

Miscellaneous Funds Budget Notes

Richland Township currently has eight miscellaneous funds: Volunteer Boards, Traffic Improvements, Highway Aid, Recreation, Open Space Bond, Open Space Operating, Street Light, and Solar Project .

Below is a list of the anticipated projects budgeted for 2012:

Volunteer Boards

The Community-Police Liaison Board works to improve the relationship of the police and the community through sponsoring various programs and activities.

The Park and Recreation Board will sponsor the Township's Community Day Celebration, the Annual Golf Outing, Creative Arts Camp, Sports Camp, Science Camp, movie nights at Veterans Park, and possible other new activities.

The Preservation Board seeks to acquire open space property.

The Trails Board has the responsibility to work with the Planner to design a Township-wide trail system for the residents.

Traffic Improvement

Funds have been accumulated in this fund for future traffic improvements.

Highway Aid (This is a restricted fund and may only be used for specific designated purposes.)

The road projects included in the 2012 budget are listed in detail in the Highway Aid Fund explanations.

Recreation (This is a restricted fund and may only be used for specific designated purposes.)

This fund accumulates contributions for recreational facilities in the Township. The proposed expenditures of this fund are detailed in the Recreation Fund explanations.

Open Space Bond (This is a restricted fund and may only be used for specific designated purposes.)

This fund contains the balance of the proceeds from the open space bond issue that will be used to acquire open space.

Open Space Operating (This is a restricted fund and may only be used for specific designated purposes.)

This fund receives the special voter approved open space earned income tax revenues and donations. The funds are used to pay debt service on the open space bond issue and to purchase open space.

Street Light Fund (This is a restricted fund and may only be used for specific designated purposes.)

This fund provides services for the acquisition and conversion of the Township's municipal street lighting system to one that is owned by the Township rather than rented from PPL.

Solar Project Fund (This is a restricted fund and may only be used for specific designated purposes.)

This fund was used to construct a solar energy system that is expected to provide over 25% of the electricity needs of the Township and the Water Authority. Construction of the project was completed in 2011 and placed into service in November 2010. Currently the fund collects the operating expenses of the project and the revenue from Alternative Energy Credits.