

## PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP AWARDS

# East Goshen Township Officials Recognized for Dedication, Service to Their Community

While many benefit from the behind-the-scenes efforts of local leaders, these public servants don't often get the praise they deserve. That changed 27 years ago when PSATS started recognizing those who have truly made a difference in their communities. Every year since, PSATS has presented the President's Leadership Award to two hard-working township officials whose accomplishments have made their townships better places to live and work.

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**T**wo Chester County officials, East Goshen Township supervisor Marty Shane and manager Rick Smith, were honored with PSATS' 27<sup>th</sup> Annual President's Leadership Award at the Annual Educational Conference in Hershey.

This is the first time in the award's history that two leaders from the same township have received the honor in the same year.

PSATS established the award in 1990 to recognize township officials who have achieved outstanding accomplishments through projects or programs that benefited their community and whose service to township government exhibits the highest standards of dedication, leadership, and creativity.

The award, one of PSATS' highest honors, is presented each year to a town-

ship supervisor and an administrator.

### A 'dynamic duo'

Considered a dynamic duo in governing, Shane and Smith have served East Goshen Township for decades, molding what was once a rural farming community into a flourishing suburban municipality.

Described as "a Chester County institution," Shane, the board chair, has been a township supervisor for three decades, while Smith, well-known as a consensus builder, started working on the township's road crew 47 years ago at the age of 17. He was appointed manager in 1987.

The pair, honored individually for spearheading several major community and regional improvement projects, received kudos from a number of federal, state, and local colleagues.

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“While the work of a township supervisor has its challenges like any other elected position, Marty’s combination of steadfastness, sense of responsibility, and transparency have allowed him to manage every circumstance the township has faced, both planned and unplanned,” says state Rep. Dan Truitt, an East Goshen Township resident.

“I have known Marty Shane for 20 years through my work as a county commissioner and state senator,” Sen. Andrew Dinniman says, “and have high regard for all that he does for East Goshen Township and Chester County.”

U.S. Congressman Ryan Costello, who began his political career in neigh-

boring East Vincent Township, says that Smith “has served with distinction and made immeasurable contributions to East Goshen Township.”

“I have worked with Rick for years and have the utmost admiration for everything that he does,” says Kevin Kerr, a supervisor for Upper Uwchlan Township and first vice president of the Chester County Association of Township Officials. “His stalwart approach is recognized and respected by all who come in contact with him.”

#### **A long list of accomplishments**

Marty Shane’s accomplishments

**This marks the first time in the history of the President’s Leadership Award that two officials from the same township have received the honor in the same year. The honorees were East Goshen Township manager Rick Smith, left, and supervisor Marty Shane, right. They are shown here with PSATS President Tim Horner.**

have included the following:

- He chaired a countywide task force that obtained funding for the Exton Bypass, a 5.5-mile-long, four-lane expressway that helped to ease gridlock on area roads. Shane’s involvement got the \$125 million project back on track after decades of delays. ➤

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- Leveraging his experience on the county task force, Shane led East Goshen Township's participation in the "Z Project," a multi-municipal road upgrade that reduced traffic congestion and improved access to a major highway in suburban Philadelphia.

- He facilitated the acquisition and development of the 311-acre Applebrook Farm parcel while working with a mix of private, public, and nonprofit groups. Today, the parcel includes a 100-acre, township-owned park, an award-winning 18-hole golf course, an office complex, and private homes.

- He played a significant role in several other projects, including the construction of a new township building and public works garage; the conversion of a former supermarket into a facility that today houses the district court and the township's public works annex; and the construction of a state-of-the-art police building for the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department.

Rick Smith has done the following:

- He spearheaded several major projects that have attracted residents and businesses to East Goshen Township and improved the quality of life. This includes the "Z Project," a multi-municipal road upgrade that alleviated gridlock; the Applebrook Farm project, a mixed-used

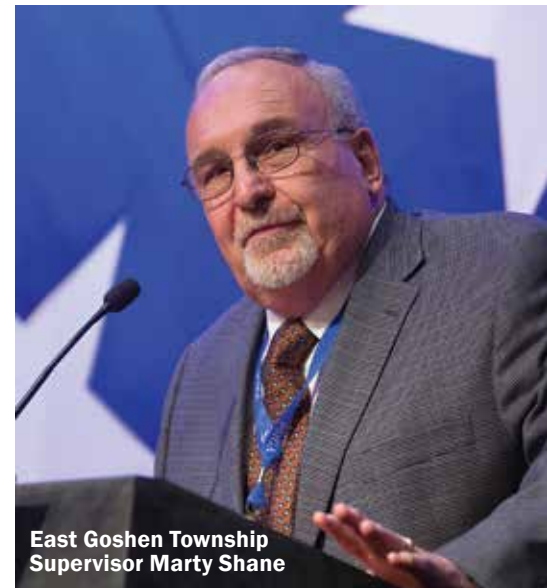


East Goshen Township Manager Rick Smith

development that includes housing, award-winning recreational facilities, and office space; and the construction of the township complex, public works annex, and regional police station.

- He led the expansion and improvement of the township's sewer infrastructure, a project that included upgrading lines and residential connections, expanding a treatment plant's capacity, and eliminating or upgrading pump stations.

"Rick had the foresight to put in place so many of the infrastructure improvements and lifestyle amenities that have allowed East Goshen to become a premier residential community in Chester County," says Senya Isayeff, vice chair of the East Goshen Township supervisors, who nominated Shane and Smith for the Leadership Award. "It has also become a commercial hub that is the home of a number of thriving businesses with a global reach, including QVC.



East Goshen Township Supervisor Marty Shane

"In turn," Isayeff adds, "these improvements and amenities have enabled homes in East Goshen to retain their value, even during the depths of the 'Great Recession.'" ♦

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