the Tokyo Olympics and wishing her good luck as she competes as an archer. Please join us in supporting her as she travels to Japan and as she participates in Olympic competition. Good Luck Casey!!

Casey Kaufhold, a 17-year-old Olympic qualifier from East Lampeter Township, poses for a portrait on Wednesday, June 9, 2021. Ty Lohr | LNP/LancasterOnline



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## Witmer Road Bridge Over Mill Creek

The Witmer Road Bridge over Mill Creek is owned and maintained by Lancaster County. The Township has recently been informed by the County Engineer's office that this bridge is in need of maintenance and that they have planned for this work to take place this year. They are expecting that this construction will begin in early

August and will continue through October of this year. It is expected that the bridge will be closed for the duration of this construction activity. The signed detour route will follow Old Philadelphia Pike, Rt. 896 and Rt. 30 (Lincoln Highway). Please plan your trips through this area accordingly.

## Yard Waste Disposal Options

Shortly after learning of Manheim Township's decision to restrict use of their compost park to only Manheim Township residents, the Board of Supervisors requested Technical Assistant from the PA Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP). PADEP agreed to provide this assistance through one of their recycling programs and assigned a consultant to this project. The consultant has been reviewing current Township Ordinances and recycling program operations as well as completing research on various options for the Township to consider in order to address the change in availability of yard waste disposal options. Township staff has been told that PADEP is currently reviewing the report prepared by the consultant. Once PADEP has approved the report, it will be released to the Township for consideration.

In the interim, Township staff continues to recommend that Township residents use the West Earl Township yard waste facility or the yard waste disposal options offered by your licensed trash hauler.

Please look for updates regarding yard waste options on the Township's web site.





**State Representative**  
**Keith J. Greiner, CPA**

## State Surplus is Great News, But Storm Clouds Looming

State Rep. Keith J. Greiner, CPA

Late this spring, state revenue forecasters predicted the Commonwealth would end the fiscal year with a sizable surplus, thanks to federal stimulus payments stemming from the pandemic. In fact, the state Independent Fiscal Office (IFO) forecasted that on June 30 the General Fund would be \$1.6 billion above the level the IFO had projected just last January.

As a certified public accountant and member of the House Appropriations, Commerce and Finance committees, I welcome news of a budget surplus, but we must remember that this one is artificial. We did not earn it by extraordinary fiscal discipline, and it will not last. We have learned from experience that stimulus funding dries up and we are left with the same fiscal realities that dogged us before the bailout. That is exactly where we find ourselves in the new budget cycle beginning July 1.

To start, the surplus will be used to offset about \$1 billion in excess state spending by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services carried over from the 2019-20 budget. This is money that was not appropriated in the prior year's budget but was nonetheless spent by the Wolf administration. While the stimulus would enable us to cover expenditures for 2019-20 with the excess helping offset 2021-22 spending, this funding will not be available going forward and should not be anticipated. The IFO projects state revenues for fiscal year 2021-22 to be \$37.96 billion before approximately \$1.3 billion in tax refunds. In addition, general fund revenues for fiscal year 2021-22 are projected to be nearly \$2.152 billion less than 2019-20.

While state lawmakers work throughout June to arrive at a responsible budget, our best hope for the future is to get our economy back on track and citizens back to work. A bustling economy is good for businesses and our residents. It generates much-needed tax revenue and creates jobs.

We have seen positive signs in recent weeks. Many citizens are now vaccinated for COVID-19 and the rate of new cases and deaths has dropped sharply. Businesses are re-opening and people are starting to venture out again. While the IFO reported that Pennsylvania is still about 400,000 jobs short of pre-pandemic levels, jobless benefits will soon dry up and competition for jobs is expected to increase.

Businesses in our area have posted "Help Wanted" signs and many are offering higher wages to compete in the current job marketplace. If you are looking for employment, please contact:

### PA Career Link:

<https://www.pacareerlink.pa.gov/jponline/>  
or call 717-509-5613.

### PA Government Jobs:

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or call 855-524-5627.

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## Walnut Street Extension (WSE) Project and the Greater Lancaster Heritage Pathway (GLHP)

East Lampeter Township is continuing work to develop the project which intends to construct these facilities beginning in 2022. Although they will be separate facilities, we hope to have them constructed at the same time for a number of practical reasons as well as for the efficient use of resources. Township staff has been working directly with High Associates and their consultant team on all of the pre-

construction design and permitting requirements for this project. High is funding all of the pre-construction costs of this project.

Three public presentations regarding the development of this project have been made at meetings of the Township Board of Supervisors so far. Another presentation about this project is planned to be a part of the agenda for the Township Board of Supervisors meeting scheduled for Monday, July 19, 2021. Board of Supervisor meetings begin at 7:30 pm and can be attended in person or via zoom, a virtual meeting platform. The zoom link for this meeting (as well as all other Township meetings) can be found on the Township's web site.

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## Speeding is a Problem Everywhere!

Speeding concerns account for a significant number of contacts that Township staff has with Township residents. There are a number of locations that are communicated to Township staff on a regular basis, however we know that speeding is a problem everywhere. The Township has invested in electronic signs which measure, and display vehicle speeds and we are deploying these signs throughout locations in the Township each month. These signs alert drivers to their speed in hopes of modifying driver behavior in favor of being attentive to the speed that they are driving compared to the posted speed limit. These signs also gather data about the number of vehicles that pass the sign and the speed that they are traveling. This data is very important and can be used by the Township to evaluate the severity of speeding and what sort of traffic calming measures could be used in a particular location. The most helpful thing that you can do to address speeding in the community is to make sure that you are driving safely and adhering to the posted speed limit on all streets and highways.

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