

Ed Snee

1. Please give us a brief description of what you see as your qualifications for the position of Township Supervisor.

I am a long-term resident of South Park. I have been watching our community develop and grow to be one of the greatest communities to live in and raise a family. I have been a South Park Supervisor for 11 years. I was also a South Park Township Police Officer for 33 years. During this time, I had the opportunity to serve as the Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Public Safety Chairman, the Township's Representative of South Hills Area Council of Governments (SHACOG) and the alternate Delegate of the County, State, and National Association of Annual Conventions.

I have worked hard to oversee a balanced budget with no millage increase. I am committed to the Safety and welfare of South Park Township. I believe that I have good leadership skills and the ability to work with many different changes and improvements to this community.

2. If you are elected to this position in November, what do you see as your primary responsibility as a Township Supervisor?

There are numerous duties that are required as a Township Supervisor. For starters, I would continue to formulate Township policies and oversee their enactment that benefits South Park Township.

I would oversee Township development that ensures safety and that Township Codes and Ordinances are followed. I would make sure the Township code is placed on line. Make sure all departments are staffed at the level that they are able to complete all required functions and duties of this community.

Continue to invest in the residential road paving and sanitary sewer upgrades. Work closely with our two volunteer fire departments for funding needs.

Work to condemn abandoned and blighted properties for the betterment of our community.

3. Is there a particular goal you hope to accomplish, or change you would try to implement, when you're elected to this position?

If I could change something it would be that more people would come to our monthly Township meetings to participate in their local government. I think that too many people get wrong information from Social Media that is not always accurate. At the meetings, we could answer questions correctly And it wouldn't be hearsay.

4. What do you see as one of the larger problems the Township is facing, or will face in the near future, and how would you deal with it?

With the increasing storms and flooding in our area, we must improve our stormwater projects to reduce flooding on some of our residential districts by securing funding to minimize costs to the taxpayer.

With the increase of population due to new residential homes, we need to evaluate the increased population and make sure the police department has the manpower to handle our growing community. Safety and welfare of South Park Township is a priority.

5. We see in some major cities, and to a limited extent even in Pittsburgh, a movement to defund the police, where do you stand on this issue?

I would never agree to defund the police department. As our South Park Township Public Safety Chairman and retired police officer, I have ensured that we employ enough officers to protect our community that we have pledged to serve. We currently have 15 police officers and maintain three (3) officers working per shift.

We oversee and mandate that every officer is up to date with the continuous changes in the crimes and vehicle code. We fund and support training that includes weapons and tactical gear.

I have worked hard to establish the MCSAP (Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program) Department. This consists of two officers whose duties are to check on overweight vehicles, fluid leaks, equipment violations, and certified operators. This protects the wear and tear to our roadways and helps our citizens to avoid accidents.

Our police budget this year was 34.54% of our budget. The total spent on the police services was \$2,575,550.

By maintaining these standards, South Park Township ranks as the 10th safest community in Pennsylvania, was awarded the AAA Platinum Safety Award for 13 consecutive year and Banner Community for 8 years.

6. What would you like to say to the voters before they go to the polls in November?

As a long time resident and a retired police officer of South Park Township, I have always been committed and dedicated to the safety and welfare of our community.

I, along with my fellow supervisors, have been successful in overseeing a balanced budget with no millage increase. I wish to continue our progress for another term and cannot do this without your support and vote on November 2nd, 2021.

Express your right and come out to vote for EDWARD SNEE as South Park Township Supervisor.

Lawrence Vogel

1. Please give us a brief description of what you see as your qualifications for the position of Township Supervisor.

First, I want to welcome everyone reading this question/answer (Q&A) and thank you voters for staying informed. Whether attending family activities or responding to local emergencies, I spend a great deal of time just listening to residents in order to maintain a current picture of challenges and educate myself on feasible solutions. Possibly the most important qualification is being a South Park resident which has been challenged by the complications associated with managing a family, raising children, and along with my wife battling our professional careers throughout this pandemic just like most of you. My graduate level education compliments both my military and civilian careers respectfully. The military taught

me first how to take orders before giving them, that planning is just as important as accomplishing the mission, and that accomplishment is only realized by the fruits of your team's labor. For over 20 years I have lived by the values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage. These values are just as important while serving South Park Township as well as the tangible skills of ensuring operational compliance. My professional career has been based on implementing standard programs and ensuring compliance for emerging organizations as well as realigning existing organizations; some organizations with over 100 years of operation. Both the military and civilian careers have forged my impeccable work ethic, molded my ability to lead teams, and how to respect individuals. South Park Township deserves quality leadership and the tenacious energy I bring to implement feasible solutions to real-world challenges.

2. If you are elected to this position in November, what do you see as your primary responsibility as a Township Supervisor.

In general Township Supervisors hold the responsibilities of enacting policies, setting budgets, and levying taxes. The importance of each cannot be overshadowed, however, the fact that the reconstitution of the relationship with residents must be initiated by the Township Supervisors, which is something that would not happen overnight. Critical to each relationship is a foundation built on trust and active communication. Trust cannot survive on empty promises, but grows with the transparency of truth, and shall continue to grow if there is commitment between all those involved. Some may contribute poor attendance during monthly township meetings to a lack of challenges faced by residents, but in conversation with residents it has been made clear that a common reason for not attending township meetings is due to lack of confidence in township leadership. The effectiveness of communication should not be assumed but verified. The Park News continues to prove to be a reliable avenue for township information. Social media channels have also proved a valuable means of communication between residents. South Park Township's web page unfortunately has fallen behind several neighboring communities both in information and being user-friendly. May the first steps taken be toward restoring a shaken trust between the residents of South Park and with a governing body which works for all township residents. Title shall not entitle myself to be above the law but to represent the law. The representation of South Park shall be a privilege that residents are rewarded by unwavering hard work from their leaders.

3. Is there a particular goal you hope to accomplish, or change you would try to implement when you are elected to this position?

South Park Township, please take a moment and close your eyes and listen. How often do we forget how fortunate we are being distanced from an ever-expanding Pittsburgh? How often do we take for granted the beauty that is South Park? Too often work pulls me away from home, and there's no greater feeling than coming back to South Park. Exerting my full effort toward the preservation of tranquility that is South Park Township shall be a great accomplishment. The convenience of public transit to quickly access Greater Pittsburgh should not jeopardize our escape from the city limits. South Park High School shall continue to be our only "big business" which continues to produce high quality American citizens. The opportunity for small business is available through revitalization of both Broughton and Library. In conversation with residents the common vision for South Park Township is one of mostly residential and "Ma Pa" type of business where even outsiders are greeted with a warm smile. That visitors from both Pittsburgh and surrounding communities are envious about how we in South Park are united in common love for our family and friends, safety for our community, and support in helping every resident pursue happiness. Even in training leaders, I have illustrated change where tossing a large rock into a still pond is like great change; things can get messy and complex. South Park could be that small stone tossed into a still pond, and the ripples of change spread to others in hopes of bringing the unity of America back.

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4. What do you see as one of the larger problems the Township is facing, or will face in the near future, and how would you deal with it.

Allegheny County is notorious for rainy days, and recently the weather extremes have become increasingly more persistent within our region. The South Hills continue to prove a great place to raise a family as new residential neighborhoods spread. Debates over climate change continue nationally, but there should be no debate over preventing residential flooding, roadways washed out, and environmental erosion that impact South Park directly. It's disheartening to witness residents' plea with township leadership to press construction contractors operating within South Park to stop flooding on their property. My background includes environmental stewardship, and the control of stormwater / flooding mitigation is basic standards and is never tolerated. Failure of foresight has resulted mitigation setbacks. South Park Township continues to have numerous civic projects that have been neglected, incomplete, or never even initiated. As the construction continues the problem looks to only move further from resolution. Feasible action needs to get in front of these challenges that strain our community's infrastructure. My logistics background understands the importance of real solution and not simply masking problems. Some additional projects to include public lighting in identified areas, traffic control and various other community projects that need immediate attention. My background in project management shall prove valuable in prioritizing, better communication to all residents on the progress of each project as well as end-states to projects. Pushing projects down the road needs to stop. For those living in these effected areas, help is on the way.

5. We see in some major cities, and to a limited extent even in Pittsburgh a movement to defund the police, where do you stand on this issue.

South Park Township is nationally recognized for being a community that is safe and a great place to raise a family. Both the superb school district and history of low crime were two major factors that encouraged our family to purchase a home here. The residents of South Park have always been one to look out for the health and well being of their neighbors by quickly reporting suspicious behavior or anything out of the ordinary. Being a local volunteer firefighter, it has been my personal experience that our police and first responders consistently respond to emergencies quickly and promptly handle each unique situation with an equal amount of effort and professionalism. Due to this continued respect between both the public and the uniformed men and women of South Park Township Police, together we share in the success of keeping our community, our children, and our future safe. Throughout my military career I

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have proudly served beside the men and women of various police forces in response to natural disasters as well as most recently in Washington, D.C. Together the partnership between police and military has shared in the preservation of health and safety for all American citizens. The sacrifice of these courageous men and women is never lost to the grateful residents and business owners of South Park Township by the countless yard-signs of support. I also respect the sacrifices made by both police officers and their families daily...and to all first responders, firefighters, police, and their families, we stand with you, we defend you, and we thank you. I vote NO to defunding police.

6. What would you like to say to the voters before they go to the polls in November.

I want to thank Park News for this opportunity and thank you voters for taking time from your busy lives to read these responses. If there are any voters with questions pertaining to the future of our township, please e-mail me at lawrence.d.vogel.4sptwp@gmail.com. Every question is important. This election is not about one person nor political party, but it's an election to appoint the best representative for the community and our next step as we embark on the next 175 years as South Park Township. I have enjoyed visiting all thirteen districts, walking every street, and speaking with fellow residents within our township. This has been an opportunity to better learn about you and hopefully you have learned something about me. I have served my community my entire life; the motivation I have in wanting to give South Park Township every effort is difficult to express in words. The responsibilities and demands of this position I do not take lightly, and I shall perform each day in a professional manner because that's what you expect from me. Our township is full of hard-working Americans each should come home to beautiful and safe community. South Park residents should have few worries and countless opportunities. South Park please make every effort to vote on election day, to make sure your voice is heard, to exercise our freedom and feel confident that our community shall be stronger. I am a fellow resident, I am ready for this challenge, and I am ready to stand with each of you. May God Bless You South Park.

Thank You.
Lawrence Vogel