



# TOWNSHIP OF BETHLEHEM

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## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL 2017

The month of April had our crews switch into Spring mode. Grass cutting started up as usual with the open spaces and detention ponds growing quickly. On rainy days we removed all of the spreader off the back of the trucks and got them ready to pull trailers for mowers. A crew took our chipper out to all of our parks to clean up all of the fallen branches from the winter to allow for the grass to be cut without damaging any mowers. The street sweeper started sweeping the streets as well. The sign replacement project in College View area continued, however, with the fast growing grass that project will need to be postponed to put that crew on cutting.

Another spring project that we had to concentrate on was the ball field maintenance. Every year we scarify the infield areas on all the fields and then dress them up to get them ready for play. This year was a major problem with the mid March snowstorm. This slow melting snow made the fields very soft and wet and we had to wait later than usual to be able to do our work. We also had to request the athletic association to not use the fields as early as they would have liked in order to avoid damaging them with the wet conditions. The fields did finally dry out enough for us to work them during the middle of the month.

With the weather getting nice the Yard Waste Recycle Center had a total of 1332 visits for the month.

Respectfully submitted,

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