

My family, which includes my wife Eileen and two daughters, Erin and Jacqueline, has lived in Forks Township since 1991. I was born and raised in Hokendaqua, PA and graduated from Whitehall High School in 1979. After high school, I received a B.S. degree in Business Administration from Bloomsburg University and an M.B.A. from Wilkes University. I am currently employed as the Vice President of Business Operation for SMS/800 at Database Service Management, Inc., a subsidiary of Telcordia Technologies, located in Piscataway, NJ.

I have been a member of the Forks Township Planning Commission for over seven years where I have worked hard to properly regulate and control new development in the township. I have recently been prompted to Chairperson of the Planning Committee after serving as Vice-Chairperson for two years. Prior to joining the Planning Commission I was a member of the Forks Township Overall Comprehensive Planning committee and provided support to the Economic Development sub-committee.

In addition to my involvement on the Planning Committee I have also helped coach girl's softball for the Forks Township A.A. and St. Jane's C.Y.O. for over seven seasons. I am a pilot and active member of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) at Braden Airpark and have been a Young Eagles pilot for almost five (5) years. I am also an active member of St. Jane's Parish where I serve as Lector and am a member of the St. Jane's Parish Retreat program.

As the people who follow planning issues in the township know, I have fought very hard to control development in Forks Township during my tenure on the Planning Commission but feel that the township needs to, overall, take a much firmer stance in protecting the township from over-development. As a member of the Board of Supervisors I have in-depth knowledge of township issues and will be able to more effectively fight on behalf of the township and its citizens in order to ensure sensible growth in the township. I will work hard to help promote the preservation of our farmland and protect and develop open space areas, particularly for recreation. I will also work hard to promote the growth of business which will provide a more balanced tax base in our township help ensure the quality of life for the citizens of our Township. This is the reason I want to serve on the Board of Supervisors.

In conclusion, I am entering this election as a Republican in order to seek my party's nomination in the May 15, 2007 Primary election.

Sincerely,

Erik J. Chuss