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The State of Whiteford Township

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF 2019

PARKS:

- The Disc Golf course at the park has been cleaned up and improved, using the JAWS crew from Monroe County Court System.
- Two new ball fields are ready to plant grass in the spring.
- A lot of people use the park for walking, playing disc golf, and playing ball.
- The area for soccer is ready to use when someone wants to start using it.
- Ball Field #4 has been improved by making the infield larger and adding new fences at 300 ft.
- Whiteford Baseball will improve Ball Field #1 and make that their home field. They are talking about new fences and dugout improvements. This will all done at no expense to the Township.
- All ball fields have had Slide Safe installed.
- Ottawa Lake Village Park half-court basketball is ready for paving and we have purchased playground equipment to replace the old that we had to scrap. There is also an area for a small pavilion near the basketball court.

OTHER:

- We started our water treatment facility and have produced around 10 million gallons of great water!
- 2018 – 2019 Township Audit has been completed and is another great audit where we have improved on our fund balance. The township remained within its means with no deficit spending! (The 2019 audit may be viewed on our website: whitefordtownship.org)
- Whiteford Center Road from Temperance Road to St. Anthony Road was repaved. The roads in the township have been maintained and are in pretty good shape.
- After re-evaluation, the Special Street Light assessment has been eliminated and the Private Road assessment has been recalculated. The new calculations will allow us to keep up with maintenance and snow removal on the private roads.
- The Planning Commission finished the Master Plan that the state requires to be updated every five years. This took a lot of time because our Planning Commission members actually did all the work. This was not a cookie cutter project. This document now reflects what they intended for our residents instead of a

general document written by someone outside our township. A review of our ordinance is needed again with the new Master Plan. (The Master Plan may be viewed on our website: whitefordtownship.org)

- With the Master Plan and Ordinance 68 completed, the Zoning Board of Appeals has fewer variances to consider. (Ordinance 68 may be viewed on our website: whitefordtownship.org)
- Many of the Monroe County drains have been cleaned. This should help with drainage problems in our township. Whiteford Township provides a place for public hearings before the Drain Commission finalizes plans to clean the drains. Oh yes, we also have to pay our share of the cost of cleaning drains.
- Whiteford Union Cemetery had the fence row cleaned of debris and dead shrubs. New foundations have been poured under older headstones that are tipping, and more will be replaced as needed.
- Lakeview Cemetery has been measured with a new layout grid for future expansion. This is Whiteford Township's oldest cemetery.

All in all, the township is in great shape. The board works well together and we all have the best interest of the people of the township at heart. Everyone on the board does a good job of representing its residents, and taking care of the township business.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Walter Ruhl, Supervisor
Whiteford Township Board of Trustees