March sure did “come in like a lion”, but luckily after the first week of the month, the winter weather called it quits, for another season. For the 2018/2019 winter season, Public Works expended 1550 tons of salt and approximately 3762 gallons of brine, to keep the Township roads safe. We purchased 2100 tons of salt to re-fill the salt shed, and we are ready for the next winter season.

Wood chips and leaf compost can be self-loaded during regular business hours, Monday – Friday 7:00am – 3:00pm. Deliveries of the product will start on, Thursdays and Fridays in April and continue through early November. 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. Any additional loads will be $25.00 each, to be pre-paid at the Municipal Services Center. Electronics will not be accepted, and must be taken to a recycling center, for disposal.

Crews were busy trimming trees and collecting debris from various parks. Wood chipping and wood carpeting is ongoing in all parks. Crews replaced rotted boards, on both of the walking bridges, on the Allendale – Beacon Hill trail, during the month. Ball field maintenance at Wass Park, Pete’s field and LACP, is performed daily. Our part-time seasonal summer employees will start in April, and help out through August.

The annual Easter egg hunt will be held on April 13th, and the Gardener’s Gathering will be held on April 27th, at the Lower Allen Community Park. Park personnel have been busy preparing for the events. For more information, please check the Township website or face book page.
During March the following projects were completed:

- Turf repairs due to snow plowing
- Cleaned oil separator in the shop
- Tiger mowing
- Drain box repairs at Appleton Street and Olmstead Way
- 41 Sign repairs/replacements (7 PA-One Call)
- Storm water grate cleaning in selected areas
- Pot hole patching in selected areas, with cold mix
- Delivered 50 yellow yard waste containers to MSC
- Playground equipment and bench repairs
- Removed shelving units at the Bon Ton/Borders property
- Inlet box cleaning
- Replaced storm drain grate on Gloucester St. & Moreland Ct.

Meetings:

- Safety Meeting – (Ben Peters)
- Department Head Meeting (2) – Bob Nailor

On a personal note, I will be retiring from my position of Public Works Coordinator, effective April 26th. I have been very proud to serve the Lower Allen residents for 29 years, and I will take away great memories, of working with all the great people, in Lower Allen Township. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Nailor,
Public Works Coordinator