



KINGSTON NEWS

2ND QUARTER, MAY 2019

Chairman's Chat

By Steve Volpe, Trustees Chairman

Well it may not be summer yet, but it's close enough. Kids will be out of school this month! Please slow down and pay attention. Our youngsters may be having way too much fun to concentrate on safety. Take time to review your summer rules with your kids. Let's keep them away from harm if we can.

I do have some news on our new Township Hall. Things are progressing slowly in design. As you may know the construction industry is very hot right now. The economy is great and things are booming. Unfortunately this means higher prices and slower work. But we continue to push forward. We now have an understanding with the developer on shared work. This means our contractor, Morton Buildings, can develop a firm price, and if acceptable we can start the permitting process. It's a pretty exciting time. I will continue to work with all parties to keep the project moving forward.

Summer is a busy time in our township. Your Trustees are busy with road work and development issues (as well as the new Township Hall). Our Road Superintendent and Zoning men are very busy. Summer is also the time that we all get active with enjoying outdoor sports and hobbies. Let's be smart and ease into it, don't overdue things on the first outing. Life is good,

enjoy the nice weather. Until next time, take care, and contact me with any concerns.

During their May Trustees Meeting, \$4,600 was approved to replace the remainder of the Township Hall with a new metal roof.

The Trustees would like to thank our farm lessee Todd Etgen for his hard work this past winter repairing and replacing drainage tile on the Township's farm ground. With Todd providing labor and the Township purchasing materials, 6,700 feet of 4 inch tile and 2,300 feet of 6 inch tile were installed. The overall project cost was \$4,600 which included T's, Y's, end caps, couplers and gravel. Funds to pay for the improvement came out of the Township's farm lease account where lease payments are deposited.

ZONING REPORT

Permits

Since the last newsletter, the following zoning permits were approved:

3 New Build Homes

2 Pools

2 Accessory Buildings

Please remember to contact the Zoning Office before starting construction of any new structures or improvement/expansion of an existing structure.

Board of Zoning Appeals Vacancy

The Kingston Township Board of Trustees will be filling a vacancy on the Board of

Zoning Appeals for an **Alternate** position that runs through December 2020. The vacancy posting is located on the Township Website under the Special Notices tab. Contact the Zoning Office with any questions.

ROADS & CEMETERIES

State Route 61/656 Roundabout

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) continues design work for the proposed roundabout at the intersection of State Route 61 and State Route 656/Wilson Road. The shape of the roundabout will resemble a peanut, and minimizes the project impact on adjacent neighbors. The target bid date is January 2021 and construction will start in the summer of 2021 with an estimated 60 day intersection closure impact. The total estimated cost of the project is \$2.1 million dollars with the Township's portion being \$17,250 dollars. Questions regarding the project should be directed to ODOT District 6 in Delaware at 740-833-8000.

Since The Last Newsletter

Four driveway/road right-of-way work permits were issued. A total of 17 tons of salt were used to keep our township roadways safe in November/December 2018. Running low on salt quantities, Delaware County began mixing grit with salt in 2019. 56 tons were used in January, 27 tons in February and 8 ½ tons in March.

Early in April, a number of residents on Todd Street Road gathered for a neighborhood cleanup. Over 400 pounds of trash and debris were collected. Road Superintendent Crawl picked up and disposed of the material. The Trustees are

extremely thankful for the pride displayed by the cleanup participants!

The Trustees are considering several road improvement projects for this summer including pavement repair of Berkshire Road and chip seal with a fog coating for Beacom Road, Blayney Road and Blue Church Road from SR521 north to the end.

Three cemetery plots were sold in March and one headstone foundation was ordered.

The Trustees approved the final payment for the Township's new plow truck under a lease/purchase agreement.

DID YOU KNOW?????????

Township Hall and Park Property

With a builder selected and a design architect on board, work progresses toward the construction of a new Township Hall and Park on the west side of Carter's Corner Road in 2019. The land belongs to Kingston Township now, but who were the original settlers and owners of the property?

We recently had an opportunity to sit down with Bob and Joyce Seitz of Carter's Corner Road to talk about the property where the new Township Hall and Park will be built. Both in their 80's, Joyce was born and raised in the red brick house that sits north of the property, and south of Twigg Hupp Road.

It is likely that the property was originally settled by James Stark who owned approximately 1,800 acres in Kingston and Porter Townships. He is believed to have built a two story wood frame house on the property between 1810 and 1820. The Stark

family earned a living from farming the area. When address numbers were assigned years later, the house was located at 4063 Carter's Corner Road. That same number is still used today, and will be the address of the new Township Hall and Park.

As reported in the last newsletter, Robert Ferguson is shown as the owner of the Township Hall and Park property on maps from 1847 through 1875. While we reported that Ferguson had built the house, we now know that it was constructed much earlier by James Stark. Sometime around the turn of the century, the property was purchased by Steve Smith, and farming operations continued.

Bill Basham, father of former Kingston Township Trustee Dan Basham, lived in the house at a young age with his parents and other siblings. The Basham family worked on the Smith farm from 1936 to 1941, and eventually moved to property purchased on Twigg-Hupp Road. In the early 1940's, it is believed that the property was purchased by an individual named Ferrand, and Everett Clapham lived in the house and ran farm operations. Hogs, steers, milk cows, grain crops, and grass crops were all part of those operations.

Bob Michel owned the property from 1956 to 1976. Michel built a new home on the property south of the original historic house, and moved into the house located at 4029 Carter's Corner Road in 1963. After sitting empty for about 13 years, the historic house was purchased by the Eighteenth Century Home Company from Los Angeles. The company dismantled the home, loaded it on a rail car, and transported it west to Los Angeles in approximately 1976 or 1977. We had earlier reported that the home was

moved in 1969. Whether the home was destroyed in a rail yard fire in Los Angeles cannot be substantiated.

Michel eventually sold the property to The Robert Weiler Company, and the newer Michel home was burned by the fire department for training purposes. As part of the rezoning for the Northstar Development, the 25 acre Township Hall and Park property was transferred to Kingston Township in 2011.

We also had an opportunity to talk with Diana Daily who lives across from the Township property on east side of Carter's Corner Road. Her late husband Bernard was born and raised in the house where Diana currently resides, and where they raised their family and farmed.

Diana, who is an exceptional flower gardener, shared her recollections about the history of the Township property, and also provided a copy of a newspaper article from the Delaware Gazette which collaborated and clarified much of the information provided by Mr. and Mrs. Seitz. A very special thanks goes to Diana Daily and Bob and Joyce Seitz for taking their time to help with this article. AND NOW YOU KNOW



By Dave Stites and Doug Crowl; The Delaware Gazette, July 9, 1976, California firm transplants early Sunbury area home. Photo Courtesy Joyce Seitz

PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

Pictured below are two improvements made to the fire department discussed in previous issues of the Kingston News. The first picture shows the gear room in engine bay to protect gear from light and diesel fumes. The ceiling of the room was structurally reinforced to provide a secure shelter should severe storms come through our area.



The second picture shows the newly installed gear washer for cleaning firefighter protective clothing after a fire to remove carcinogens that have been shown to negatively impact health.



The third picture shows a unit that dries fire hoses and equipment.



Dave Stites was appointed by the Trustees to the Porter Kingston Fire District Board in April to fill a vacancy created with the resignation of Robin Morgan. The Trustees

wish to thank Robin for his years of service on the Board representing the residents of Kingston Township.

DONATE A FAN

The Delaware County EMA in partnership with People In Need of Delaware County is accepting fan donations again this summer. The fan needs to be new, and can be dropped off at our Porter Kingston Fire District now until September 15, 2019. Don't miss this opportunity to help someone here in Delaware County.

HEALTH DISTRICT NEWS

The Delaware General Health District will call a new location home after the Board of Health purchased property this month to construct a new building on South Sandusky Street near Country Club Rehabilitation Campus.

Neighbors and members of the public are invited to learn more about future building plans on June 4, 2019 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Terra Nova Community Church located at 425 S. Sandusky Street in Delaware.

“As Delaware County continues to increase in population, we too have had to grow in order to provide important public health services to our communities,” said Health Commissioner Shelia Hiddleston. “As much as we have loved being located in downtown Delaware, we have simply outgrown our current location.” Hiddleston added that parking struggles also played a part in the decision to purchase property.

The new 30,000 square-foot facility will accompany a 200-space parking lot and utilize six acres known as 470 South

Sandusky and three acres along Magnolia Drive.

“The Board and staff are very appreciative of community support through the public health levy,” Hiddleston said. “The levy funds help provide valuable public health services, however they cannot and will not be used to fund the building of the new facility.”

Anticipated facility construction will begin in 2020.

CALENDAR

Meetings are at the Township Hall, unless noted otherwise. **Trash pickup days are Fridays except during holiday weeks* where Friday service will be performed on Saturday. **Note Change**

Trustees Meetings May 7, 2019, 7 PM
June 4, 2019, 7 PM
July 2, 2019, 7 PM
August 6, 2019, 7 PM
September 3, 2019, 7 PM
October 1, 2019, 7 PM
November 5, 2019, 7 PM
December 3, 2019, 7 PM

Zoning Commission May 9, 2019, 7 PM
August 8, 2019, 7 PM
November 7, 2019, 7 PM

Trash Days 2019 May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31*
June 7, 14, 21 & 28
July 5*, 12, 19 & 26
August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
September 6, 13, 20 & 27
October 4, 11, 18 & 25
November 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29*
December 6, 13, 20 & 27*

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