

Limerick Township

Newsletter

Over a Decade of Recreation



Community Events

Senior Programs

Youth Camps

Fun Activities for ALL



and Still Growing

Message from the Chairman



*Kenneth W. Sperring, Jr.
Chairman*

Dear Limerick Resident,

The spring and summer months are always busy and exciting as outdoor activities become the focus of many. Whether it involves youth sports, summer camps, pick-up basketball games, hiking through open space, or leisurely strolls in the park or on a trail, Limerick is proud of the diverse parks and recreational offerings available to our residents. Prior to 2008, the Recreation Department was comprised of an all-volunteer committee which established the Township's annual Community Day event in 2004. The committee worked tirelessly to meet recreational needs of the growing Limerick community, but the continued growth of the Township strained our dedicated volunteers. Recognizing the need to support the volunteers, the Board of Supervisors approved a paid part-time recreation staffing position in 2008 to work alongside the committee members.

Today, the Parks and Recreation volunteer committee is supported by a full-time staff of three, who work diligently throughout the year to offer programs and activities for our children, seniors, and families; they also are assisted by a seasonal work force of 80 individuals, who help to provide fun and educational camp activities to over 400 children annually. The Committee and the Parks & Recreation Staff also work in cooperation with the Spring-Ford Chamber of Commerce on our Community Day event, now in its 15th year, which continues to grow and celebrate this wonderful Limerick community. In partnership with the Spring-Ford Rotary Club, the third annual Wine, Beer, and Food Festival will take place in September raising money for local charity and civic organizations, including providing funding assistance to the Township to upgrade the Community Park.

The Board's commitment to parks and recreation is not limited to programming. Over the past decade, the Township has added approximately 125 acres of park and open space available to all Limerick residents. Several miles of trails, which connect Township parks and open space to our neighborhoods, has also been added, thanks to approximately \$1.5 million of grant funding awarded to the Township to offset construction and design costs. Grant monies, combined with proper long-term planning and sound business operational strategies, have enabled the Board to expand all levels of parks and recreational services while maintaining below-average township real estate taxes when compared to all other 62 Montgomery County municipalities.

Parks and recreation are an important component of the services provided by the Township and contributes to the overall vitality of this Limerick community, which makes this a wonderful place to raise a family. I hope you will take a few minutes to read the parks and recreational information contained within this newsletter. I wish you all a wonderful spring and summer season!

*Kenneth W. Sperring, Jr.
Chair, Board of Supervisors*



Parks & Recreation—Over a Decade of Growth

The department provides recreational programs and activities to the community which has grown from 13,534 residents in 2000, to an estimated population of over 20,000 as projected by the U.S. Census Bureau for the year 2020. Working in cooperation with the volunteer Parks and Recreation Committee, the Township seeks to provide a variety of recreational opportunities that appeals to all age groups within Limerick.

Youth Programs - Now offering over 21 programs and activities that promote an active lifestyle and educational opportunities for our children such as:

Parents Night Out

Babysitting Course

Sports, STEM, and Art - themed Camps



Shamrock Camps – Beginning in 2008 with 60 campers, the summer camp program now serves over 400 annually

Over the past decade, Shamrock Camps has served over 4,000 children providing a summer filled with games, field trips, and activities.

Community Events – Department now offers 13 events to all age groups; over 9,000 individuals participated in 2018

Popular events include: Breakfast with the Bunny, Bus Trips, Community Day, Concerts and Movies in the Park, Trunk or Treat, Wine, Beer, and Food Festival, and the Rudolph Run



Adult & Senior Programs – 6 programs now available which provide opportunities for adults and seniors in our community to learn and be active

Popular Senior Programs include:

Coffee Talk, Tai Chi, Pet First Aid Course, and Senior Cooking

Our Recreation Volunteers

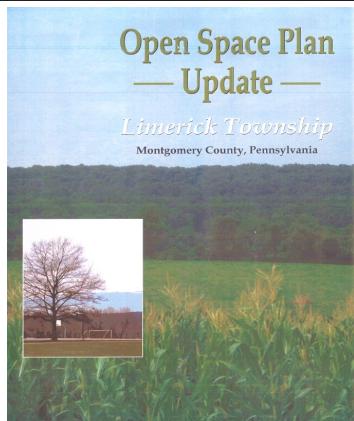
Parks and Recreation Committee

Pictured left to right— Jack Holz, Allen Dowhie, Jr., Liam Kaufman, *Student Representative*, Erin Cohen, Dennis Keener, and Brian Maguire

Missing from photo: Jim Crawford and Gregory Gray



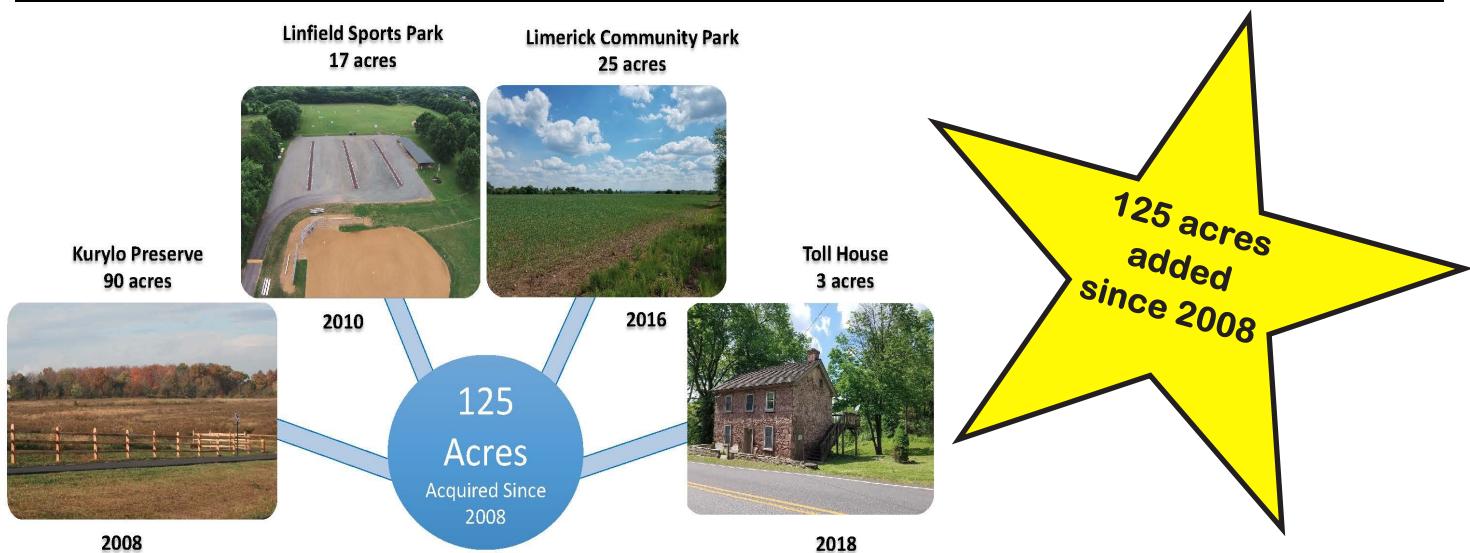
Limerick Township Park and Open Space



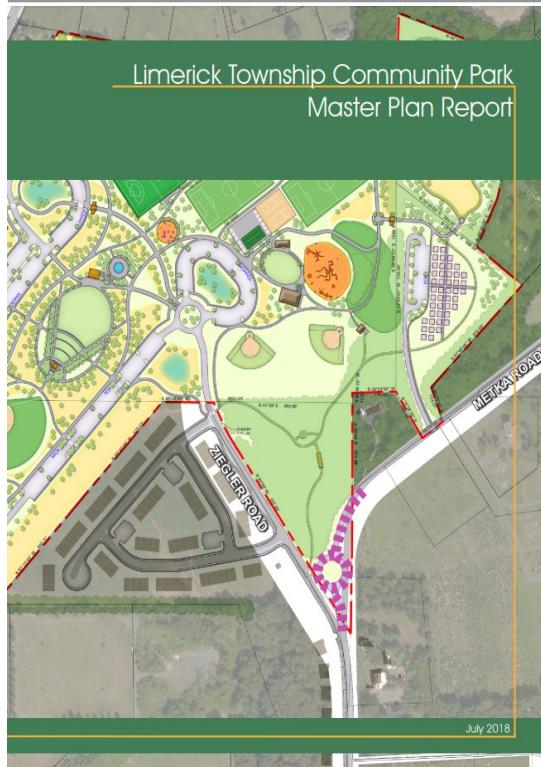
In 2006, The Limerick Township Open Space Plan Update noted 3,087 acres are protected within the township. Today, that number stands at 3,510 acres which includes State, County and Township lands, along with Private and Public School lands.

Limerick Township-Owned Parks and Open Space for Recreational Use

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>USES</u>
Bowman Tract	29.57	Open Space
Faircrest Farms	39.48	Open Space/Trails
Kurylo Preserve	80.00	Passive Open Space/Trails
Limerick Community Park	81.22	Active Recreation/Trails/Playground
Linfield Sports Park	17.00	Active Recreation
Schuylkill River Park	22.49	Trails/Angling
Stone Hill Preserve	43.73	Passive Open Space/Environmental Education/Trails
Toll House Property	3.00	Open Space
Trinley River Park	7.52	Boating/Picnicking/Angling/ Trails
Veterans Park	15.50	Picnicking/ Playground/Active Recreation
TOTAL TOWNSHIP-OWNED PROTECTED LANDS	339.51	



Limerick Community Park Master Plan Moves Forward



The Board of Supervisors commissioned a park Master Plan Study in 2017 with the objective of incorporating the newly acquired 25 acres from the Sankey family into a revitalized plan for the entire Limerick Community Park, which now consists of 81 acres of recreational and open space land. The Master Plan was adopted by the Board in July of 2018, and is a result of resident feedback gathered from several public meetings and an on-line survey. Grant applications to the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) have been submitted. The Township is seeking \$650,000 in grant funding to offset the first phase of improvements, as depicted in the multi-phased Master Plan. Phase One improvements include a new entrance and parking off Swamp Pike, ball fields, trails, playground, pavilion, outdoor courts and a community center. All proposed amenities were key recommendations of the resident advisory committee and the public who participated in the yearlong study and on-line survey. When this multi-phased Master Improvement Plan is completed over the course of several years, the award-winning Limerick Community Park will continue to be the cornerstone of the entire Limerick Parks System for future generations.

Township News

Limerick Township Welcomes New Employee

Heather Chiarlanza, *Police Specialist*

Heather joined Limerick Township as the Police Specialist in April of this year. She has over sixteen years of administrative experience in law enforcement and public safety. Heather resides in Gilbertsville with her husband and daughter. In her free time, Heather loves spending time with her family and doing volunteer work.



Noise Order Reminder

Noise can be defined as “unwanted sound”. What may be pleasurable sound to one person can be noise to another. Over time, noise can cause significant impacts on health and well-being—especially when it disturbs sleep. The Township asks that we be mindful to those around us and keep outside noise to a minimum from all residential noise, trash collection, and construction activities between the following hours:

Monday - Friday

Between: 8:00 PM through 7:00 AM

Saturday and Sunday

Between: 6:00 PM through 8:00 AM

If you experience excessive disturbances that disrupt the peace and quiet during these hours, please contact the Limerick Township Police Department's Non-Emergency Number at (610) 495-7909 to report the disturbance while it is occurring.



Limerick Police News

Congratulations and thank you to the following who were recognized by the Limerick Township Board of Supervisors during Police Week

FBI Trilogy Award

Chief R. Brian Skelton and Lieutenant Bob Matalavage, presented Sergeants Ed Ciaciak, Paul Marchese, Pat Roche, and Brian Tyler, along with Corporals Fitz Duffy, Steve DeAngelis, and Shawn Pancoast with a department commendation to recognize their graduation from this year's FBI leadership program. Board

Chairman Kenneth W. Sperring Jr. is shown with the officers, who are among a select group of law enforcement leaders in the country that received this award.



Commendation of Merit Certificate

Detective Ernie M. Morris for his commitment to the investigation and dedication to protect a child victim in a sexual assault case.



Certificate of Appreciation

Frank and Michele Lombardo, of Triad Truck Equipment, Inc., for their generous contributions to the Limerick Township Police K-9 Unit.



Certificate of Citizen's Commendation

Kayla Marie Santoliquito for performing lifesaving CPR to an individual at the Philadelphia Premium Outlet Mall.



Township News

Limerick Township is Now on Twitter!

Follow Limerick Township [@LimerickTWP](#) for news and updates regarding meetings, projects, and events from Limerick Township.



Also, remember to follow our Police or Parks and Recreation Departments Facebook pages for any news, programs, and events!

www.facebook.com/LimerickPR

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If you prefer receiving the newsletter electronically rather than through the mail, please e-mail ryany@limerickpa.org with your name, street address, and phone number. Your address will be removed from our mailing list and you will begin receiving the quarterly newsletter electronically; we will add multiple e-mail addresses per household.

Notify Me Alert System

Receive text messages and/or e-mails from Limerick Township regarding alerts, road projects, and closures. To sign up for these alerts, visit www.limerickpa.org and click on "Notify Me" at the right hand side of the main page. Login by entering your e-mail and select the notifications you would like to receive.



WBF FESTIVAL
Presented by: **Rotary**
Club of Spring-Ford Area
Hosted by Limerick Township

Saturday
Sept. 21, 2019

12-5pm Rain or Shine at
Limerick Community Park
180 Swamp Pike, Limerick

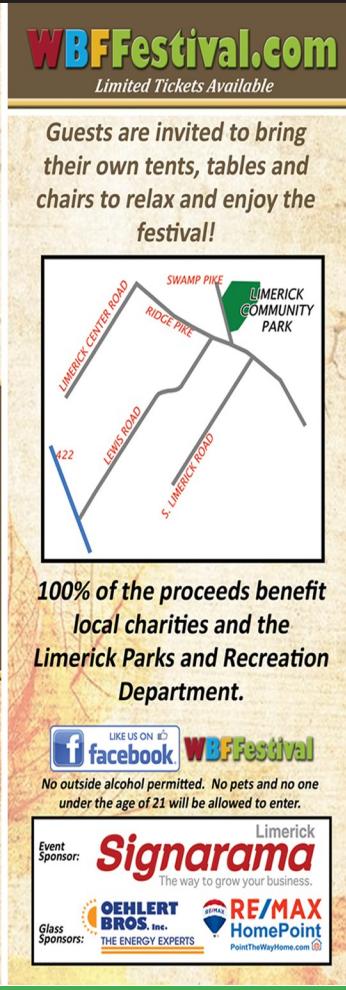
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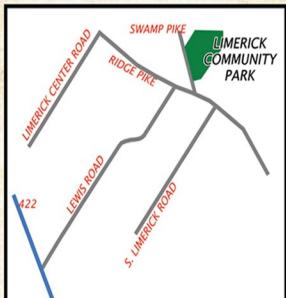
\$25 PER TICKET UNTIL
SEPTEMBER 16th.
\$35 PER TICKET AFTER THE 16th.
NO REFUNDS!

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PER TICKET
UNTIL 9/16



WBFFestival.com
Limited Tickets Available

Guests are invited to bring their own tents, tables and chairs to relax and enjoy the festival!



100% of the proceeds benefit local charities and the Limerick Parks and Recreation Department.

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No outside alcohol permitted. No pets and no one under the age of 21 will be allowed to enter.

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Chess Camp

Wizardry Harry Potter Camp

Boys Lacrosse

Cheer and Dance

Flag Football

Basketball

Science Explorers

Computer Camp

Baseball Camp

Young Writers Camp

For a full list of dates, times, and fees, please visit
Summer Camp Page at www.limerickpa.org

Adult & Senior Programs

July 9, August 13, September 10: Free Pet First Aid Seminar at 7:00 PM

October 5: Memoir Writing Workshop, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM; Fee: \$30

October 12: Pet First Aid & CPR Certification Course, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM; Fee: \$100 for certification, \$90 for recertification

October 26: Zentangle Art—Fall Leaves, 10:00 AM -12:00 PM; Fee: \$35

November 23: Zentangle Art—Autumn Harvest, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM; Fee: \$35

Coffee Talk: Coffee Talk is a free one hour information session geared towards seniors. Call 610-495-6432 to register for one of these upcoming topics. 9:00 AM — 10:00 AM: **June 26:** Spotted Lanternfly, **July 31:** Audubon Society, **August 28:** Meet Your State Officials

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Parks & Recreation

Mark Your Calendar!

Upcoming Parks and Recreation Events

- ♦ **July 7 - Fun Run for the Park, 10:00 AM**
Register today for this Patriotic themed run
- ♦ **July 18 - Concert in the Park, 7:00 PM**
Montgomery County Concert Band
- ♦ **July 26 - Movie in the Park, Dusk**
- ♦ **August 24 - Community Day, 4:00 PM**
- ♦ **August 29 - Concert in the Park, 7:00 PM**
Dueling Pianos
- ♦ **September 21 - Wine, Beer, Food Festival, 12:00PM**
- ♦ **September 26 - Concert in the Park, 7:00PM**
Jamison Acoustic

For updates and more information please follow us on Facebook or visit the Parks and Recreation page at

www.limerickpa.org

Discount Amusement Park Tickets

Dorney Park
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Renaissance Faire
Six Flags Great Adventure
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Franklin Institute
American Revolution Museum
Philadelphia Zoo
Maryland Zoo

Visit the Discount Ticket Page for select discount promo codes to Dorney, Pocono Raceway, Medieval Times, and Shocktoberfest.

Available at the Township Building for a discounted price. Please call to confirm availability and pricing. Cash or Credit only; no refunds.

Limerick Community Day

Saturday, August 24th 4:00PM-7:00PM

Business Expo, Food Trucks, & Movie in the Park

Business Expo 4:00PM-7:00PM **Movie: Will begin at dusk**

Rain date: Sunday, August 25th

At Limerick Community Park, home of the Manderach Memorial Playground

Look for our Business Expo brochure, available online at

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Board of Supervisors
1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month,
7:00PM at the Township Building

Parks & Recreation
2nd Tuesday of each month,
7:00PM at the Township Building

Planning Commission
4th Thursday of each month,
7:00PM at the Township Building

Zoning Hearing Board
4th Wednesday of each month,
6:30PM at the Township Building

