Street sweeping, for Shiremanstown Borough and Township roads, was completed during the month. Typically we send the sweeper around every other month from spring through autumn. If needed we will sweep selected areas on the off months, due to tree debris or dirt.

The county’s horizontal grinder was on site during the middle of the month. Wood chips and leaf compost are free of charge for Lower Allen residents that self-load during regular business hours. Deliveries of the product will start on Thursday and Friday mornings, in April and continue through early November. This service is for Lower Allen residents only. Deliveries must be prepaid at the Municipal Services Center prior to being scheduled for a delivery.

Public Works will be open the second Saturday of the month, 8:00am – 1:00pm, starting in April and running through November. Households within the township are allowed to drop off 4 loads each, of brush and bulk items per year. Additional loads will be $25.00 each, to be pre-paid at the Municipal Services Center. Electronics cannot be accepted at this location. Cumberland County is working on getting their E-Recycling center up and running by June. Updated information can be viewed on the County website at www.ccpa.net. We thank residents for their continued patience.

Water fountains were turned on and restrooms were opened during the month. DEP has implemented strict rules for monthly water testing of public, well water consumption. The only Township Park that is affected by this new rule is LACP. Every month, a contracted company takes water samples from the various public water outlets throughout the park. The water samples are sent to a lab for testing and a report must be sent to The Department of Environmental Protection. The new mandates, implemented in 2016, have added additional costs to running the park. The good side of this is that we know that the water we supply, is of good quality.

Lower Allen Community Park was busy, considering the cool, April temperatures. The Annual Township, Easter egg hunt was held on the 8th, and was well attended by approximately 400 children and their families. The weather was brisk, but no one seemed to notice. We thank everyone involved for their help with this free event. Our second event, the Gardeners Gathering, was held on the 29th at the Barn. Cumberland County Conservation Specialist, Lori Glace, spoke about the importance of conserving water and how this impacts our environment. Attendees purchased barrels for a nominal fee, and spent some time actually building their own rain barrel. Following the workshop, the annual plant swap took place, with approximately 30 people participating. Fun was had by everyone. The generous donations from area business’ and volunteer time, enables us to make these popular events a reality year after year. We thank everyone for their dedication to the Community.
During April the following projects were completed:

- Ballfield work at all parks
- Tennis nets were installed in Township parks
- Pothole patching with cold mix
- Inlet box cleaning and repair to selected locations
- Wood chipping and wood carpeting at all parks
- Weed control spraying at all parks
- Sidewalk repair on Boxwood Lane
- Sign work – 40 signs (9 PA-One calls)
- Drainage swale work at MSC and Station 2
- Washed out brine storage units and removed spreaders
- Turned the leaf rows with loader

Meetings:

- Safety Meeting – (Bob Nailor)
- Department Head Meeting (2) – James Chianos
- PW monthly meeting – (All PW employees)

Respectfully submitted,

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