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Anderson named township manager

Chris Anderson, the new manager of White Township, has completed a tale of “rising through the ranks” that’s 20 years in the making.

Chris takes over with the retirement of Milt Lady. Milt and Chris served the last nine years as the manager and assistant manager team.



Earlier, Chris joined the township in 2003 while a student at IUP, as a planning and GIS mapping intern. He worked the summer of 2004 on the road crew, then returned in late 2006 as planner and code enforcement officer.

“I’ve enjoyed having a hands-on role in learning and understanding the operation of White Township,” Anderson said. “I’m thankful that the supervisors and staff recognize my pride and commitment to the township, and that the board has entrusted me to keep White Township as the stable, progressive and successful organization that it has been.”

Township arena host to crowds, programs, parties

The S&T Bank Arena enjoyed its biggest crowd since the beginning of the pandemic when nearly 1,000 athletes, coaches and fans took part earlier this month in the 2022 Bo Wood Wrestling Tournament, organized by the Indiana Area Senior High School wrestling boosters.



About 20 teams from western and central Pennsylvania, including some of the top wrestlers in the state, determined their trophy winners after more than 500 matches on the weekend of Jan. 8.

S&T Bank Arena and the recreation complex along East Pike frequently host regional attractions that generate thousands of dollars in spinoff spending in the local economy.

This spring, the arena staff is booking birthday parties and other family events in the party rooms at the complex. Kids attending parties can get buy one, get one skating passes to add to their party entertainment.

Meanwhile, White Township Recreation is now registering participants for a busy schedule of almost 20 different sports and activities planned through the spring at the arena and complex. Visit <https://whitetownshiprec.org/registration/> for the complete details.

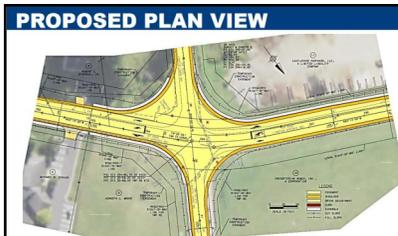
Intersection project planned for 2023; PennDOT seeks comments this month

Plans have been unveiled for the widening of Indian Springs Road to add left-turn lanes at the intersection of Rustic Lodge Road.

PennDOT also plans to extend the sidewalk from Oakland Avenue along the south side of Indian Springs Road and add sidewalks to two other corners of the intersection.

As part of its public display and input process, PennDOT has posted the design online at the District 10 website and provided a comment box for viewers to share their thoughts and opinions about the proposal.

The schedule calls for design work to be done this year, construction to start in early 2023 and for completion late next year. Send questions to the project manager, Kurt Kretchman, at kkretchman@pa.gov.



Yearly mobile home inspections on tap

Most White Township regulations and ordinances are enforced on an as-needed basis but the inspection of mobile home parks is automatically done every year.

It’s that time.

Code Enforcement Office Matt Genchur said the inspections are concerned with the roads, lighting and availability of parking. The safety, health and general livability of the mobile home parks get attention in the inspection visits.

Genchur reviews the issues of concern with the managers or owners in post-inspection meetings. “We ask them to contact us and let us know what they plan to do with the issues,” Genchur said. “And we’ll remind them that their fees are due by the end of March. It’s usually a pretty smooth process.”

Board re-elects Lenz chairman

The White Township supervisors have re-elected George Lenz to serve as chairman of the board for 2022.

Lenz, who first came on the board in 1975, said he would like to see township continue to flourish.

"I would like to see this municipality continue to grow internally and externally. I'd like to expand our infrastructure," Lenz said.

He said his checklist includes the Acorn Street extension and Walmart access road projects, more growth of the recreation and parks programs, implementation of the stewardship and deer management plans and new investment in the municipal center along Indian Springs Road.

The meeting room where the supervisors, planning commission and municipal authority board conduct public business each month had been freshly painted in the closing days of 2021, but the chairman called for expansion of the conference room, enlarging the road and sewage department garage, and possible installation of an elevator to make the second floor accessible to all.

Supervisors Richard Gallo, Gene Gemmell and Sandi Gillette joined Lenz in the unanimous re-election of Gallo as vice chairman of the board.



Know your township officials

Board of Supervisors

George E. Lenz, chairman; Richard Gallo, vice chairman; A. Eugene Gemmell; Gail L. McCauley; and Sandi Gillette

Planning Commission

Ted Kuckuck, chairman; Dennis Roumm; George Lenz; Nancy Smith; and Richard Gallo

Municipal Authority Board

A. Eugene Gemmell, chairman; George Lenz; William Beck; William Smith; and Kenneth Brown

Recreation Advisory Board

Matthew Jackson, chairman; Dan Antonacci, vice chairman; Alphonse Borowski, secretary; Barbara Hauge; and Kim Caretti

Board of Auditors

Kathleen Honacki, chairwoman; Donna Cousins; and Sara Frank

Where am I?

In what area of White Township will you see this configuration of rural street and four-lane highway, only a few feet apart? It represents the contrast of life in our community: we enjoy the quiet, calm pace of family life in our neighborhoods while we are a center of transportation and commerce for Indiana County.

Where am I?

Send your guess by email to the newsletter desk, cross@whitetownship.net. How well do you know your way around our township?



Last month, "Where am I?" showed a shed decorated with dozens of racks of antlers – no doubt the trophies of an extremely successful outdoor sportsman – displayed along Ben Franklin Road North near the Armstrong Township border.

Dana Henry and Veronica Graham were the first readers to correctly guess that location. Thanks to Dana and Veronica for their participation!

Public meetings of White Township's governing boards and other important dates you need to know

- 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18: Municipal Authority meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20: Stewardship Committee inaugural meeting (S&T Bank Arena)
- 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25: Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee regular meeting
- 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26: Board of Supervisors regular meeting
- 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2: Planning Commission agenda preview meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8: Planning Commission regular meeting
- 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9: Board of Supervisors regular meeting