

Kingston Township

News

July 2010

Chairman's Chat – By Steve Volpe

Summer at last. Keep an eye out for the kids. They're too busy having fun to watch out for themselves. And speaking of safety, let's try to keep things safe around the summer holidays. Remember to grill away from the house, don't get stupid with fireworks, and please don't get behind the wheel after a few adult thirst quenchers.

Once again, I had the pleasure of meeting with "Delaware County Officials Acting Together". What a great organization. There is a county's worth of experience. Great advice on who, what, where, and how to get it done!

For the first time in a while we have no vacancies on our boards after a cascade of changes. I would like to welcome Bill Hammond as our BZA Alternate. There is information about him later in this newsletter, so I won't go into that now. But, I would like to thank him for his willingness and dedication to Kingstown Township.

I continue to hear from residents concerned with the speed and other reckless behavior on Wilson Road. The trustees are aware of this issue and will continue to work on getting this resolved. As some of you know, we cannot set the speed limit. That requires approval at the state level. It will take time to resolve, but I will not let it go away.

Speaking of road issues, remember, there will be some road work in the township this summer. Please watch the newsletter for the schedules. Your patience is appreciated. While it's an inconvenience, in the end we have improved roads

Until next time, take care. And get out and enjoy life.

Zoning News

Board of Zoning Appeals Alternate Appointed



The Kingston Township Board of Trustees appointed Bill Hammond as the Kingston Township Board of Zoning Appeals Alternate. Hammond has lived in the township with his wife and four children since 2005. He works for Nationwide Insurance in downtown Columbus and is an avid hunter.

May 2010 Zoning Office Report Zoning Update:

- Three permits were issued for a deck on Rosecrans Rd.; a swimming pool on Todd Street Rd.; and, a pole barn on Blue Church Rd.

Miscellaneous:

- The Zoning Commission continues to make good progress on updating the Zoning Code with DCRPC.

- Bob Talbott, Dave Stites, John Fink, and Bill Steinhoff attended a regional planning workshop.

Zoning Hearing

The trustees held a special meeting June 10 to discuss a legal settlement in the lawsuit filed against the township by the Robert Weiler Company in 2007. After an executive session with their attorneys and zoning commissioners, the trustees voted to schedule a public hearing on the matter.

The settlement will be handled according to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) section 505.07. It allows the court to approve settlements in rezoning cases. It provides for a public hearing so the public can review the settlement agreement and a preliminary development plan. Those documents will be available for public review during zoning office hours Friday mornings, at the Community Library in Sunbury, by request, and at the hearing. ORC 505.07 does not allow a referendum. After the Trustee's public hearing, notice will be given to the public for a scheduled hearing before the court, at which time the judge will make a determination as to whether or not the settlement agreement is fair and reasonable.

A public hearing has been scheduled for July 13 at 7 p.m. at the Kilbourne United Methodist Church, 5591 St. Rt. 521, Kilbourne 43032.

The preliminary development plan for the 606 acre property bounded by Wilson, Blue Church, and Rosecrans roads and St. Rt. 61, has 290 single family homes on minimum half acre lots with 15' side setbacks. It has preserve areas on each road for a possible day care center and churches. It features approximately 335 acres or 55% open space. The property would be rezoned under the old 2007 Planned Residence District code.

Roads

The following township road projects are planned for chip and seal improvements this year as part of the township's multi-year maintenance program:

- Clark Road from Kilbourne Rd. north to the township line;
- Blue Church Rd. from St. Rt. 521 north to the dead end; and,
- Todd Street Rd. from N. Galena Rd. to Clark Rd.

These roads are tentatively scheduled for mid- to late- July work. For more specifics available in July, visit www.co.delaware.oh.us/engineer and click on the links for current projects, then 2010 Road Improvements Program.

- The County is also currently working on the following roads:
- 3 Bs & K Rd. from Rt. 36 to Kilbourne Rd. - asphalt paving and chip seal; and,
 - Kilbourne Rd. from St. Rt. 521 to St. Rt. 61 - chip seal and microsurfacing.

Road Superintendent/Cemetery Sexton Position Open

The township is accepting applications to fill this part-time position. Duties include maintaining all township roads includ-

ing plowing roads, mowing, and maintaining road signs. The position also is responsible for Blue Church Cemetery including burials and maintaining all cemetery records. The position reports to the trustees and the person is required to attend monthly trustees meetings. Candidates must have a valid CDL license, high school diploma or GED equivalent, and a minimum of two years experience operating heavy equipment. The person is required to be on call during bad weather for snow removal or if dispatched by local law enforcement.

Interested persons should complete an application for employment available on the township's web site or contact Fiscal Officer Greg Roy who also can provide the complete job description. Completed applications should be mailed to Kingston Twp. Trustees, Attn: Employment PT Road Superintendent, 9899 S. R. 521, Sunbury, OH 43074.

Fireworks Safety Tips

From the Division of State Fire Marshal courtesy of the Porter-Kingston Fire District

Nearly 11,000 people were treated in U.S. emergency departments for fireworks-related injuries in 2005, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). The perception that some fireworks, such as sparklers, are safe is incorrect. Sparklers were associated with more than half of the estimated injuries among children under age 5 in 2005, CPSC says.

Ohio law permits sparklers and other types of novelties. To view lists of permitted materials, view the *Ohio State Fire Marshal - 2009 Fireworks Redbook* at www.com.ohio.gov/fire/FireworksRedbook.aspx.

Sparklers can burn at more than 1,000°F and set clothes on fire, while firecrackers can injure the hands or face if they explode nearby. Children are often excited and curious around fireworks, and this can increase their chances of being injured.

If you purchase sparklers for children, follow these guidelines from the National Council on Fireworks Safety:

- Obey the local laws and use common sense.
- Always read and follow instructions.
- Always have an adult present.
- Keep burning sparklers away from clothing and flammable objects.
- Use sparklers only outdoors, away from buildings and vehicles.
- Light only one sparkler at a time.
- Alcohol, fireworks, and sparklers do not mix. Be responsible.
- Do not point or throw sparklers at another person.
- Children under the age of 12 should not handle sparklers.
- When finished, place used sparklers in a bucket of water.

The U.S. National Fire Protection Association and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention **strongly recommend that fireworks be used only by professionals.** The safest way to prevent fireworks-related injuries is to leave fireworks displays to trained professionals.

More information about Ohio's and surrounding states' laws governing the use of fireworks is available from the National Council on Fireworks Safety at www.fireworksafety.com.

Independence Day Events

Sunbury's Independence Day activities include a parade, flea market, kids games, and fireworks. All activities are planned for Monday, July 5th.

July 4th Concert

The Central Ohio Symphony will take the outdoor stage for its 25th annual 4th of July concert on Sunday, July 4, 8 p.m.,

on the Phillips Glen lawn located behind Gray Chapel on the Sandusky Street main campus of Ohio Wesleyan University. This is just one block south of downtown Delaware.

Lawn seating is free. There is limited general admission chair seating in front of the stage for \$3. Kiwanis will be selling refreshments at the concert.

The orchestra will play the popular *Armed Forces Salute*, in recognition of veterans and active service personnel. The musicians will end with *The 1812 Overture*, a perennial crowd pleaser, and *Stars and Stripes Forever*. Last year's sound effects cannon are back for the *1812 Overture*.

The lucky winner of the Symphony's annual conductor raffle will conduct a John Philip Sousa march during the evening's program. Raffle tickets are \$4 each or three for \$10 and may be purchased by calling the Symphony office.

Immediately following the concert will be the City of Delaware's spectacular fireworks display. The fireworks can be viewed from areas adjacent to the concert site.

Tickets are at Buehlers, Beehive Books, and the Arts Castle and through the Symphony. For information visit www.centralohiosymphony.org or call the Central Ohio Symphony office at (740) 362-1799.

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Kingston Calendar

Meetings occur at the Township Hall, 9899 St. Rt. 521, (Rt. 521 & Carter's Corner Rd.) unless noted* otherwise. Trash pick up days are Thursdays except during holiday weeks.

Trash Day (Thursdays) July 1
Trustees Meeting (1st Tuesday) July 6, 7:30 PM
Recycling Bin Arrives (2nd Thursday) July 8 (until full)
Trash Day (Thursdays) July 8
Pastures at Blue Church Public Hearing July 13, 7 p.m.,
 Kilbourne United Methodist Church
Trash Day (Thursdays) July 15
Zoning Commission (3rd Wednesday) July 21, 7 PM
Trash Days (Thursdays) July 22, 29

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