

May 29, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: Shaler Township

FROM: Timothy J. Rogers, Township Manager

RE: July 4th Celebration

Recently the Board of Commissioners regrettably made the decision to cancel the planned events for July 4th for this year. The restrictions placed on community events as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic make it almost impossible to comply with the requirements of social distancing as well as ensure the safety of those in attendance.

This decision was not made without a great deal of thought and many considerations were taken into account. A primary concern was the fact that many other communities have already cancelled their July 4th activities, which could have resulted in additional crowding to Shaler Township's event. Kiwanis Park is a very close community park with limited parking and seating areas. Additional attendees from surrounding communities could easily overwhelm the ability to manage the crowd and would certainly create parking issues. We were not confident that we could safely manage all the logistics of a larger crowd and met all the requirements imposed by the state regarding outdoor community events.

We will be moving the scheduled fireworks to Saturday, September 26th, at the conclusion of the Township's annual Fall Fest event. This information is subject to change if additional restrictions are imposed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.