



Kingston Township

News

September 2007

Comments from Chairman Bill Shively

Hello Everyone: The recent rainfall has certainly been welcomed. The central Ohio area is still in a moderate drought, but we are starting to catch up now. The township corn and soybean crops are looking good for what they've been through. The hay crop has been hurt from the spring freeze and dry weather that followed but will benefit from the rains.

The Robert Weiler Company along with its affiliate Siemer Land Company have filed a lawsuit against the township in the U.S. District Court. It claims the recent moratorium was illegal and the zoning changes that went into effect during the moratorium caused an economic hardship to the developers. The township has legal counsel preparing a response.

The NorthStar development is moving closer to getting the final development plans done. There are a few administrative issues that the township is working on and we hope to have those resolved soon.

The township trash hauling contract will be up for bid next month. Please let the trustees know if you have a suggestion or comment about this service.

I want to wish all the Delaware County Fair participants "Good Luck" with your projects and encourage everyone to support 4-H and FFA members and the Junior Fair Live-stock and Baked Good Sales.

Just a reminder that school will be in session, so please watch out for our school buses and children crossing the roadways.

If you have any questions or concerns, call me at 740-524-2612.

Zoning News

The Zoning Office held a kick-off meeting to confirm details of the infrastructure impact study with Poggemeyer Design Group. The study

will provide valuable information the township can use for planning its future funding, equipment, and personnel needs. The study will assess the cost/income impact of future development on the township.

Robert Weiler Sr. and other representatives from his company attended the August trustees meeting to inform the trustees that his company is suing the township because they want to develop the Pastures at Blue Church under the old Planned Residence District (PRD), which they assert would allow 310 houses on the property. Weiler's attorneys have filed a lawsuit in federal court over the rejection of the Pastures at Blue Church rezoning application during the township's PRD rezoning moratorium. Skip Weiler had previously attended a trustees meeting in the spring and stated he was planning to develop the property under the Farm Residence District. The trustees held a special meeting August 14 with their Zoning Attorney Michael O'Reilly to discuss the case.

The August Zoning Commission meeting was spent reviewing the NorthStar Final Development Plan. Assistant Zoning Inspector/Secretary Dave Stites facilitated a discussion among zoning commission members, a trustees' representative, and Robert Weiler Company representatives. The Zoning Office has spent more than a year working with the Weiler Company's engineering firm, EMH&T, to bring the final plan application into compliance with commitments made during the preliminary plan/rezoning application. Several outstanding issues needed review and discussion. Upon receipt of transcripts from the meeting, zoning commission members and trustees will submit comments to the Zoning Office. Subsequently, the zoning inspector will make final decisions on the administrative review of the final plan application.

The Robert Weiler Company petitioned the County Commissioners

to create a community tax authority for the development. A public hearing was held August 16 at the NorthStar Golf Course Club House. The real estate taxing district was approved by the commissioners. It will add additional annual taxes on each new home and business in the NorthStar development in order to pay for infrastructure needed in the development.

Rabies Found in Kingston Township

Public Health Advisory for residents of northern Kingston Township

The Delaware General Health District urges Kingston Township residents to remain on the lookout for wild animals with rabies.

Two bats collected outside a northern Kingston Township residence in mid-July tested positive for rabies. Since then, the Health District has obtained tests on a number of bats and other animals collected in the vicinity and imposed a quarantine on one pet. Fortunately, there have been no more positive rabies tests.

Several individuals received precautionary medical treatment because of possible exposure to the rabid bats. Exposure to the saliva of an infected animal can spread the disease, which is nearly always fatal to humans if they are not treated in time.

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 Sept. 5, 7:30 pm
(Wednesday due to Labor Day)

Trash Day Sept. 7*

Trash Day Sept. 13

Zoning Commission Sept. 19, 7 pm

Trash Days Sept. 20 & 27

The Health District thanks residents who have assisted in the rabies investigation. Anyone who finds a freshly deceased bat is asked to help collect it for rabies testing. Wearing heavy gloves, pick up the bat, double-bag it, and place it in a refrigerator. Call the Health District at 740-368-1700 to make arrangements for pickup.

Updated information on the rabies investigation is available on the Health District information line, 740-815-2015 and their web site at www.delawarehealth.org.

Residents are further urged to follow these precautions:

- Make sure dogs, cats, and ferrets have up-to-date rabies vaccinations and supervise dogs and cats when they are outside to avoid encounters with wild animals.
- Teach children to never touch or play with any unfamiliar, wild, or sick animals.
- Use soap and water to clean any wounds caused by encounters with bats, and seek medical attention immediately.

Road Work

The relocation of Wilson Rd. is complete and the road is open to N. Galena Rd. Please take extra care when entering N. Galena Rd. as the new intersection has a blind spot.

The extension of Wilson Rd. to Rts. 36/7 is pending movement of utilities. Once it is connected, N. Galena Rd. will close for improvements including turn lanes and correction of the blind spot.

The southern leg of Blue Church Rd. is closed for relocation due to the

Pastures at Blue Church development. Wilson Rd. will close late August 27 and be closed for approximately three weeks. The curve is being straightened where Blue Church is being relocated to intersect with Wilson at the middle leg of Blue Church Road.

Smoke Detectors Save Lives

Last year, more than 16,000 Ohio families found out first-hand the devastation that fire can cause. Smoke and fire killed 130 people – half of whom could have been saved had their homes been equipped with working smoke detectors.

Smoke is the leading cause of residential deaths. Smoke contains poisonous gases, which when inhaled cuts off the oxygen to your brain, preventing your escape.

What can you do to increase your odds in surviving a residential fire?

1. Test your smoke detector monthly - make the first Tuesday test day.
2. Change the batteries in your smoke detectors twice yearly. (Change Your Clock, – Change Your Battery)
3. Have a working smoke detector on every level of your home and inside all occupied sleeping areas.
4. Have a Home fire escape plan and practice it tonight.
5. Sleep with your bedroom doors closed.

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