



Kingston Township

January 2007

News

Comments from Chairman John Fink

As the holiday season nears and 2006 comes to an end, I'd like to reflect on the changes and progress we've experienced in our township and surrounding area.

The YMCA recreation and parks district began as a grass roots effort back in January and with some leadership from the YMCA, local residents, and elected officials, it has come to life with a very good possibility of placing a levy on the ballot in the spring for voter approval. Elaine Eddy has graciously volunteered to represent our township as a board member.

In April, Bob Talbott took over as zoning inspector bringing 24 years of construction and project management experience to the job.

Michael Thompson became our new Fire Chief in May, adding to his resume as a 21-year veteran of the Porter Kingston Fire District.

We had a very successful township clean up day in June, with quite a few residents taking the opportunity to remove clutter from their basements and garages.

With the help of the County Prosecutor's Office, we were able to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) bid package that is in a boiler plate format enabling it to be used for future projects that require bids and contracts.

We have begun developing a comprehensive road maintenance program with the aid of the County Engineer's Office. I'm hoping to work closely with Ed Moore this spring and summer to inventory every culvert, bridge, and road to aid us with planning future maintenance and improvements well in advance of when they will be required.

The NorthStar Golf Resort will open in 2007. The NorthStar developers submitted final plans. Bob Talbott and the Zoning Commission are working to ensure the developer meets all the promises made to our township during the rezoning process.

As it always seems to happen, we never seem to accomplish as much as we set out to do, but as long as we work together and keep trying, we'll get to where we want to be.

Finally, I want to thank the Zoning Board of Appeals and Zoning Commission members,

the township employees and contractors, Fiscal Officer Greg Roy, and my fellow trustees, Bill and Dan, for making this, my first year as a trustee enjoyable and fruitful. It has truly been a pleasure. I'm looking forward to working with all the fine people of Kingston Township in 2007 and I want to wish everyone a peaceful and happy holiday season.

Zoning News

Two zoning permits were issued in November with 38 issued year-to-date. One lot split was approved.

Since the Pastures at Blue Church rezoning was withdrawn by the applicant, no further action is needed. The developer has requested a partial refund of the application fee. The zoning office is gathering cost information.

At their November meeting, the Zoning Commission met with land planner, Tom Bowlus from Poggemeyer Design Group, and their attorney, Michael O'Reilly. They discussed the pros and cons of the Farm Residential (FR1) District versus the Planned Residence District (PRD). Bowlus discussed the benefits of our PRD which is basically a density neutral conservation subdivision district. He recommended that the underlying two acre FR1 density may be the issue when looking at large parcel PRD development.

Bowlus felt that five acre minimum lot sizes would slow growth to a more manageable pace and would be good for the public safety and welfare since we have narrow roads that can't safely handle large amounts of traffic.

Both Bowlus and O'Reilly recommended the Zoning Commission seek a six month moratorium on PRD rezonings. During that time, the commission would revise the zoning code. The Zoning Commission unanimously voted to recommend the moratorium to the trustees. At their Dec. 4 meeting, the trustees approved the moratorium. Upon revising the code, at least two public hearings would be required: one at the zoning commission level and one for the trustees to act upon the commission's recommendation.

Roads

Road Superintendent Ed Moore has been adding gravel along the berms and in front of mailboxes. He is also straightening signs.

Kingston Township Meetings

Township Hall, 9899 St.
Rt. 521, Rt. 521 &
Carter's Corner Rd.

Trustees

First Mondays
7:30 pm

Dec. 18
End of Year Mtg.

Jan. 3
Organizational
& Regular Mtg.

Zoning Commission

3rd Wednesdays
7:00 p.m.

Dec. 20

Jan. 17

Feb. 21

BZA Conditional Use Hearing

Dec. 18
7 p.m.

A load of salt is stored inside the maintenance building and Ed is ready for the winter weather.

YMCA

Elaine Eddy reported that the Eastern Delaware County Joint Recreation District is in its organizational phases. They will hold public meetings at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the Sunbury Town Hall on the third floor.

Fire Safety Tips For Seniors

State Fire Marshal Stephen K. Woltz is reminding Ohio's senior citizens to exercise increased precautions to ensure their safety against fire in the home.

"Seniors are vulnerable because often they live alone or are unable to respond quickly. With education and planning, many of these fire deaths and injuries can be prevented," said Woltz. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), adults over 65 years of age are twice as likely to die in a fire when compared to the rest of the population. Adults over 85 have a risk that is four and a half times that of the national average.

Senior citizens should:

- Install a smoke detector on each level of your home and inside each bedroom;
- Check your smoke detector monthly and change the batteries at least twice a year. Caregivers are encouraged to check detectors for

those who are unable to do it by themselves;

- Make a fire escape plan for your home and know two ways out;
- Make any necessary accommodations, such as providing exit ramps and widening of doorways to facilitate an emergency escape;
- Speak to your family members, building manager, or neighbors about your fire safety plan and practice it with them;
- Ask emergency providers to keep your special needs information on file;
- If you live in a multi-story home, make arrangements to sleep on the ground floor, if possible, or near an exit;
- Never smoke in bed or near an open oxygen source, gas stove or other flammable object;
- When cooking, don't leave pots and pans unattended. Use a timer to remind you of food in the oven. Avoid wearing loose clothing or dangling sleeves while cooking; and,
- Don't overload electrical outlets or extension cords.

"Addressing fire safety issues and concerns before an emergency is essential," said Woltz. "It can mean the difference between life and death."

Flu Shots

Flu shots are in ample supply this year. The Delaware General Health District has flu shots for \$8.50 and Flu Mist (for those 5-49) for \$8. Stop by the Health District Clinic at 3 W. Winter St. in Delaware for walk-in clinics weekdays 7:30-9 a.m. and Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m. A flu shot clinic will also be held Dec. 13, 1:30-4 p.m.

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