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Bethel Township Trustees

Ditch and Culvert Repairs in the Township

Over the last few years, Bethel Township has worked hard to correct numerous drainage concerns, failures and improvements. We have had many significant rain events starting with May of 2014 when the Township had approximately six inches of rainfall in about a ninety-minute period. This put an enormous amount of stress on the existing systems causing some of them to fail. The event prompted emergency repairs to Pisgah Road and New Carlisle Road at a cost of \$9,840.00. There were several other projects that the Township staff worked to identify and repair.

Township projects in 2015 and 2016 included the restoration of the ditch on Pisgah at Aggenbroad, culvert replacement on Haskett Road and repairs on Flick Road at a cost of \$13,800.00. In 2017, repairs to Wildcat Road included repair of the storm sewer at Wildcat and US 40 and the replacement of two undersized culverts in the 8500 block at a cost of \$25,974. Also there was an upgrade to the overall drainage system for the North side of the Newbury/Windham plat at a cost of \$21,782.00. Projects planned for 2018 are ditch repairs on Wildcat south of US Route 40, Wonder Way and Flick Road at an estimated cost of \$5,015. There is also a culvert failure on West Charleston Road that has not yet been estimated.

Since 2014, approximately \$72,000 has been invested to help remedy drainage issues in Bethel Township. The money for all of these repairs came from the 5-year 3.8 mill Levy, which voters originally approved in 2003 and was most recently approved in 2017. There are many issues that still exist and we are continually working to correct them. Additional issues exist on private property that the Township does not have authority or obligation to correct (see the article below on Ohio Ditch Law). Drainage issues that affect the right of way are the top priority. In a continuing trend, November 5, 2017, set another record for rainfall for that day. As "record" rainfalls continue to happen on regular basis, it is likely that more drainage issues will arise. The culverts, drainage tiles and catch basins were not designed to deal with these types of deluges. Please contact Andy Ehrhart, Township Administrator, or one of the trustees with drainage concerns.



Culvert Repair under Wildcat Road

Ohio Ditch Law

Spring is upon us and with it comes lots of rain and the potential for flooding. As noted in the article above, the Township has received "100 year" rainfalls three times in the last 4 years. Per the Ohio Revised Code, the responsibility for the maintenance and improvement of drains, ditches and watercourses, whether established county ditches or not, rests entirely upon the land owners affected and benefitted. It is not the obligation of the County or Township to maintain or improve the storm drainage facilities across any individual's property for either agricultural purposes or the development of home sites.

Please check the open ditches on your property on a regular basis and keep them free of debris. This will help the storm water to move in the ditch and away from your property, which may reduce your risk of flooding. Keeping the ditches clean also minimizes clogging of tiles under your driveway and under the roads, catch basins and other storm water tiles. Storm drains are for water movement only, they are not designed to remove grass, gravel, leaves or any other type of waste materials. For more information on ditch law in Ohio, please contact Miami County Soil and Water at www.miamiswcd.org or 335-7645.



Zoning Update

Zoning Update: January – March 2018

Zoning Certificates Issued:

ZC-01-18	2605 Ginghamburg-W. Charleston Rd.	Swimming pool
ZC-02-18	9250 St. Rt. 201	Sign
ZC-03-18	2750 Ginghamburg-W. Charleston Rd.	New residence
ZC-04-18	5110 E. St. Rt. 571	Above-ground pool
ZC-05-18	7940 Newbury Rd.	Accessory building
ZC-06-18	8870 St. Rt. 571	Sign

BETHEL TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION (ZC):

The Bethel Township Zoning Commission (ZC) heard the following cases in January. Both were recommended for approval.

ZA-09-17	5950 St. Rt. 202	Rezoning 58.865 acres from A-2 to A-1 for lot splits
ZA-10-17	7095 Staley Rd.	Rezoning 11.302 acres from A-2 to B-1, and 12.489 acres from A-2 to A-1.

The Bethel Township Trustees approved both rezoning applications.

The ZC heard the following case in March:

Case: ZA-01-18: A request from Randall and Amy Perkins, 5370 St. Rt. 571, Tipp City, OH 45371, to rezone 2.001 acres of 27.838 acres located at the same address from A-2, General Agriculture to B-2, Office/Residential, on ground presently used for residential purposes. This will allow for the creation of a pre-school in the building previously used as the Hidden Lake Golf Course Pro Shop. Miami County Parcel ID #A01-070560. (**Approved pending Trustee vote**)

BETHEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (BZA):

The Bethel Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) met in March and heard the following case:

Case: V-01-18: A request from Andrew and Kendra Wise, 1990 Cider Mill Way, Tipp City, OH 45371, for an accessory building roof height and larger footprint than allowed, and potentially building in front of the front line of the house. The accessory building will be 4,800 square feet and the height at roof peak will be approximately 22 feet at 2750 Ginghamburg-West Charleston Rd., Tipp City, OH 45371. Zoning calls for a maximum of 2,600 square feet and a height of 15 feet. The property is identified as Miami County Parcel ID #A01-037740. **Denied**

The Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals will meet in a work session April 26, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

The ZC meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM and the BZA meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Bethel Township Meeting Room when they have cases. Public notices for both the ZC and the BZA meetings are posted in the news section of the Township website at www.betheltownship.org, and in the Troy Daily News. Additionally, residents within 500' of the subject property are notified by first-class mail as per the Bethel Township Zoning Resolution and the Ohio Revised Code.

Business Spotlight—DJ's Chill 'n Grill

On US Rt. 40, west of Brandt there will soon be a new eating establishment — DJ's Chill 'n Grill. This is the only restaurant in Bethel Township. It is currently under construction and slated to open late Spring/early Summer 2018. DJ's Chill 'n Grill will serve sandwiches, pizza and delicious soft serve ice cream. Check out their Facebook page and take a peek at their menu, special offers and more information about their grand opening. Part time job opportunities, events and activities will also be posted on their Facebook page.



From the Fire Department



Fire & EMS YTD:

EMS 91 Fire 30

Total 121

Spring Grill Tips:

- Use outdoor barbecue grills with caution. Place in a safe area away from building, windows, heating, ventilation and air conditioning units or places with high/dead vegetation.
- Never use gasoline to start the fire, and don't add charcoal lighter fluid once the fire has started.
- Use barbecue grills outside only — not under overhangs or balconies, and away from combustibles.
- Check your propane barbecue grill hose for leaks and cracks; never store propane indoors.

Road Repair

Every spring, the Township conducts a road survey — assessing our 26 miles of road for damage from water, snow, salt and traffic. Due to cutbacks in funding from the state, the township now primarily relies on the 3.8 mill Levy funds to repave township roads. Monies from the Gasoline Tax, the Motor Vehicle Tax and the Permissive Motor Vehicle Tax (which make up the category Road Fund) are now used primarily for operating expenses—fuel, trucks, salt, road worker salaries, etc. We did not do any repaving projects in 2016 or 2017. This year, we will

Road	Year Paved	Type	Fund
New Carlisle Rd	2009	Overlay	Road Funds
Pisgah Rd.	2010	Chip & Seal	Road Funds
Brandt Streets	2012	Overlay	3.8 mill
Bethelville & part of Agenbroad	2013	Chip & Seal	Road Funds
Singer Rd.	2013	Overlay	Road Funds
Wiley Industrial Park	2013	Overlay	3.8 mill
Scarff Rd (571-New Carlisle Rd)	2015	Overlay	Road Funds

request repaving quotes for Scarff Road (SR 571 to US Rt. 40), East and West Haskett and Wonder Way. Depending on the cost for the projects, we will have the funds to pave one road, or two or hopefully all three. A mile of overlay costs anywhere from \$105,000 to \$130,000 depending on current road condition, the price of asphalt and other factors. In addition to paving projects, the Township will be doing crack sealing on road surfaces as well as repairing potholes.

Please give us a call if you see a pothole we have not fixed or have any questions about our roads.



Crack Sealing can extend the life of a road. Many of our roads have extensive crack sealing on them.

Burn Regulations

Springtime is here and most residents are ready to get outside to enjoy the warmer weather and begin working in their gardens and yards. So what do you do with all the sticks, leaves and other plant debris that have fallen over the winter? Currently, Bethel Township follows all the regulations set and enforced by the various agencies listed on the insert in this newsletter. On it, you will see a helpful overview of the regulations from Ohio Administrative Code, (enforced by Regional Air Pollution Control Agency), Ohio Revised Code (enforced by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources) and the Ohio Fire Code (enforced by our Fire Department).

Currently, open burning is prohibited from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm for March, April and May (and again in October and November). Please read through the regulations. If you have additional questions, you can contact RAPCA, ODNR (the numbers are listed on the sheet) or the Township fire department at 845-4274.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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April

- 4 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 10 Trustees Zoning Public Hearing, 6:30 PM
- 10 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 17 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM
- 24 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 26 Board of Zoning Appeals/Zoning Commission
Joint Workshop Meeting, 6:30 PM

May

- 2 Historical Society
- 8 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 15 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM
- 22 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 24 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM
Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 28 Memorial Day, Township Offices Closed

June

- 6 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 12 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 19 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM
- 26 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 28 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM
Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM

Please note:

The Board of Trustees meets in Workshop Session on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 8:30 AM in the Township Building in Brandt. Please check the Township's website at www.betheltownship.org for Workshop Session cancellations.

All meetings are held in the Bethel Township Community Room, 8735 S. Second Street-Brandt unless otherwise noted.