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MEMO TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FROM: TIMOTHY J. TIEPERMAN
RE: **MANAGER'S REPORT**

- A. Redstone Open Space Maintenance: Tom Zarko and I met recently with Mr. Cilberto of C & M Builders at the Redstone Development to discuss lawn maintenance issues in the right of way areas along the frontage of the presently undedicated open space areas. Staff has tentatively scheduled a meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2009 with Redstone residents, particularly owners that abut environmentally restricted areas. ACOE biologist Jacqueline Winkler will be in attendance to explain to the residents ACOE policies regarding these restricted areas. Mike Mrozinski's office is also following up with residents to eliminate shed encroachments into these restricted areas.
- B. 2010 Budget Preparations: With the new expedited budget timeline in place, department heads were provided with budget worksheets on June 1 to begin preparing 2010 operating/capital budget estimates. My goal is to review the preliminary submissions with the finance committee at its June 15 meeting before the summer break. Individual meetings with township administration are planned for next week.
- C. PADEP Stormwater Requirements: At its June 4, 2009 meeting the Bucks County Consortium received a detailed briefing from CKS Engineers regarding new draft permit requirements prepared by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for stormwater discharge. The new draft regulations, if adopted in their current form, will require municipalities to develop, implement and enforce a stormwater management program to reduce the discharge of pollutants.

Some of these regulations are quite onerous and expensive, one example being the regulation of impervious coverage. Unless the draft regulations change, properties exceeding 1,000 s.f. of impervious coverage will not be exempted. In other words, individual homeowners will be required to prepare and submit separate stormwater management plans. The attached memorandum from Michele Fountain covers these regulatory procedures in greater depth.

At the consortium meeting, members discussed pooling resources to hire special counsel to represent participating Bucks County municipalities during the public hearing phase. To have standing during the hearings, municipalities must file their intent to enter testimony by June 18, 2009. The consortium has scheduled a special meeting for Monday, June 8, 2009 to consider retaining special counsel. I expect to have a more thorough update and recommendation for the Board's consideration on Tuesday.

- D. County Wide Sales Tax Option: On May 26, 2009 the executive directors from Pennsylvania's five (5) local government associations (i.e., CCAP, PSATS, PSATC, PLCM and PSAB) sent a uniform memorandum to all PA House Representatives requesting their co-sponsorship of legislation advocating for the adoption of an optional county wide sales tax. While the proposal has not yet taken legislative form, it would require that 60% of all proceeds be used for property tax relief, both at the local and county level. It will establish a special fund at the county level for inter-municipal collaboration initiatives such as regional police. My office is still awaiting the specific municipal breakdown and the direct benefit to Warrington.
- E. Lamplighter Village Clubhouse: In response to continuing residential inquiries regarding the condition of the Lamplighter Village clubhouse, attached is a copy of a letter from inspector Gary Toth to Terry Katz regarding the structure's condition and outstanding punchlist items.
- F. Barclay (Palomino) Basin: In response to resident comments regarding the potential for mosquito breeding in this basin, CKS contacted Bucks County to determine if this basin is on the listing of properties to be sprayed for mosquito control this summer. Attached is the listing of sites to be sprayed; which includes this basin.
- G. Recreational Program Updates: As of May 31, 2009, 185 campers have registered for summer camp for total revenues of \$144,382. Similarly, there are 285 swim club memberships for total revenues of \$101,622. Attached is the comparative breakdown from prior fiscal years. It appears the economy is having a definite impact on people's discretionary income this year. We have made appropriate staffing reductions to account for these revenue variations. We have been receiving a late surge in swim club fees which should impact positively the June numbers.
- H. Route 202 Task Force Update: Attached are several bulleted updates from the May 20, 2009 Route 202 Task Force meeting at Montgomery Township.
- I. Staff Meeting Notations: Attached are the notations from the June 1, 2009 Staff Meeting.
- J. Correspondence:
 - a. Copy of May 26, 2009 letter re donation of a freezer for the Swim Club
 - b. Minutes of May 6, 2009 Environmental Advisory Council Meeting
 - c. Minutes of April 23, 2009 Park and Recreation Board Meeting
 - d. Minutes of May 5, 2009 and May 20, 2009 Ad Hoc Recycling Committee Meetings

Any supplementary updates to this report as well as materials for the Executive Session will be distributed Tuesday evening.