

Summer 2011

Hours:

Mon & Weds 8:30 – 4:00

Tues & Thurs 7 – 4:30



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Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m.

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Planning Commission

Meetings on the 1st & 3rd
Tuesdays 8:00 p.m.

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651-460-6912

Jared Sachs
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Park & Rec

Meetings on the 1st and 3rd
Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

Joy Bester, Chair
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**I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives.
I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud
of him. ~Abraham Lincoln**

Empire Township News

Since the beginning of the year, municipal interest rates have trended lower which has given Empire Township the opportunity to refinance our General Obligation Bonds. In order to do this, we had to apply to Moody's for a new bond rating. The previous rating was an A3 and then increased to an A1. We are now at a strong A1 rating. A couple of things that would help our rating would be an increase in a tax base (more homes) and a lower District 192 tax rate. This lower interest rate is saving the Township around \$50,000.

Fiscal Year 2011 Federal Community Development Block Grant funding has been awarded to Empire Township to complete a Parks and Trails Master Plan. The purpose of the Master Plan is to identify parks and trails needs and funding mechanisms through 2030. The Planning Commission, Park and Rec Commission along with the Town Board will be working on this project in the next year with the guidance of our Township Planner.

Empire Township has also been awarded funds through the federal Community Development Block Grant to update our seventy-four page Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Commission and Town Board along with our Township Planner will be working on this project.

Empire Township ballfields (Stelzel Fields, named after Empire Township's chairman of our Board for 37 years whom passed away in 2004) are being worked on. The electrical, grading and seeding should be completed by Fall.

Greenway Collaborative

The Greenway Collaborative concept grew when participants in the public process (including Empire Township) noted that the county and cities within it have great parks, but they aren't connected or coordinated to maximize benefits to the community. A greenway vision evolved that would connect city parks, regional parks, rivers, wetland, open space, existing trails and community centers in a web of interconnected loops. In the plans are convenient accessible greenway trails that will connect residents to city and regional parks.