

Kingston Twp. Hall, Pavilion hubs of activity

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SUNBURY — Kingston Township will hold its inaugural Veterans Breakfast from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at its Township Hall, 4063 Carter's Corner Road. There will be extra parking to handle township veterans and their plus-one, as well.

Resident Terra McCanney, a landscape designer, and local firm 1st Impressions installed shrubs and trees this fall at the hall and its picnic pavilion, with perennials to be planted next spring, said the township's October Digital Digest. The pavilion's grand opening/ribbon-cutting/open house was held June 22. The pavilion has since hosted a number of events, including an Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony for Kingston resident Michael Spangenberg representing Troop 701.

The July Digital Digest said Clear Run Lumber in Marengo cleared out 19 cottonwood trees along the township hall drive to prevent them from falling on the hall or pavilion. Also, Joy Newhouse is the new part-time custodian at the hall.

In September's Digital Digest, it was said that on Aug. 29, the Board of Trustees approved a gravel lot for overflow parking of 40 additional vehicles at the Township Hall and picnic pavilion, to be completed by early November. There was a bridge replacement on Carter's Corner between Wilson and Rosecrans roads, requiring closure of the road on Oct. 7, reopening on Nov. 8. North Galena Road between Kilbourne and Todd Street roads is closed through Nov. 27 for a bridge replacement. Other improvements have been made over the summer to these roads, as well as Blayney, Blue Church, Clark and Twigg-Hupp roads.

Public hearings were held Aug. 7 and Oct. 17 for a major amendment to the Northstar Final Development Plan submitted by Northstar Residential Development, LLC and Northstar Golf, LLC. The amendment reduces "the footprint of the remaining 592 homes to be built in Kingston Township... away from Wilson Road... The future school site has been relocated along Wilson Road rather than in the heart of the development."

The Delaware County Regional Planning Commission gave conditional approval to the application on July 25. Kingston's five-member Zoning Commission had a public hearing and

unanimously approved recommending the amendment to the trustees on Aug. 7, which was presented to the trustees on Sept. 3.

Following the hearing, the trustees unanimously approved the application. "The trustees found that the Amendment aligned with the township's goals of its Comprehensive Plan of preserving open space and conserving farmland as well as keeping the rural aesthetic of the township along major township thoroughfares," the Digital Digest said.

Matt Roy is trustee chairman, Angela Willyerd vice chair and Bill Shively is executive member. Fred Neace is the road superintendent and cemetery sexton; and Greg Roy is the fiscal officer. Tom Filbert is chairman of the Zoning Commission, Bernie Cattrell is zoning secretary, Dave Stites is zoning secretary emeritus and Dave Willyerd is zoning inspector. Chelsea Harris was appointed in August as second alternate on the Zoning Commission.

The final trustee meeting of the year is on Dec. 3. The Zoning Commission meets at 7 p.m. quarterly, the Board of Zoning Appeals meets at 7 p.m. as needed. The BZA met July 29 for a variance to a Clark Road property.

In other township news, "The Trustees have extended the Local Waste Services refuse/recycling contract for three years through 12-31-26 based on quality of service and cost," it was said in the Digital Digest. "The rate for 2023 was \$19.95 per month. The rate for 2024 and 2025 will increase (6%) to \$21.15 per month and increase again (3%) to \$21.78 per month in 2026. All provisions of the contract will remain the same including the 10% senior discount and pick up of one large item per week. Except for holidays, our pickup day of Wednesday will remain the same."

It was also said that the summer's extreme drought led to the Porter-Kingston Fire District responding to grass fires this fall in Brown and Hartford townships, the latter in Licking County. Most outdoor burning is banned from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. this month. PKFD has two new firefighters, Samuel Delfino and Ian Ranck. Dewey Akers is president of the PKFD Board.

A mutual aid agreement with Porter Township was approved for work on the Stark Cemetery driveway, which is in both townships. "This project is to extend the current drive and Porter Township will provide all the labor. The amount of materials will not exceed \$1,600," said the Kingston August Digital Digest.

A future edition of The Gazette will go into more detail on the meeting minutes.

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