

Kingston Township

August 2010

News

Chairman's Chat – By Steve Volpe

Summer rolls on. It's almost fair time. Along with the Ohio State Fair in August, we also have two great fairs locally. I never miss the Hartford Fair in Croton. This year it will run from August 8th through the 14th. And, we have the Delaware County Fair coming up in Mid-September. These events are wonderful, not to be missed opportunities for family fun. I hope you are able to make time to experience these community highlights.

Road work continues. Three Bs and K Road work is well underway. Just remember, it is just a temporary inconvenience for a significant improvement. Speaking of road work, the County has concluded the traffic study of Wilson Road. No surprises, lots of traffic going faster than the posted speed limit. It is my intention to ask the Sheriff for increased speed enforcement on Wilson Road. I will make that request in a few weeks (at least after the newsletter is published). I don't want to see any of our residents getting a speeding ticket. Forewarned is forearmed, be prepared!

The township was very fortunate to have had two extremely well qualified candidates for the Roads Superintendent position. I am very excited to welcome Doug Crowl to our dedicated team here in Kingston Township. He has excellent credentials and lives very close and is therefore readily available. Dewey Akers is working with him to get him up to speed with our equipment and his responsibilities. I appreciate Dewey's efforts – he is a tremendous asset for the township.

Later this month I will be attending the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's meeting on balanced growth in the Big Walnut Watershed. I'll let you know if anything interesting is brought up.

Until next time, take care. And get out and enjoy life.

New Road Superintendent/ Cemetery Sexton



At their July meeting, trustees interviewed candidates and hired a new road superintendent/cemetery sexton. The township welcomes Doug Crowl as its new employee. Crowl has lived in the area his entire life. His family owned and operated Crowl's Market in Olive Green. Doug is married with five grown children. He has more than 26 years' experience in golf course construction.

Doug will be responsible for maintaining all township roads including plowing roads, mowing, and maintaining road signs. He is also responsible for

Blue Church Cemetery including burials and maintaining all cemetery records. He reports to the trustees.

PKFD Names Kristen Hunt Firefighter of the Year



Porter Kingston Fire District Firefighter of the Year Kristen Hunt was honored in Subury's Independence Day Parade.

The Porter Kingston Fire District named Kristen Hunt its Firefighter of the Year. Chosen by her peers, Hunt is "a hard worker and willing to go the extra mile for the betterment of others and herself." She always volunteers time to assist with classes in the fire district.

Hunt is a 2004 graduate of Centerburg High and the Delaware Area Career Center Fire Service Technology. She has completed an associate degree and is now pursuing a bachelor's degree in fire science. She has completed her paramedic class and was honored with high academic achievement and also completed rescue technician training. Hunt completed her lead instructor class with top academic honors and is now a certified instructor.

Hunt works full-time with the Washington Township Fire Department as a CPR instructor and a car seat installer/inspector. She manages to find time to work part-time at the Central Ohio Joint Fire District (Centerburg) and still attends many functions and runs with the Porter Kingston Fire District.

In her free time, Hunt is a leader of Centerburg's Explorer Post, preparing young teens for a future in the fire service. She is an avid hunter and loves whitewater rafting and playing softball. She runs half marathons with her sister and just completed one in Philadelphia.

Congratulations Kristen!



The Porter Kingston Fire District showcased some of its equipment at Sunbury's Independence Day Parade.

Zoning News

The Zoning Commission continues to make good progress on updating the Zoning Code with the Delaware County Regional Planning Commission. Three chapters in the code still need reviewed.

One new build permit was issued on 3 Bs and K Road. One complaint was received about grass at a foreclosed home on Kilbourne Rd. and was forwarded to Trustee Steve Volpe. Discussion was held on recent changes to Ohio's nuisance law.

A public hearing was held July 13th to allow public input on the revised Pastures at Blue Church preliminary development plan. Attendees could also review the legal settlement agreement in the lawsuit filed against the township by the Robert Weiler Company in 2007. The settlement will be handled according to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) section 505.07. It allows the court to approve settlements in rezoning cases. ORC 505.07 does not allow a referendum.

At the July 13th public hearing, the history of the dispute and lawsuit were reviewed, and the Settlement Agreement and Preliminary Development Plan were presented for public questions and comment. Thereafter, the Trustees voted to adopt and approve the Settlement Agreement, approve the rezoning from FR1 to PRD, and approved the Preliminary Development Plan. Next, under ORC 505.07, after proper notice is given to the public, the Court will review the Settlement Agreement and make specific findings of fact that notice has been properly made and the Settlement Agreement is fair and reasonable.

The preliminary development plan for the 606 acre property bounded by Wilson, Blue Church, and Rosecrans roads and St. Rt. 61, has 290 single family homes on minimum half acre lots with 15' side setbacks. It has preserve areas on each road for a possible day care center and churches. It features approximately 335 acres or 55% open space. The property would be rezoned under the old 2007 Planned Residence District code.

Environmental Survey

What do you think of our environment in Delaware County? Do you have ideas about what would make Delaware a healthier environment in which to live? Here's a chance to voice your opinions! The Delaware General Health District would love to have your input! Your ideas are very important. Take a few minutes to complete this anonymous environmental survey about Delaware County at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/7F5C69Z or www.delawarehealth.org. Your responses will help determine what environmental issues receive action.

This survey is part of an effort by the Delaware County Community Environmental Health Needs Assessment Project to identify environmental issues that are in need of more attention in Delaware County. Please fill out the survey and rank each environmental issue to the extent that you feel it needs attention and/or resources dedicated to it at this time.

If you have any questions or have more input, please contact Susan Sutherland, Delaware General Health District, at 740-203-2082. Thank you for your time to give your ideas on this very important subject!

BZA Public Hearing

The Kingston Township Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing Tuesday, July 27 at 7 p.m. at the Township Hall on the following case: Case #02-2010-V, Shane Mott, 5723 Blue Church Road, Sunbury, seeks a variance to construct an approximately 53' X 12' front porch and a 16' X 4' structural extension on the north side of the structure (to match the existing building line of the remainder of the house) that will infringe upon the minimum front yard setback requirement. Built in 1901, the existing structure is grandfathered as non-conforming with the current zoning resolution. The existing front porch (to be incorporated into the proposed porch expansion) is 58 feet from the centerline of Blue Church Road. The proposed front porch would be constructed two feet closer at a distance of 56 feet. The current front yard setback is 90 feet. The hearing is open to the public. The application and accompanying documents can be reviewed at the Kingston Township Hall on Fridays, 8 a.m.- Noon, preceding the hearing. Please address any comments or questions regarding the application or hearing to the Zoning Office.

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.

BZA Variance Hearing July 27, 7 PM
Trustees Meeting (1st Tuesday) August 3, 7:30 PM
Trash Day (Thursdays) August 5, 12
Recycling Bin Arrives (2nd Thursday) August 12 (until full)
Zoning Commission (3rd Wednesday) August 18, 7 PM
Trash Day (Thursdays) August 19, 26

Who To Call (740 Area Code)

TRUSTEES

Steve Volpe, Ch.: 965-1802, svolpe@kingstontwp.org

Dewey Akers: 803-1529, dakers@kingstontwp.org

Bill Shively: 272-3668, bshively@kingstontwp.org

FISCAL OFFICER

Greg Roy: 524-8591, fiscalofficer@kingstontwp.org

NEWS & INFO

Township Web Site: <http://www.kingstontwp.org>

Newsletter Editor: Jeanna Burrell 965-1914

e-mail: kingstonnews@embarqmail.com

PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

Emergency: 911; Business: 524-5050

PKFD@rrohio.com; <http://www.PKFD.org>

ROADS & CEMETERIES

Twp. Maintenance, Doug Crowl 740-513-8041

TRASH

Rumpke: 1- 888-RUMPKE1 (1-888-786-7531)

e-mail: chris.lavender@rumpke.com

web: <http://www.rumpke.com>

ZONING

Robert Talbott: 524-0290, Fax: 524-5304

e-mail: zoning@kingstontwp.org