

Kingston Township

September 2010

News

Chairman's Chat – By Steve Volpe

We just got back from the opening days at the Hartford Fair. I love that place. I hope you have the chance to enjoy our local fairs.

As promised, I attended the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's meeting on balanced growth in the Big Walnut Watershed. This watershed is by far the largest in MORPC's purview. They are trying to get buy in from all townships, cities, and villages in the Watershed on establishing "districts". Kingston Township's Zoning Code pretty much parallels what they're looking for. There may be some benefit for the township. Those of you who know me, know that I don't jump to judgment. We will think and talk this through and decide if it has merit.

Summer is winding down. The kids will soon be going back to school. School starts August 25 for Big Walnut students and September 1 for Buckeye Valley students. I have already found myself behind a school bus in the morning. I'm sure it was a practice run, to learn the route and timing. Please keep the dates in mind. Give yourself a few extra minutes in the morning. Please be careful and watch for buses and kids waiting for buses.

All of those who are interested in Pastures at Blue Church, be forewarned! You will note the time and place for the Federal Court Hearing on this issue in the "Zoning News". If you feel that the proposed settlement is not fair and reasonable, this is your final chance to present your concerns to the court. I know that many of you are very passionate about this. This is your chance to address the court. For the record, I am not an attorney and this is not legal advice (had to be said). Contact me or any other trustee for more information.

Remember, life is short. Get out and enjoy it.

Trustees Meeting

At their August meeting, the trustees discussed information from the Delaware Knox Marion Morrow (DKMM) Solid Waste District. DKMM is losing money on recycling and is asking townships for financial assistance in recycling efforts. They are also considering locating cardboard compactors to free up space in the existing recycling bins located around the county. The trustees have also been working for quite some time to attempt get an additional recycling bin in the township. The existing bin lasts approximately two weeks before it fills up.

The trustees will bid out the trash hauling contract in August and will open bids in September. They will request an additional bid for recycling.

The trustees voted to send formal nuisance letters to two property owners on Kilbourne Rd. regarding high grass and weeds requesting that the properties be cleaned up.

Road Work

Road Superintendent Doug Crowl reported to trustees that he has been cleaning up, inventorying, and repairing items in

the township maintenance building.

The trustees voted to add a drainage pipe and cover a problem ditch on N. Blue Church Rd. Crowl will investigate a problem with a catch basin on Rosecrans Rd. He has been mowing along the roads and spraying weeds around guard rails.

The trustees voted to use the visual inspection method for evaluation of highly reflective signs per state regulations.

Zoning News

The Zoning Commission has completed revisions on the Zoning Code. A public hearing is expected in October.

One new build permit was issued on Blue Church Rd. An accessory building permit was issued on Kilbourne Rd.

A hearing was held and a variance granted for front setbacks for a nonconforming home on Blue Church Rd.

A variance hearing will be held Tuesday, August 31 at 7 p.m. at the Township Hall with the Kingston Township Board of Zoning Appeals. The applicant Scott Wagner, 3363 State Route 61, desires to construct a 24' X 32' pole building within the 25' side yard setback.

A court hearing will be held August 24 at 2 p.m. at the U.S. District Court, court room #4, 85 Marconi Blvd., Columbus. Under ORC 505.07, the Court will review the Pastures at Blue Church Settlement Agreement and make specific findings of fact that notice has been properly made and the Settlement Agreement is fair and reasonable.

Zoning Commission Vacancy

The Kingston Township Board of Trustees will appoint one position on the Kingston Township Zoning Commission to fill an expired term that runs through August 2015.

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

Applicants will be interviewed by the Board of Trustees during their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2010, 7:30 p.m. at the Kingston Township Hall. The applicant must be present to be considered for the position.

Interested Kingston Township residents should submit a letter of interest along with a resume to the Kingston Township Zoning Office prior to Friday, September 3, 2010. The letter of interest and resume may be submitted by mail to Kingston Township Hall, 9899 State Route 521, Sunbury, Ohio 43074 or by e-mail to zoning@kingstontwp.org. Please contact the Zoning Office at 740-524-0290 with questions.

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Kilbourne Fall Festival and Homecoming

You are invited to the Kilbourne Fall Festival and Homecoming on Saturday, October 2, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Kilbourne United Methodist Church, 5591 St. Rt. 521, Kilbourne, OH 43032. Plan a family reunion and homecoming and visit with friends and neighbors! Events include: Breakfast - 8-10:30 a.m.; Parade at 11 a.m. with Grand Marshall Dr. Janet Gephart Hickman, local children's books author; Hog Roast starting at noon; Petting Zoo; Games, music, entertainment, historical, and genealogical displays, noon-4 p.m.; Village wide yard sales, Farmer's and Flea Markets; and, Praise Service following the festival.

If you would like a 10' x 10' outdoor, open vendor space for \$10, contact Violet Cummings, vmc1952@yahoo.com. If you would like to volunteer or participate in the festival, please contact Jean Hightower at jean1946@verizon.net or 740-524-5401. For more information on the festival visit www.kilbourneumc.org.

Brown School Bricks

The Brown Township Trustees have purchased the old Brown School but, it is not repairable and will be torn down soon. The Kilbourne United Methodist Church (KUMC) is offering bricks from the building for sale and pick up during the Kilbourne Fall Festival and Homecoming on Oct. 2. KUMC is currently taking orders.

Summer Fire Safety Tips

- Division of State Fire Marshal

As we head into the final days of summer this Labor Day weekend, the Division of State Fire Marshal is encouraging citizens to take added safety precautions with outdoor grills and campfires and to follow some important safety tips.

Campfire Safety

- Build fires where they will not spread; away from dry grass, leaves, and never under overhanging trees.
- Keep fires small and don't let them get out of hand.
- Keep plenty of water and a shovel around to douse the fire when you're done. Stir it and douse it again with water.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- It is important to follow campground rules for the use and extinguishing of fires.
- Never start a fire without having the equipment and ability to extinguish it.

Barbecue Safety

- Before using a grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line.
- Do not wear loose clothing while cooking at a barbecue.
- Be careful when using lighter fluid. Do not add it to an already lit fire because the fire can travel up into the container and explode.
- Keep all matches and lighters away from children. Teach your children to report any loose matches or lighters to an adult immediately. Supervise children around outdoor grills.
- Dispose of hot coals properly - douse them with plenty of water, and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.
- Never grill/barbecue in enclosed areas - carbon monoxide could be produced.
- Make sure everyone knows to Stop, Drop and Roll in case a piece of clothing does catch fire. Call 911 or your local emergency number if a burn warrants medical attention. All burns to the face, hands, feet or groin require medical attention.

Household Hazardous Waste

You can drop off your household hazardous waste at the Morrow County Fairgrounds at 195 S. Main St., Mt. Gilead 43338 on Saturday, Sept. 25, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. or at the Delaware County Fairgrounds, 236 Pennsylvania Ave., Delaware 43015 on Saturday, Oct. 23, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Accepted items include:

- **Electronics** - cell phones, computers, monitors, and other components;
- **Flammables** - adhesives, flares, gasoline, kerosene, lighter fluid, motor oil and filters, propane cylinders (20 # max.), and turpentine;
- **Corrosives** - acids, caustics, car batteries, drain cleaners, household batteries, and pool chemicals;
- **Reactives** - ammunition (50 cal. or less), cyanide, fertilizers, and pool chlorine; and,
- **Toxics or Poisons** - ammonia, antifreeze, bleach, brake fluid, insect killers, mercury, rat poison, transmission fluid, and weed killers.

No televisions or paint will be accepted. No tires will be accepted without payment (\$1-25 depending on size). For more information on unacceptable items, visit www.delawarehealth.org.

Newsletter By E-mail

To receive an e-mailed version, contact kingstonnews@embarqmail.com.

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.

Court Hearing August 24, 2 PM
BZA Variance Hearing August 31, 7 PM
Trash Day (Thursdays) Sept. 2
Trustees Meeting (1st Tuesday) Sept. 7, 7:30 PM
Recycling Bin Arrives (2nd Thursday) ... Sept. 9 (until full)
Trash Day (Friday due to holiday) Sept. 10*
Zoning Commission (3rd Wednesday) Sept. 15, 7 PM
Trash Day (Thursdays) Sept. 16, 23, 30

Who To Call (740 Area Code)

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