



Kingston Township

News

June 2007

Comments from Chairman Bill Shively

Hello everyone! The weather has been outstanding for spring planting and outdoor activities. Most, if not all, of the corn and soybeans will be planted on time this year. This is great news for Ohio farmers!

The trustees are very busy with zoning issues. The Robert Weiler company has submitted a new PRD application for the property on Wilson and Blue Church roads. The County Engineer has approved the road extension plan to connect Blue Church Road where it crosses Wilson Road. Construction will start soon on this extension.

The Zoning Commission has recommended approval of the PRD changes to the zoning code. The Trustees will vote to adopt the changes or leave it the way it is at the June trustees meeting.

The township has had some new concerns brought up about illegal trespassing on private property. The Ohio Revised Code protects private property rights. If you are having problems with trespassing on your property, please notify the Sheriff's Office.

If you have a question or concern, please call me at 740-524-2612.

Twp. Clean-up Day

The Kingston Township Clean-up Day will be June 16, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the township maintenance building at the Blue Church Cemetery. Buckeye Valley Waste will provide dumpsters and volunteers are needed to help residents unload items. This service is free to residents, but the township will accept donations to help offset the township's costs for the service.

Items that will be accepted include: household trash, yard toys/gyms, "small" shed clean-outs, all white goods (washers, dryers, hot water tanks, ranges, etc.), car/truck batter-

ies, dried paint in the can with the lid off, and all metal or steel items.

Items that cannot be accepted include: no tires of any kind, no appliances that contain or did contain Freon, and no yard waste, brush, lawn clippings, trees, tree stumps, etc. No paint or hazardous waste can be accepted.

Township Web Site

Kingston Township now has a web site! Trustee John Fink is working with Andrew Dudas and staff at the Miami University Center for Public Management and Regional Affairs to develop a web site at no cost for the township. It is still under construction but you can access it at <http://cpmra.muohio.edu/townships/kingston/>.

The site offers contact information for your trustees and fiscal officer as well as fire department, newsletter editor, road maintenance, trash and recycling provider, and zoning office. It lists meeting times, dates, and places. If you have lost your newsletter, you can access newsletters from 2006 to the most recent issue.

Eventually, the site will also have information on the zoning boards, the zoning code, and the zoning map. Trustees and zoning minutes will also be posted as well as local links

We welcome your input. Is there any additional information that you would like to see on the site? Check it out and let John know what you think.

Zoning News

The Kingston Zoning Commission (KZC) continued their April 18 public hearing to May 4 on the zoning code revisions to the Planned Residential District (PRD) chapter.

The KZC heard recommendations from the Delaware County Regional Planning Commission (DCRPC) and Poggemeyer Design Group Consultant Tom Bowlus' recommendations regarding DCRPC's comments. Public

input was considered as well.

While the KZC is confident that the PRD yield plan formula included in the revised PRD will be effective, it responded to public concerns and incorporated language allowing land developers to opt to use FR-1 preliminary plat yield plan density approved by DCRPC for the PRD density.

The KZC voted unanimously to send the revised document to the trustees for their May 21 hearing. Due to timing of newsletters versus hearing dates, the KZC also recommended that the trustees send a letter out to residents notifying them of the process, the changes, and the hearing date. The trustees, with County Prosecutor's Office input, agreed and sent the letter to all residents and land owners on the newsletter mailing and e-mail lists.

At their May meeting, the trustees promoted Zoning Secretary Dave Stites to Assistant Zoning Inspector on a six-month trial basis.

Emergency Access

The Porter-Kingston Fire District would like to ask that you take a look

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	Friday, June 1 *
Trustees Meeting	June 4, 7:30 pm
Trash Day	June 7
Trash Day	June 14
Twp. Clean-up Day	June 16, 8 am-4 pm
Maintenance Bldg.	
Zoning Commission	June 20, 7 pm
Trustees Meeting	July 2, 7:30 pm
Zoning Commission	July 18, 7 pm
Trash Day	June 21
Trash Day	June 28

at your driveway to make sure it can accommodate emergency equipment.

Obstacles such as low hanging tree limbs and trees planted too close to a curve can significantly hamper our efforts in the event of an emergency. Our trucks are 11' high and 9' wide.

We would also like to identify all of the driveways in the district longer than 400'. This will allow us to plan ahead for access when snow is on the ground or water supply for a fire.

If you have any questions, or if you would just like for us to come out and take a look at your driveway before you make any changes, please contact us to set up an appointment.

Spring Into Fire Safety

Acting State Fire Marshal Kevin Watts is calling on Ohioans to get serious about fire safety this spring. Ohio averages more total fires in April than any other month with an average of 3,500 fires from 2001 to 2005.

"Spring cleaning in and around the house is an annual ritual for many people throughout the state," said Watts. "This also is an ideal time to check homes and yards to eliminate fire and safety hazards." Marshal Watts suggests reducing clutter inside the home; removing yard waste, refuse, and debris from the property; and ensuring that lawn equipment is in good working order.

The number of fires can be greatly reduced by taking these simple steps to protect your family and home:

- Clear leaves, debris and other yard waste from around buildings;
- Have a qualified professional perform proper maintenance on lawn equipment;
- Check for frayed or damaged electrical cords and wires, and have them repaired by a qualified professional;
- Responsibly store flammable liquids and home chemicals and properly discard old paint and solvents;
- Remove any combustibles from around hot water tanks, clothes dryers and vents, and any heating equipment;
- Remove any lint buildup from clothes dryers;
- Take stacks of newspapers and magazines to recycling centers;
- Get rid of oily rags and cloths used to wipe up fuel spills;
- Clean up work areas by putting away dangerous tools, adhesives, matches, and other items that should not be accessible to children; and,
- Have a working flashlight and battery-powered radio for the approaching storm season.

While you are thinking fire safety, take the time to test your smoke detectors and change the batteries. Dust or vacuum around the detector and replace any that are 10 years old or older. Finally, review your home fire escape plan and make certain everyone has two ways out of the home and knows the outside meeting location.

Newsletter E-mail

We have a new e-mail address for the newsletter. Please be sure to revise your address book and from

burrellj@juno.com to the new address: kingstonnews@embarqmail.com.

Add your name to our newsletter e-mail list for a full color copy in a .pdf format that you can launch with Acrobat Reader (download it free from www.adobe.com). Just e-mail your name and mailing address to kingstonnews@embarqmail.com.

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