

# **Borough council faced with vacancies**

## **RICHLANDTOWN**

**A councilman and the borough's manager have announced their resignations.**

In the past month, two officials in Richlandtown have announced their resignations.

Councilman Matt Scheetz stepped down on Oct. 11, saying he can no longer commit the time the position demands.

Borough Manager Joe Geib, hired in July 2009, is also leaving to take a job elsewhere.

"We're sorry to see both of them go," said Councilwoman Jocelyn Myers. "We will find suitable replacements."

In the next month, the remaining six members of council will discuss how to fill the positions.

There are already several people interested in filling Scheetz's seat, which expires in 2013.

Finding people willing to serve on council in the small Upper Bucks town has been a challenge in the past. But Myers said more people are getting active in the community and volunteering their time.

As for finding a new borough manager, she said council must still decide what direction it wants to take.

Geib was the first manager in the quarter-square mile borough. Richlandtown has about 1,300 residents and runs on a general fund budget of just \$233,000 a year.

Prior to joining the borough, Geib served as a special projects manager for neighboring Richland.

During his short tenure in Richlandtown, he helped council approve several new regulations, including restrictions on the location of adult entertainment businesses and residency limitations for sex offenders.

Geib has also been working with the U.S. Postal Service to try to bring curbside and

cluster box mail delivery to town. He has also worked with the parks and recreation committee to begin the project to upgrade the Benner Hall playground.

Geib's resignation is effective Nov. 5. He declined to disclose his new job.

Scheetz has served on council for two years after being appointed to fill a vacancy. He was then elected to the office in November.

The 45-year-old says, of his time on council, that he's most proud of helping to create the borough manager position, which has helped improve and formalize operations.

"It was so critical," said Scheetz.

Scheetz, a production supervisor for a firm that remanufactures electronic equipment, said he wished he had more time to devote to council.

"I can't make the commitment it requires. My family and career stuff come first," he said. "But I wish my successor luck."

For more information about the open positions, call 215-538-9290.

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