



KINGSTON NEWS

1ST QUARTER, FEBRUARY 2023

Chairman's Chat

By Bill Shively, Trustees Chairman

Hello everyone! Trustee Bill Shively here. I am honored to serve as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for 2023. I want to thank Trustee Matt Roy for the great job he did as Chairman his first year as a new Trustee.

The Trustees focus this year is to get the new picnic pavilion constructed and in full use by this fall. Nationwide Realty Investors has informed us that construction will start in March. A right of entry agreement has been signed by both parties and will give Nationwide the green light to proceed. The pavilion's estimated cost back in the early 2000's was \$350,000 dollars.

The Trustees hope that you are all enjoying the new Township Hall! It is so great to vote and conduct township meetings in a nice, modern, and new facility with ample parking in a beautiful area of Kingston Township.

We continue to work on making the Hall available to residents for meetings, celebrations, public and private events. The rental agreement has been finalized but the mechanics of booking the reservation, building access, cleaning and securing the interior to limit Zoning Office access have not been put in place. We will let everyone know when these details have been completed, and the Hall is available for rental.

The Trustees will be working on landscaping the new Hall this spring and summer. I have talked with residents who would like to see a food preparation area added as soon as possible. We will be actively discussing that idea for implementation this year. The Trustees built the current building as a base to start with. The building was designed for future expansion to accommodate larger events and possible kitchen both of which remain as part of our long range plans.

We have been informed that the Pelotonia Ride Weekend to raise money for cancer research will have a route through Kingston Township this year. Watch local news for dates and possible road impacts.

I would also like to thank Road Superintendent Fred Neace for the great job taking care of our Township roadways this winter. During one snow event, both of Brown Townships plow trucks broke down and we were contacted for assistance. Without hesitation, Fred took on the task of plowing and salting their roads as well as ours.

Winter is almost over, and I look forward to spring and warm, sunny weather. Please use caution on the roads when approaching large farm equipment or people walking or riding a bike. Make safety a priority!

If you have a question or concern, please contact me, Matt, or Dewey. We are here to help!

2023 TRUSTEE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

At their January 3, 2023 Organizational Meeting, a number of appointments and resolutions were passed for 2023 including:

- Bill Shively elected Chairman
- Dewey Akers elected Vice-Chair
- Matt Roy elected Executive Member
- Porter Kingston Fire District Board—Dewey Akers
- Delaware County Prosecutor retained as the township's legal counsel
- Delaware Health District Advisory Board—Bill Shively
- Established the first Tuesday of the month for Trustee Meetings at 7:00pm
- Matt Roy designated Road Department Liaison and Bill Shively designated Cemetery Liaison
- Dave Willyerd renamed Zoning Inspector
- Dave Stites renamed Assistant Zoning Inspector, Zoning Secretary and Regional Planning Representative
- Renamed current Members and Alternates of the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals
- Renamed Fred Neace Road Superintendent and Cemetery Sexton
- Continued current Zoning Fees and Cemetery Rules
- Established new Cemetery Grave Lot fee of \$150.00 for township residents, and increased the Deed Transfer fee to \$50.00
- Increased the Cemetery Marker Foundation fee to \$250.00, and increased additional depth and width fees
- Set the Mileage Reimbursement Rate at \$.655 cents per mile

- Certified official roadway mileage as 18.70 miles
- Approved \$1,260 for Emergency Services Fee Assessment
- Approved \$1,409 for Regional Planning Membership Dues
- Approved \$3,023 for Health District Apportionment
- Adopted Public Records and Credit Card Use Policy

The Trustees continue to work on several items including installation of roadway and parking lot lighting for the New Township Hall, construction of the Picnic Pavilion by Nationwide Realty Investors (scheduled to start March 15th with a mid-June completion), a Township Hall Rental/Use Agreement, sale of the old plow truck, pickup truck, and miscellaneous equipment through the govdeals.com website, and resolution of a boundary issue at the old township hall.

A used 2000 Ford F450, 4X4, 7.3L diesel engine, 33,000 miles was purchased by the Trustees from the Village of Milford Center. The one ton dump truck cost \$15,000 and will be used for general maintenance along with snow plowing of parking lots and roadways within Northstar. About \$3,000 was spent for necessary safety repairs, and a new 9' snow blade with controls, plow frame, toolbox and salt box was purchased and installed for about \$16,000. The truck is now ready for the next snow and will provide service to our residents for many years.



Trustee Bill Shively is pictured above with the outfitted 1 ton dump truck.

Holiday Lights

The Trustees would like to recognize and thank all the Township Residents who exquisitely decorated their homes with outside lights for the Christmas Holiday! Each and every road had something worth seeing! The red base and white topped tree lights along the roads in Northstar were stunning especially with snow on the ground, and the Zinn Family on State Route 521 did an exceptional job lighting up their home for the holidays! The lights help bring a sense of community to our Township.

ZONING REPORT

2022 Zoning Summary

45 Zoning Permits

- New Build Homes 19
- Accessory Structures 12
- Additions 1
- Decks 9
- Pools 4

Additional Approval

- Agriculture Exemptions 7
- Lot Splits 6

5 Complaints Addressed

2 Subdivisions

- Royal Green
- Fairways at Blue Church

4 Common Access Drive Subdivisions

- Warren
- Zortman
- CAD at State Route 61
- Kingston Meadows

5 Zoning Commission Meetings Held

2 Board of Zoning Appeals Hearings Held Board Alternate Positions Filled

- Henry Smith, Zoning Commission
- Bob Leone, Board of Zoning Appeals

Newsletter Editions Completed

- 4 Quarterly
- 1 Special edition

Completed Resident Preference Survey in conjunction with Comprehensive Plan updates.

New Zoning Inspector Appointed

The Trustees welcome Dave Willyerd who has joined the Township as our new Zoning Inspector and has been on the job several months. Dave recently retired from the Big Lots Corporation after 27 years in the Real Estate Division where he managed heating, cooling and electric for their stores across the northeast quadrant of the United States. Early in his work career, he worked as a field service technician for residential and light commercial HVAC mechanicals. Dave brings a calm demeanor and broad skillset to his new position. Please stop by the Zoning Office on Thursdays between 8am and noon to say hello to Dave.



Permits

For the months of November through January, the following zoning permits were approved:

- 3 New Build Homes
- 1 Accessory Structures
- 2 Decks/Patios
- 1 Pool

Comprehensive Plan Draft Update Complete—Time For Resident Comment

After many months of work, the Zoning Commission has completed draft updates to the Comprehensive Plan with the assistance of Scott Sanders, Delaware Regional Planning Office. A Public Hearing has been set for Monday, March 13, 2023, 7:00pm at the Township Hall to solicit resident comments concerning the revised plan. The draft plan and map are posted on the Township Website and a copy will be available for review in the Zoning Office on Thursdays between the hours of 8:00am and noon.

To provide insightful comments, residents are encouraged to review the documents ahead of the Public Hearing. While a brief overview of where the Zoning Commission focused their attention will be presented, the sole purpose of the Public Hearing will be to hear what residents think of the draft plan. Changes to the draft plan were consistent with responses and comments received in the Resident Opinion Survey completed in 2022, and the document was reduced in size by almost half. Please contact the Zoning Office with any questions that you might have at 740-524-0290.

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

ROADS & CEMETERIES

Since The Last Newsletter

For the months of November through January, 1 driveway permit was issued. There was 1 interment in the Blue Church Cemetery. 31 tons of salt were applied to the roadways during snow and ice events, and trees were commercially trimmed on Todd Street, Wilson, and Blue Church Roads for vehicle safety. Ditch work on Berkshire Road has been completed to improve drainage just west of North Galena Road. Winter weight reductions are currently posted on Wilson, Rosecrans, and Beacom Roads through June.

With the two Petition Ditch Projects approved by the Delaware County Commissioners on Todd Street Road, work to install a new culvert under Todd Street Road to return the normal flow of water from north to south will be completed in Spring 2023. The County Engineer's Office is also looking at another culvert issue on Todd Street Road just west of Clark Road in terms of size and capacity since water overtopped the roadway several times during summer storm events.

The Trustees, in cooperation with the Delaware County Engineer, have submitted a funding request to resurface Twigg-Hupp Road through another OPWC Grant. If the grant is denied, the road will be added to list for chip and seal overlay. Also, two culverts under Berkshire Road will be replaced in 2023 in a cost sharing partnership with Berkshire Township.

As you are driving the roadways within Kingston Township and see damage to the pavement (potholes), signs, or guardrails, please report the damage to Road Superintendent Fred Neace by calling or

[texting 740-815-8427](tel:740-815-8427). We need your help to ensure that our roadways remain safe.

Recycling Report

Local Waste Services recently provided a report listing the tonnages of recycling material collected in Kingston Township. In 2020, a total of 201 tons were collected with a monthly average of 17 tons. In 2021, a total of 167 tons were collected with an average of 14 tons per month. Through December 2022, 151 tons were collected with an average of 14 tons per month. This information reflects residential collection only and not material put in the recycling bins at the Township Maintenance Shop.

A troubling trend has developed where household garbage and refuse are being placed in the recycling bins. Also, plastic bags full of recycled material are being placed in the bins. The bins are clearly marked no plastic bags, and a large quantity of plastic bags may result in the entire bin contents going into the landfill instead of being recycled. This defeats the entire purpose of recycling. Please remove the plastic bags and take them home. Let's keep up our good recycling efforts and be mindful of what materials can be recycled as listed on the bins.

PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT **AFG Grant**

As reported in previous newsletters, the District applied for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fiscal Year 2021 award cycle to replace the 1994 Tanker Unit currently in use. While the original grant cycle ended in September 2022 and the tanker replacement was not funded, and additional \$90 million dollars was added for award between October 1 and December

31, 2022. The District was notified that our grant request was not funded, and the matter remains under discussion by the Fire Board regarding future action to replace the tanker.

HEALTH DISTRICT NEWS

Customer Service Survey

The Health District would like to know how residents feel regarding the current services provided and additional services that might be considered in the future. Let them know what you think. The following hyperlink will take you to the survey:

<https://forms.delawarehealth.org/forms/customersurvey>

No identifying information will be collected, and your responses will remain anonymous. The District will use the results to continue to improve and better serve the residents and visitors of Delaware County.

Kelli Kincaid, Program Manager, Delaware General Health District

CALENDAR

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

Trustees Meetings January 3, 2023, 7PM
February 7, 2023, 7PM
March 7, 2023, 7PM
April 4, 2023, 7PM
May 2, 2023, 7PM
June 6, 2023, 7PM
July 5 (holiday on 4th), 2023, 7PM

Zoning Commission February 1, 2023, 7PM
May 3, 2023, 7PM
August 2, 2023, 7PM
November 1, 2023, 7PM

Trash Days February 1, 8, 15, 22
 March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
 April 5, 12, 19, 26
 May 3, 10, 17, 24, **31***
 June 7, 14, 21, 28
 July **5***, 12, 19, 26

DELAWARE COUNTY BUILDING SAFETY
740-833-2200

DELAWARE GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
740-368-1700

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FISCAL OFFICER

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DELAWARE COUNTY EMS

Emergency: 911; Business: 833 www.delcoems.org

NEWS & INFORMATION

Zoning Office Telephone: 524-0290
Township Web Site: www.kingstontwp.org
Office Hours: Thursday, 8a.m. to noon

Please contact the Zoning Office by e-mail at zoning@kingstontwp.org or by phone at 740-524-0290 to be added or removed from the Newsletter Distribution List.

PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

Emergency: 911; Business: 524-5050
Email: PKFD@rrohio.com www.PKFD.org

ROADS & CEMETERIES

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TRASH & RECYCLING

Local Waste Services: 614-409-9375
On-line: localwasteservices.com

ZONING

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zoning@kingstontwp.org

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION SERVICE

740-368-1921



Bald Eagles are being seen throughout Kingston Township this winter. These two were photographed on the Shively Farm south of SR 521. Perhaps they will be nesting in our township this year.