

Kingston Township

News

April 2006

Comments from Chairman John Fink

I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health and anxious to get started on their annual spring cleanup. I know I'm ready to get started. Your Trustees are entertaining the idea of a township-wide clean-up day. A representative from Buckeye Valley Waste will attend April's meeting to give us more details on the expenses and ways of offsetting those expenses.

The savings associated with having a mild winter are going back into the township roads after all. The Rosecrans Road culvert that we have experienced problems with over the past several years will receive major repairs later this year. The County Engineer's Office submitted three options to the Trustees, grading the options A, C and D. We opted for the grade "A" approach, which should, once and for all, fix the problems experienced in the past.

The Trustees are working to assemble a Bid Specification Package that I hope can be used in all the bid processes in the future. The idea is to give people submitting proposals clear directions on what is expected of them. It will also aid the Trustees in making the proper decision when awarding the work.

Just in case you have not heard; the Township has some new residents. Township resident Jim Martin has informed us that we have bald eagles nesting in a grove of trees along the west side of I-71.

I want to welcome Dewey Akers as a new member of the Zoning Commission and Maribeth Deavers as its new alternate. Good luck to both.

Trustees Meeting

At the March 6 meeting, Trustees approved 2006 Permanent Appropriations of more than \$511,000.

The advertising of the newsletter was inaccurate so the trustees returned proposals and agreed upon details for advertising the project again.

The web site proposal has been tied up with contract concerns since last summer since the Prosecutor's Office added some requirements that were not originally communicated to the two people who responded with proposals. The trustees withdrew the contract and decided to start fresh with new details for the project to be advertised at a later date.

Discussion also occurred about a law firm's request to run sewer lines from the proposed Fairways at Blue Church development along Wilson Road to the NorthStar development. Trustee Fink is researching this further with the County Engineer's Office and the Prosecutor's Office.

Zoning News

One candidate was interviewed for the zoning inspector position at a special February 21 meeting. Candidates were not available or prepared for interviews at the Trustees' March 6 meeting so the meeting was recessed to March 23 at 7:30 p.m. to interview two more candidates.

The trustees went into executive session at their March 6 meeting to interview prospective Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals members. They appointed two members. The Zoning Commission welcomes new member Dewey Akers and new alternate Maribeth Deavers.

The Commission met with Tom Bowlus, from Poggemeyer Design Group, to discuss the results of a survey sent to the trustees and both zoning commissions. Outstanding items still need discussed regarding the type of rezoning preferred, prioritizing of conservation features, active versus passive recreation in open space, wetland mitigation, development features, and various density issues such as how to encourage conservation design.

Roads Projects

County Engineer's Office Representative Eldon Johnston discussed upcoming roads projects at the March 6 Trustees Meeting.

Johnston estimates it will cost \$48,000 to pave Blue Church Road north of Kilbourne

Kingston Township Meetings

Township Hall, 9899 St.
Rt. 521, Rt. 521 &
Carter's Corner Rd.

Trustees

First Mondays
7:30 pm

Reconvened
Meeting
March 23

April 3

May 1

Zoning Commission

3rd Wednesdays
7:00 p.m.

April 19

May 17

Road and patch several soft areas on Wilson Road. He also recommended expenditure of \$16,000 to seal cracks and stripe roads this summer. Both projects would be bid out.

He reported that the County will replace the culvert on Rosecrans Road this fall. Several options were discussed for ditch and culvert problems in the area. The trustees voted for the \$13,700 option to properly repair the problems.

The County Engineer's Office has invited the trustees and fiscal officers to its annual information update dinner.

April Meeting

At the April 3 Trustees meeting, agenda items include insurance renewal, costs and dates for a township clean-up day, zoning inspector appointment, newsletter bids, PDG Impact Study proposal, BZA position, and right-of-way research. Steve Mazzi, Big Walnut Schools Interim Superintendent, will attend to promote the upcoming levy.

Local YMCA

The YMCA facility planned for the Big Walnut area is exactly the same as the YMCA facilities in Gahanna and Powell. Membership fees at similar YMCA's are \$744 per year for a family or \$492 for an individual adult or \$216 per child. The amount of YMCA levy taxes each resident would pay on their

property would be deducted from that resident's YMCA membership fee.

New Recycling Days

Our recycling bin is moving from the second Tuesday of the month to the **second Thursday**. It will remain at the Maintenance Building at the Blue Church Cemetery through the following Wednesday.

Residents can dispose of newspapers, magazines, office paper, glass and plastic food and beverage containers, and aluminum, steel, and bimetal cans in the recycling bin.

For additional information, contact Keep Delaware County Beautiful at 740-368-1700 or log on to www.delawarehealth.org and click on "Environmental Health".

Appliance & Computer Drop-off

Delaware County Beautiful's 2006 Appliance and Computer Drop-off will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, May 6, in Delaware at the former Delaware Recyclers facility on Cherry Street. Call Keep Delaware County Beautiful at 740-368-1700 for details.

Septic System Workshop

A free workshop on how to maintain your septic system will be offered 6-8 p.m., March 29 at the Delaware Health District Offices at 1 W. Winter St. in Delaware.

E-mail Newsletter

Add your name to our newsletter e-mail list. You'll get a full color copy in a .pdf format that you can launch with Acrobat Reader (downloadable free from www.adobe.com). Just e-mail your name and mailing address to burrellj@juno.com.

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