

# Spring 2014

## Hours:

Mon. & Weds. 8:30 – 4:00

Tues & Thurs 7 – 4:30



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### Board of Supervisors

Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesdays 8:00 p.m.

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Terry Holmes, Chair  
651-463-3091  
Edward Gerten  
651-463-4433  
Jamie Elvestad  
651-463-4748

### Planning Commission

Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Tuesdays 8:00 p.m.

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Gail Reimnitz, Chair  
612-419-4957  
Trent Larson  
651-460-6404  
Tom Kaldunski  
651-463-3912  
Jared Sachs  
651-463-3169  
Cheryl Jacobson  
651-463-2131

### Park & Rec

Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Mondays 7:00 p.m.

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Joy Bester, Chair  
651-463-0014  
Julie Walton  
651-983-0197  
Kaye Mortimer  
651-460-2737  
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Kathy Krippner  
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### Maintenance

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April prepares her green traffic light and the world thinks Go.  
~Christopher Morley, *John Mistletoe*

**Congratulations** to Terry Holmes on being re-elected to a 3 year term as Town Board Supervisor.

**Warning – Unsafe ice** So how does the pond/lake ice melt? You may have noticed that the ice turns black in some spots and then looks slushy and opaque. Once the snow melts off the top of the ice, the ice is exposed to the sun. The ice then acts like a greenhouse to the lake water, and as the sun shines on the ice, it heats the water underneath the ice. The ice then starts to melt from the bottom, where it is touching the water. When the ice thickness erodes to between 4 and 12 inches, it transforms into long vertical crystals called "candles." These conduct light well, so the ice starts to look black, because it is not reflecting much sunlight.

As the sun continues to heat the ice, the water below the ice continues to warm. Melt water fills in between the crystals, which begin breaking apart. The surface appears grayish as the ice reflects a bit more light than before.

### **Beware of unsafe ice and warn your children to stay away!**

**Ball fields:** Empire Township is putting the finishing touches on the ball fields getting them ready for play. We are planning on part of the Dew Day tournaments being held here and then a girls' softball league playing in the fall. This will give the grass time to mature.

The playground equipment is being scheduled to be installed. There will be a fence around the play area to keep our children safe from cars.

The trails are being scheduled to be finished.

**Dogs:** All dogs in the residential area are required to be in their owner's yards or on a leash. This includes any of Empire Township's trails, parks, or wetlands. You are also required to pick up after your dogs. Let's keep our parks and trails clean☺.

**Plan your summer!** Summer programs have been planned. See the enclosed flyer.

**Facebook** - "LIKE" Empire Township's Park and Rec on Facebook.



Our resident Myrtle Holt celebrated her 100 year birthday! Happy Birthday!

**Spring** is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush. ~Doug Larson