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Remembering Theodore "Ted" Gacomis

On June 20th long time West Pikeland resident Ted Gacomis passed away. Over the years Ted made significant contributions to our community that have positively impacted our township and will continue to do so going forward. Ted worked for Edward B Walsch & Associates and served West Pikeland Township as our township engineer. He started with E. B. Walsh in 1988 and more recently served as their president. He was involved in various projects for West Pikeland Township. Annually he put together specifications and bids that went out for road paving and improvements. He would then inspect and oversee completion of the road work by the contractors. Ted was involved with the engineering aspects of Pine Creek Park a number of years ago. More recently Ted oversaw two big projects. The bridge on Horseshoe Trail road was completed in 2020.

His work included coordination with various regulatory agencies and utility companies, putting out bid specifications for construction, and monitoring ongoing work and completion of the bridge. It was a multiyear project. West Pikeland benefited from both his engineering expertise as well as his experience and knowledge in working with multiple agencies to get construction of the bridge approved and completed. Similarly, the Township greatly benefited from his expertise and knowledge in completion of Phase 1 construction of Walnut Creek Park. This was again a multiyear project that Ted oversaw from start to finish.

Ted's contribution to West Pikeland Township went far beyond his service as township engineer. For many years he served on the West Pikeland Land Trust and on the Open Space Committee which he chaired for a period of time. establishing easements to protect properties from future development, and for park maintenance.



From the West Pikeland Township Board of Supervisors

As elected officials we understand our responsibilities relative to our residents and will continue to be guided by your desires and needs.

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Ted was one of a group of residents whose persistence payed off when the township was finally able to buy the land for Walnut Creek Park. It was an effort that started years ago. The Open Space Committee established protocols for identifying properties within West Pikeland Township on which to seek easements and has worked on establishing and maintaining relationships with the landowners of these properties as well as those of other township residents.



Ted's passing was a great personal loss for those of us who knew Ted and worked with him. He was kind, caring, and constantly had a smile on his face. He was a good friend to many of us. Ted was very dedicated to his work and gave freely of his time to help others. Besides doing engineering for other townships, he was a member of Rotary, worked with Habitat for Humanity, and made frequent trips to Honduras as part of Operation Honduras.

We are grateful for his friendship and grateful for all that Ted did for West Pikeland Township over the years.

Submitted for the Board,

Richard Bright