



# TOWNSHIP OF BETHLEHEM

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## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – MARCH 2020

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The month of March continued the trend of this winter with no snow or very cold weather. As per last month our crews continued on crack sealing in the Bethlehem Annex section of the township for the first 2 weeks of the month. This winter allowed us to do more crack sealing than we ever have in the past.

Our tree trimming crew continued trimming trees that overhang roadways. Primarily working in the Walnut Hills and Nancy Run Estates area including Washington Street south of Carter Road, Oliver Court, Allen Street, Alder Road, Cherry Blossom Court, Cypress Court, Klien Street. They also trimmed at the Municipal Building and cleaned up fallen trees along Highfield Drive near Giant.

Later in the month, due to the Covid virus we had to devise a plan to limit exposure of the crew. Based on governmental guidance if one of our crew would test positive for the virus we would be required to quarantine everyone for 14 days. So the plan was to split the crew into 2 and work split shifts. Every worker was in a separate truck and worked alone as much as possible to adhere to social distancing guidance. Workers were instructed to clean and disinfect surfaces as much as possible to avoid exposure or spreading of the virus. This allowed the crew to go to all of the parks and open space areas to begin clearing sticks and branches for the upcoming mowing season. Also, based on direction from Township Administration, all parks had to be posted with signage notifying of temporary closing due to the virus. After complaints of the public not complying, the tennis courts were physically locked and all of the basketball rims were taken down.

The Yard Waste Recycle Center had a total of 420 visits for the month prior to closing the center on March 20 due to Covid 19.

Respectfully submitted,

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