



Kingston Township

News

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Comments from Chairman Bill Shively

Hello Everyone! This summer is going by very fast. It won't be long until school is back in session.

The Palmer Drought Index shows Delaware and surroundings counties in the severe drought category. If we don't see a couple of good soaking rains soon, the drought will become extreme.

The Kingston Township Zoning Commission has a zoning board position open. The term is for five years and the member can serve a maximum of two full terms. Interested residents can send their resumes to Fiscal Officer Greg Roy. The trustees will interview and appoint the new member at the August 6th regular trustees meeting. If you need more information about the duties and requirements of the zoning board position, please call Assistant Zoning Inspector Dave Stites at 740-524-0290 or one of the trustees. My phone number is 740-524-2612.

Joint Recreation District Board

Elaine Eddy was elected president of the Olentangy Schools teachers association and therefore has resigned as Kingston's representative on the Eastern Delaware County Joint Recreation District Board (JRD). We thank Elaine for all her hard work and for reporting at trustees meetings about JRD activities.

The trustees appointed resident Rich Zumpone to replace Elaine.

Zoning News

The revised Planned Residence District (PRD) and definitions chapters of our zoning resolution are now in effect. The Zoning Office is working to incorporate those changes into the resolution document.

The Zoning Office secured bids for an infrastructure impact study. At their June meeting, the trustees approved Poggemeyer Design Group's proposal for \$9,500.

The Board of Zoning Appeals approved a variance request for a room addition.

The Robert Weiler Company plans to appeal the zoning inspector's rejection of the Pastures at Blue Church rezoning application during the township's Planned Residence District (PRD) rezoning moratorium.

The request for appeal was not submitted on the appropriate application form and did not include the required fee. Those items have been requested from the developer.

The township hall and park land draft deed is being reviewed by the County Prosecutor's Office as part of the review of the NorthStar Final Development Plan.

Clean-up Day

During the Township Clean-up Day, we filled a 40-yard dumpster with scrap metal and another dumpster and a trash truck with trash. We collected \$268 in donations to help defray the costs of this service.

Thanks to Dave Stites, Dewey Akers, Ed Moore, Dan Basham, John Fink, Bill Shively, and Buckeye Valley Waste for helping out.

Play It Safe

The Ohio Division of EMS reminds Ohioans to "Play it Safe" this summer. The summer months usher in the prime time for injuries for children ages 14 and younger. Last year, EMS treated and transported 249 Ohio children struck by cars during trauma season.

"Parents and caregivers can prevent many summer-related injuries with safety gear, proper education, and parental supervision," said EMS Executive Director Richard N. Rucker. "By teaching children early on about good safety habits, they may be

able to avoid future visits to the emergency room."

According to *The Safe Kids Summer Safety Ranking Report*, unintentional injury remains the number one killer of children in the United States, with more than 2,000 children dying each summer from injuries that were preventable.

EMS offers the following tips to help children stay safe this summer:

Ride Safe: Secure children in the appropriate child safety seat or safety belt for their age and size. Kids should always be secured in the back seat.

Swim Safe: Always supervise young children near water and insist your children wear personal flotation devices when out on boats, near open bodies of water, or participating in water sports.

Wheel Safe: Make sure your kids wear properly fitting protective gear every time they ride their bikes, scooters, inline skates, or skateboards. Teach your children the rules of the road.

Walk Safe: Never let a child under age 10 cross the street alone. Teach children to obey traffic rules. Make sure your kids wear retro-reflective materials, and don't let them walk alone at night. If they must walk at dawn or at dusk, make sure they carry a flashlight.

Play Safe: Always supervise your children at playgrounds or in the backyard. Make sure they play on a

Kingston Calendar

Meetings occur at the Township Hall, 9899 St. Rt. 521, (Rt. 521 & Carter's Corner Rd.) unless noted otherwise.

Trustees Meet First Mondays, 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Commission Meets Third Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

Trash Pick Up Days: Thursdays (except during holiday weeks*)

Trash Day	August 2
Trustees Meeting	August 6, 7:30 pm
Trash Day	August 9
Zoning Commission	August 15, 7 pm
Trash Days	August 16, 23 & 30

safe surface such as mulch, rubber, or fine sand.

Sewage Rules

The Delaware Board of Health took emergency action to uphold up-to-date standards for new sewage treatment systems in the county.

The action was taken because the Ohio General Assembly proposed to rescind new statewide sewage-system rules enacted earlier this year. This is part of the state budget bill which became effective July 1.

The emergency measure ensured uninterrupted rules governing sewage treatment system installation in the Delaware General Health District. The rules are designed to prevent human waste and household wastewater from polluting surface and groundwater as a result of inadequate or malfunctioning systems.

The action re-adopted the new statewide rules for the Delaware General Health District, which covers all of Delaware County except for Columbus, Dublin, and Westerville.

Without the emergency action, the local Health District would have reverted to 30-year-old state rules which didn't prevent raw sewage from flowing down ditches and across property lines. The Delaware Board of Health has adopted and updated several more up-to-date sewage rules reflecting modern science and technology since the state adopted its 1977 sewage rules.

The rules primarily affect persons building new houses and other structures requiring small sewage

treatment systems because central sewers are not located nearby. Systems must be designed to adequately treat sewage and ensure that effluent does not escape the property where the system is located.

Complaints in other areas of Ohio about costs led state legislators to rescind the statewide rules. Delaware Health Commissioner Frances M. Veverka, M.P.H., R.S., said the new rules were less of a change in the local Health District because the Board of Health seldom allows off-lot effluent discharges.

Veverka also noted that many new sewage systems in Delaware County will actually cost less under the new statewide rules than they did under Delaware's former local rules.

"The adoption of emergency rules will provide uninterrupted service while the agency has time to determine further changes to satisfy local concerns with the existing rules. Those changes would require hearings, and are unlikely to be in place before fall," Veverka said.

"We are getting calls from homeowners and installers trying to find out what happens in July," said Steve Burke, R.S., the Health District program manager for residential services.

A meeting with local sewage system installers is planned in the near future to discuss the rules situation.

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