



Kingston Township

News

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Chairman's Chat

By Dewey Akers

I think spring is finally here. It is really wet, but at least, it's warm. It's time to trade the snow shovel for the lawn mower.

I recently attended a meeting with Mr. P. K. Tudor of Del-Co Water, Inc. and representatives of the Weiler Company. I am happy to report that, as a result of the initiative put forth by Trustee John Fink in a previous meeting, the water tower has been moved off the proposed township property to a site close to the treatment plant on Wilson Road.

I talked with the sheriff's deputy about the screws that have been dumped on Wilson and Blue Church Roads. It has occurred four times in recent months. The deputy filed a report and implied that the matter would be investigated. Future incidents should be reported to the sheriff at 740-833-2800. Thanks to Ed Moore and Phil Burchett for directing traffic and cleaning up the screws.

The township's web site can now be found at a new address:

<http://www.kingstontwp.org>.

The zoning office finally has DSL and their new e-mail address is zoning@kingstontwp.org. You can now reach John Fink at jfink@kingstontwp.org.

I also attended a meeting with representatives from eight other townships to discuss the implementation of disaster warning sirens for the entire county. A letter, which will be presented to the county commissioners, was drafted at the meeting. I will keep you informed of any progress.

Please call me at 740/803-1529 or e-mail me at dvakers@verizon.net if you have any questions or concerns.

Master Plan

The Delaware County Regional Planning Commission (DCRPC) reviewed the township's draft comprehensive land use (master) plan at their March monthly meeting and voted for preliminary approval. Minor comments

were made and incorporated. They also updated maps and graphics.

At its March meeting, the Zoning Commission decided to move forward with the plan. It invited public input at its April 16 meeting through ads in local papers since the April newsletter was already at the printer. The document is available for review at the Kilbourne Post Office, the Community Library, the Zoning Office, or online at www.kingstontwp.org under zoning.

Pending public comment, the document could be forwarded to the trustees who will then schedule a meeting for public input.

The plan supports agricultural preservation and maintaining the rural character of the township. It also supports natural resource conservation by encouraging conservation subdivision design in all areas of the township. It advocates a "density neutral" concepts that levels the playing field for all landowners. This means that land can be developed in the Farm Residential district at a one unit per 1.95-acre density. Or, it can be rezoned to Planned Residential District at the same overall density clustered to a minimum of .5-acre lots with 50% of the land set aside as open space. This preserves open space natural and agricultural resources and saves a developer money on infrastructure.

NorthStar Final Plan

During the fall of 2006, the NorthStar Final Development Plan was submitted to the township. It was reviewed by DCRPC and the township. The township rejected the plan because it adhered to only one of the numerous commitments made during the rezoning approval process.

In February 2007, a final plan application was filed again. Poggemeyer Design Group (PDG) reviewed the application as did our zoning inspector and found approximately 40 items out of compliance from the original rezoning conditions and commitments. The Zoning Office has spent more than a year working

with the Weiler Company's engineering firm, EMH&T and attorneys to bring the final plan application into compliance with commitments made during the preliminary plan/rezoning process. By July, six items were still out of compliance.

In August, the County Prosecutor began reviewing the deed for the township hall and park parcel. The Zoning Office also hosted a meeting with all parties to discuss the items still needing resolution. Transcripts from that meeting were received in October and parties were asked to review and comment further.

Several of those items have been resolved. At the April trustees meeting, after all parties agreed, the trustees voted to accept the new tower location on Wilson Road across from the sewage treatment plant.

Attorneys for both sides are still reviewing the township land transfer documents.

The other remaining commitment was 300.2 acres of township hall, farm preservation, and park land. The preliminary plan map and its key submitted for the rezoning have conflicting information. The subsequent zoning conditions document which formalized commitments made during rezoning public hearings states that 300.2 acres will be dedicated to the township. The Robert Weiler Company and EMH&T are disputing those figures. The issue was tabled to be discussed at the May trustees meeting.

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	May 5, 7:30 pm
Recycling Bin Arrives	May 8 (until full)
Zoning Commission	May 21, 7 pm
Trash Days	May 1, 8, 15, 22
Trash Day	May 30*

Rosecrans Memorial

Local Boy Scout Sam Baldauf has agreed to work on restoring the General Rosecrans Memorial as part of his Eagle Scout project. He plans to trim trees, bushes, and weeds; repair the fence; clean the cement; add pavers and landscaping; and, maintain the site for the next year.

The site will be included on Bicentennial tours this year. Highway Superintendent Ed Moore will also investigate the possibility of adding drainage pipe and gravel to create two parking spaces.

Bicentennial Events

To celebrate Delaware County's Bicentennial, a civil war reenactment will take place May 9-11 in Sunbury.

Saturday's events begin early with reveille at 7 a.m. The Civil War Camps open to the public at 9 a.m. The day includes a variety of activities highlighted with infantry, cavalry, and artillery demonstrations and concludes with a blue/gray ball and night artillery fire. Sunday includes similar events with a battle reenactment. You can find more information at www.delawareco200.com.

Be Safe When Cooking Outdoors

With the warm weather, comes camping out and great meals cooked outdoors. Following these tips will make your event a safer, more enjoyable experience.

CAMPFIRES

- Make sure a fire ring is in place;
- Don't use any flammable or com-

- bustible liquids; and,
- Keep fires small so they can be extinguished.

PROPANE/NATURAL GAS GRILLS

- Follow manufacturers instructions at all times;
- Make sure the lid is open when lighting;
- Make sure all connections are tight;
- Keep grease buildup at a minimum; and,
- Shut the gas off on the LPG bottle when finished.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- Never use gasoline, paint thinner, turpentine or any other flammable liquid except before ignition you may use charcoal lighter fluid;
- Grill must be cool before storage; and,
- Dispose of ashes in a metal container.

ALL OUTDOOR COOKING

- Keep a safe distance away from the fire;
- Supervise children and keep children away from grilling area;
- Use extreme caution in windy conditions;
- Keep combustible materials (pot holders, wrappers, clothes, etc.) away from fire;
- Keep a safe distance away from structures;
- Never leave unattended or go to bed with the fire still burning; and,
- Extinguish the fire properly.

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