

Kingston Township

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News

Chairman's Chat – By Dewey Akers

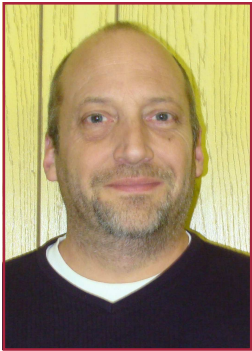
Hello again. I hope everyone is enjoying our unseasonably warm temperatures. Although it has been quite wet, it is still better than snow and school closings. It has been a very mild winter, indeed.

I'd like to report that the trustees have leased out the farm property on Carter's Corner Road. The lease is for three years starting in 2012. Mad Max Farms, owned by the Niemeyer Family, was the high bidder. The money from this venture will help to improve the township site, assist in building a Township Hall, and provide a park for the residents.

The Trustees appointed Joey Jerome to the Zoning Commission and Craig McCord to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Thanks to both of them for coming forward and serving our township. I hope the experience is fulfilling.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 740-803-1529.

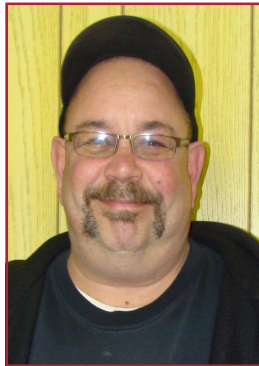
Welcome New Zoning Members



During their March meeting, the trustees appointed two new members to our zoning boards.

Joey Gerome was appointed to serve as a zoning commissioner through August 2015. Gerome has lived in Kingston Township since 1991 with his wife. They have one middle school age son. Gerome and his family run the Hidden Creek Farm on S. Galena Rd. He is also a Boy Scout leader.

Craig McCord was appointed as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals through December 2016. McCord has lived in the township since his high school years. He is a 1975 graduate of Buckeye Valley High School. With his wife, they have five children and three grandchildren. McCord works in fire protection construction.



Zoning Vacancy

There is still one zoning vacancy so this position will continue to be advertised until it is filled. An alternate position is available on the Kingston Township Zoning Commission through August 2015. This position has voting rights in the absence of a member.

The Zoning Commission meets on a quarterly basis and deals with matters related to the Zoning Resolution, Comprehensive Plan, Zoning District Map, and other duties as defined within Chapter 519 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Interested Kingston Township residents should submit letters

of interest along with resumes to the Kingston Township Zoning Office.

Applicants will be interviewed by the Trustees during their monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Township Hall. The applicant must be present to be considered for the position. Letters of interest may be submitted to Kingston Township, 9899 State Route 521, Sunbury, Ohio 43074 or by email to zoning@kingstontwp.org. Contact the Zoning Office at 740-524-0290 with questions or visit www.kingstontwp.org and look under Special Notices.

Farm Land Leased

The trustees advertised for bids to lease its 119 acres of farm land on Carter's Corner Rd. Farmers packed the township hall for the March 6 opening of bids. Bids ranged from \$90-\$213 per acre. The top three bidders were selected and given the opportunity to verbally raise their bids. In the end, Eric Niemeyer of MadMax Farms won the bid at \$216 per acre to lease the land for the next three years. This will produce income of \$25,704 per year for the township. The trustees discussed the concept of dedicating those funds toward the new township hall.

BZA Hearing

On March 7, the Board of Zoning Appeals held a public hearing on a variance request from Lamar Outdoor Advertising. Lamar's billboard along I-71 south of Kilbourne Rd. was destroyed in a May 2011 storm. Since the billboard was more than 50 percent destroyed, a repaired or replaced billboard would have to be in compliance with current zoning standards. The request asked to vary the size of the billboard from the 300 square foot standard to 1,600 square foot. It also requested a variance from the current standard of 1,200 feet from an inhabited structure to 935 feet. After hearing testimony, the board denied the variance request.

Roads

The Delaware County Engineer provided the township with estimates of \$65,200 for 6.871 miles of summer road improvements. The following roads are slated for chip seal work:

Blue Church Rd.	\$28,900
Blaney Rd.	\$8,500
Rosecrans Rd.	\$27,800.

The trustees had questions about the cost estimates and will clarify these prices with the County Engineer.

The County Engineer also plans to replace a culvert on Wilson Rd. this year and to replace the Blue Church and Twigg-Hupp roads bridges during 2012-14.

Terrain Evolution, the engineering firm for NorthStar, has worked with the County Engineer and has reported that the section of Wilson Rd. to be rebuilt near the township line will be designed for a 45 miles per hour speed limit.

Road Superintendent Doug Crowl noted that due to our mild winter, the township has only used 73 1/4 tons of salt on the

roads. This leaves a balance of 61 3/4 tons the township estimated it would need.

Cemeteries

Cemetery Sexton Doug Crowl has revised cemetery fees and they will be added to the township's web site.

Join in the Statewide Tornado Drill March 28

March 25-31 is Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week in Ohio. Delaware County Emergency Management and Homeland Security urge you to exercise your tornado safety plan during the Statewide Tornado Drill at 9:50 a.m. Wednesday, March 28.



Severe Weather Preparedness Tips Be Informed

- Get a weather alert radio. They're available from most electronics stores and many major retailers. Learn more at www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/.
- Learn about tornadoes and other severe weather hazards we face in Delaware County at the Delaware County EMA Web site: www.delcoema.org.

Make a Plan

- Decide on the safest place to shelter during tornadoes at work, home or school.
- Keep extra emergency supplies on hand, including a battery-operated radio, food, water and medication.
- Learn about emergency plans online at www.Ready.gov.

Get Involved

- If you can't participate in the tornado drill on March 28, conduct your own drill on another day this spring.

Change Your Batteries in Smoke and CO Alarms

– Courtesy of the U.S. Fire Administration and your Porter Kingston Fire District

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is urging consumers to replace the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms. Fresh batteries allow smoke and CO alarms to do their jobs saving lives by alerting families of a fire or a buildup of deadly carbon monoxide in their homes.

CPSC estimates there was a yearly average of 386,300 residential fires resulting in nearly 2,400 deaths between 2006 and 2008. Two-thirds of fire deaths occur in homes where there were no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. That is why it is important to replace batteries at least once every year and to test your alarms every month to make sure they work. CPSC recommends consumers have smoke alarms on every level of their home, outside bedrooms and inside each bedroom.

CPSC estimates there was an annual average of 183 unintentional non-fire CO poisoning deaths associated with consumer products between 2006 and 2008. CO is called the "invisible killer" because it is a colorless, odorless, and poisonous gas. Because of this, people may not know they are being poisoned. Carbon monoxide is produced by the incomplete burning of fuel in various products including furnaces, portable generators, fireplaces, cars, and charcoal grills.

That is why it is important to have working CO alarms in the home, on each level and outside each sleeping area.

The United States Fire Administration recommends everyone should have a comprehensive fire protection plan that

includes smoke alarms, residential sprinklers, and practicing a home fire escape plan.

Big Walnut Community Expo

The 14th annual Big Walnut Community Expo will be 5-8 p.m., Thursday, April 26 at Big Walnut High School. Find out what your community has to offer. More than 100 local businesses, schools, churches, health care providers, and organizations will display their services. Entertainment, door prizes, and free or reduced cost health screenings are available.

Symphony Performs May 5th

The Central Ohio Symphony's next performance is at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 5 at Ohio Wesleyan University's Gray Chapel. Symphony Concertmaster Tom Fetherston will perform Alban Berg's Violin Concerto, an early 20th century work dedicated "to the memory of an angel". Debussy's Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun and Beethoven's Sixth Symphony, the 'Pastorale', complete the program and the season. To purchase tickets ranging from \$4 for children to \$20 for adults, go to <http://www.centralohiosymphony.org>.

Forward Your Newsletter

Forward your newsletter to neighbors today so they can opt in to our email list at kingstonnews@embarqmail.com.

Kingston Calendar

Meetings are at the Township Hall, unless noted otherwise, at 9899 St. Rt. 521, (Rt. 521 & Carter's Corner Rd.).
Trash pick up days are Fridays except during holiday weeks*.
Trustees Meeting April 3, 7 PM
Trash & Recycling Day (Fridays) April 6, 13, 20, 27

Who To Call (740 Area Code)

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NEWS & INFO

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PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

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ROADS & CEMETERIES

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TRASH & RECYCLING

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