



Kingston Township

News

February 2008

Chairman's Chat

By Dewey Akers

Hello and Happy New Year! I would like to take this opportunity to say a very sincere thank you to the residents of Kingston Township for affording me the privilege of serving as your trustee.

I would also like to thank the trustees of 2006, John Fink, Dan Basham, and Bill Shively for appointing me to the zoning board. It was a very rewarding experience to work with all the members on the board. I feel the township is very fortunate to have a zoning board comprised of people who are sincere and dedicated to the preservation of our rural atmosphere while being open to the needs and demands of an ever-growing population.

I am looking forward to working with Bill Shively and John Fink as a team. I think we will have a very productive year.

I would like to invite everyone to come to a trustees meeting. It is not only a place to register complaints, but it is also a great place to voice your opinions and expectations for the future of your township, and to meet other residents.

Please call me at 740-803-1529 or e-mail me (dvakers@verizon.net) if you have questions or concerns. I am always available and I will return your calls.

Zoning News

Any residents interested in serving on the zoning commission should submit a letter to Fiscal Officer Greg Roy. The trustees will interview candidates at their Feb. 4 meeting. The position was vacated when Dewey Akers was elected trustee. The term will run through August 2010. The zoning commission meets monthly and is completing the township comprehensive land use plan. Upon its completion, they will begin revising the

entire zoning code to mirror the comprehensive plan.

The commission has completed the draft of the comprehensive plan. The zoning office staff revised the document for final commission review at their January meeting. The commission will hold a public hearing for resident input then forward the document to the trustees. The trustees will hold a public hearing as well before voting to adopt or reject the document. The draft document will be available on the township web site and from the zoning office for review.

Details on the NorthStar Final Development Plan administrative review are still begin worked out between the Weiler Company's engineering firm, EMH&T, and the Zoning Office.

Two zoning permits were issued in December. In 2007, 32 permits were issued compared to 42 in 2006.

The draft of the infrastructure study has been received from Poggemeyer Design Group and is being reviewed by the Zoning Office. It will most likely be reviewed by the zoning commission at its February meeting.

Recycling Bin

A recycling bin will be at the township maintenance building on the second Thursday of each month. It will remain there all month unless it is full. Then it will be removed and returned on the second Thursday of the next month.

Knox-Box Rapid Entry Systems

The Porter Kingston Fire District is implementing the Knox-Box Rapid Entry System. The fire district would like residents to consider installing the boxes which allow the fire department to gain quick entry to residences without damaging property.

The boxes include building entrance keys, electronic access cards, and vital emergency information. A master key is kept locked in each Fire District emergency vehicle.

The boxes are recommended for residents who have gated driveways, fire alarms, or medic alert buttons. You might also consider a box in case you are incapacitated, unable to open the door, or not home.

The Fire Department will make every effort not to damage property, but for residents' safety they will forcibly enter a residence if necessary.

Boxes are available starting at \$149. This is a minor cost compared

2008 Representatives

Trustees

Dewey Akers - Chairman
John Fink - Vice-Chairman

Porter Kingston Fire District and Health District Advisory Council
Dewey Akers

Porter Kingston Fire District Resident Representative
Robin Morgan

Delaware County Regional Planning Commission
Bob Talbott
Dave Stites, Alt.

Eastern Delaware County Joint Recreation District
Rich Zumpono

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*)

Trustees Meeting Feb. 4, 7:30 pm

Trash Day Feb. 7, 14

Recycling Bin Arrives Feb. 14

& Stays Until Full

Zoning Commission Feb. 20, 7 pm

Trash Days Feb. 21, 28

to replacing a door or window or compared to time lost helping an injured person or battling a fire.

For literature, contact the Fire Department at 740-524-5050 or visit www.knoxbox.com.

Vial of Life

The Porter-Kingston Fire District is currently participating in the Vial of Life Program for seniors in the District.

The Vial of Life consists of a medical information form and two decals. The medical information form contains vital information for emergency responders. The decals, placed in a conspicuous place, alert emergency responders that this information is available.

The Vial of Life program can save precious seconds while helping EMS personnel gather patient information so treatment decisions can be made. This program is free.

We will assist you in filling out the form and placement of the decals. Please contact Station 380 for more information at 740-524-5050 or stop by. We are located at 12844 Olive Green Rd., just east of State Route 656.

Safe Winter Driving

The Delaware General Health District would like to share the following safe winter travel tips prepared by the American Society of Safety Engineers:

- Always wear a seat belt when you are in an automobile. This applies to passengers as well as drivers. It's

the law as well as good safety advice.

- Reduce your speed and increase your distance behind the vehicle in front of you. You might need three times more distance to stop on a slippery road than on a dry road.
- Be especially careful on bridges and overpasses, which tend to freeze and get slippery before other road surfaces.
- Do not drink and drive.
- If you get stranded in your vehicle, stay inside to wait for help. Carry a cell phone to use to call for help. Please do not use the cell phone while driving.
- Plan ahead for wintry driving conditions, and give yourself ample time to reach your destination.
- Carry an emergency kit in your car including blankets, a flashlight, a cell phone with charger and extra batteries, a shovel, a First Aid kit, non-perishable food, extra clothes, and drinking water. Employers should consider providing such safety kits to employees who drive in wintry conditions as part of their employment.
- Carry an ice scraper in your vehicle.
- Have a mechanic check your vehicle's battery, antifreeze, wipers, windshield washer fluid, ignition system, thermostat, lights, flashing hazard lights, exhaust system, heater, brakes, defroster, tire tread, and oil level.

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