



KINGSTON NEWS

Chairman's Chat

By Dewey Akers, Trustees Chairman

Hi. I would like to thank everyone who supported me in the November election. It has been a real pleasure to be a Kingston Township trustee for the last eight years. I am looking forward to this next term. As trustees, we hope to improve more areas in the township.

The Wilson Road improvement is complete. The section we were working on is Kingston Township's responsibility, but the section from the sewage plant west to the newer section in the Northstar Development is the Northstar developer's responsibility. This section was

to be improved at the same time as our section, but it looks like it will be postponed until the spring of 2016. This will unfortunately cause another road closure.

The trash service seems to have improved over the last month. I have not received any complaints lately. If anyone is still having problems, please let me know so I can get them resolved.

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving Day and stay safe throughout the holiday season. Please call 740/803-1529 or email me with any concerns or questions about Kingston Township. - Dewey

trailer has flat tires and the owner has committed to removal of the final items when the tires are fixed or replaced.

A complaint was received about a business on Kilbourne Rd. A letter was sent to the owner on 10/1. The owner contacted the office and is out of state for three weeks and will come in to discuss on 11/5.

Jerome Reappointed

Joey Jerome was reappointed to the Zoning Commission. He has served on the commission since 2012. He moved to the



township in 1991. He and his wife operate the family's Hidden Creek

Farm on S. Galena Rd. They have a son at Big Walnut Middle School. Jerome will serve a term through 2020. We thank him for his ongoing commitment to our community!

Other

The zoning staff attended township officials training offered by the County Prosecutor's Office.

Quarterly Meeting

The Zoning Commission's quarterly meeting was held Nov. 4. Tom Filbert was re-elected chairman and Dick

October Zoning Report

Permits

Three permits were issued in October. One was for a Blue Church Rd. accessory building; one for a 3 Bs & K Rd. new home; and, one for a Rosecrans Rd. deck and patio. One agricultural exemption was issued for a SR 521 horse barn.

Complaints

A complaint was received about debris, junk, uncut weeds, and vehicles on a SR 61 property that the township has had issues with in the past. A letter was sent to the property

owner on 4/30. Staff visited the adjacent property (complainant) on 5/28. No cleanup activity had occurred. The property owner contacted the office on 6/11. Cleanup was in progress and it was committed that all items would be complete by 9/1. Noticeable improvements have occurred. The owner brought pictures in to review progress on 10/1. Everything except a red truck and a trailer with several junk items has been cleaned up. The

Strohm was re-elected vice-chairman for 2016. A new build out map has been requested from the Delaware County Regional Planning Commission.

Vacancies

We still have vacancies on our zoning boards. For more details and how to apply, visit <http://www.kingstontwp.org/Notices.htm>.

Roads

Delaware County's work on Clark Rd. culvert replacements is complete. Kilbourne Rd. is still closed for I-71 bridge work.

Holiday Events

Enjoy Christmas on the Square in Sunbury Dec. 5, 4:30-8 p.m., with a lighted parade, craft fair, open houses, carriage rides, ice sculpting, a donut eating contest, and much more.

Enjoy an old fashioned Christmas in Galena on Dec. 6, 6-8 PM, with open houses, free sleigh (wagon) rides, pictures with Santa, crafts, stories, carols, and the tree lighting.

Open Burning Laws

Ohioans should be aware of the state's outdoor burning regulations and take necessary precautions to avoid unwanted fires this fall.

Ohio law states that burning debris outdoors in unincorporated areas is prohibited from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. during October and November. Burning is limited in the fall due to the abundance of dry fuel on the ground, for example grass, weeds, crops and fallen leaves.

In addition, winds can make a seemingly safe fire burn more intensely and out of control.

Most wildfires in Ohio are caused by humans with trash, debris, and other outdoor burning. They are largely unintentional, but place property, lives, and fire crews in unnecessary harm's way.

The National Weather Service has also issued special weather statements for enhanced fire risks. Unseasonably warm temperatures coupled with decreased relative humidity and moisture levels have created a heightened danger of grass, brush, and field fires.

"Avoid any open air burning, if possible," said State Fire Marshal Larry Flowers. "Do not throw out your cigarettes or other smoking materials outside; avoid open cooking and recreational campfires for the time being; and, make sure coals from charcoal grills are extinguished before throwing them away."

Violators of Ohio's burning regulations are subject to citations and fines. Residents are urged to check with their local fire departments to ensure safe burning conditions.

To learn more about the wise use and sustainable management of Ohio's public and private woodlands, as well as safety tips for burning debris outdoors, visit forestry.ohiodnr.gov. For information on preventing and preparing for a fire, visit the State Fire Marshal's website at www.com.ohio.gov/fire.

CALENDAR

Meetings are at the Township Hall, unless noted otherwise. Trash pick up days are Fridays except during holiday weeks*.

Trustees Mtg. Dec. 1, 7 PM
Trash Days Dec. 4, 11, 18, 26*
& Jan. 2*

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