

In Memoriam of Doug Caruso:

Dedicated and Esteemed Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Employee

Doug Caruso; long-time employee, friend, and supporter of Oakland Township, passed away unexpectedly on February 14, 2026.

Doug joined Oakland Township Parks and Recreation as the Maintenance Foreman almost 15 years ago after growing up in Oakland Township and acting as caretaker, along with his wife Lisa, at both Cranberry Lake Farm and Lost Lake Nature Park.

Doug was known for his historical knowledge and love of Oakland Township and his expertise in facility construction and maintenance. He guided numerous Oakland Township park maintenance and improvement projects including the addition of electricity, drinking water, trails, play equipment, parking lots, restrooms and more; all of which increased the enjoyment, safety, and accessibility of Oakland Township parks.

Doug was a warm and welcoming ambassador for all Oakland Township parks, including the Paint Creek Trail, and loved to answer all visitor questions and provide helpful information. His smiling face and enthusiasm brightened the days of all who were fortunate to meet him and know him.

Doug's contributions to Oakland Township are inestimable and his presence and guidance will be greatly missed.

We at Oakland Township Parks and Recreation extend our deepest condolences to Doug's wife, Lisa, his children, and his grandchildren at this difficult time.



