

# **Elizabeth Township Quarterly**

**Winter 2006**

## **Retiring Trustee**

Paul Gearhardt is retiring from the position of trustee. He has held this position for 24 years. His expertise will be missed. A plaque was presented to Paul at the year end meeting in appreciation for his dedication to Elizabeth Township.

## **New Trustee**

Bill Sutherly is the newly elected trustee. He is very excited to begin this new responsibility.

## **Elizabeth Township Community Center**

Richard Goodwin presented info on what he feels needs to happen at the community center for Miami County YMCA to be able to use our facility. The trustees will be taking bids for these improvements, roof and furnace. They will be using an architect to see what else needs to be done to the building; this will be accomplished in stages. A 501 3 C is being established.

### **Rental Rates**

- Elizabeth Township Community Center Board Room-\$15.00/hour with a two hour minimum. Each additional hour is \$15.00 Maximum daily rate is \$100.00 for 8+ hours.
- A refundable deposit of \$35.00 is required.
- Deposit will be returned based on cleaning the room and hallway after the event.
- Folding table and chairs are available for large groups. If set up and removing table is required there will be a fee of \$20/hour.
- The rental fee and deposit is required 20 days prior to the event. Checks are payable to Elizabeth TWP Trustees, 5710 E. Walnut Grove Road, Troy, Ohio 45373.
- Gym Rental Fee is \$20/hour. There is a 2 hour minimum rental period. Each additional hour is \$20.00. The maximum daily rental rate is \$125.00 for 8+ hours. Community Room on first floor is available for group meetings and classes without cost to Township residents and to local non-profit groups such as 4-H, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, churches, etc.
- Application and Agreement Form: Must be signed and returned to the attention of the Activities Coordinator, Richard Goodwin, 845-0895, along with any required fees 20 days prior to event.

## **Farmland Preservation**

Jim Leonard Wright Law Co. LPA presented an update on Farmland Preservation. There will be a meeting on January 19, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at the ETCC with Mike Bailey making a presentation. He will be explaining the changes for 2006. Also the Trustees will be implementing the New Elizabeth Township Farmland Preservation Plan.

Catherine Sutherly received a \$122,984.00 check from the Ohio Department of Agriculture. The township portion is \$61,492.00 a 25% match.

## **Notes**

Taken from the township clerk's minutes:

- Bid on Rudy Road improvement-FinFrock Construction-Covington, Ohio-\$74,000
- Sheriff's Dept. report on township-speeding is the biggest issue.
- Ron Grout, Chief of EMS for Elizabeth Township, gave statistical analysis of EMS runs. There were a total of 23 medic and 8 fire runs made in the Elizabeth Township Medic unit during the month of October, 2005. Response time was 8.75 minutes being the average.
- There were 12 medic and 2 fire runs during November, 2005. Response time average of 8.5 minutes.
- There were 7 medic and 1 fire runs during December, 2005. The count for the year 2005 was 142. Response time average of 8.4 minutes.
- Hire a consultant to assist with zoning amendment changes and include Trustees with information of meetings.
- Hired Frank Bowman as the maintenance man for the ETCC.

## **Sheriff**

The sheriff hours are 8 hours a day, 7 days a week. This is not to exceed 64 hours in a week. Township provides fuel and service, but the county pays benefits. Also the hours in the township are determined by the Sheriff. These vary according to need.

## **Bills Paid**

- Ace Professional Tree Service ( trim trees, take down trees and clean up): \$11,200.00
- City of New Carlisle (3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, 2005 fire contract): \$77,500.00
- Ace Professional Tree Service (side trim trees and clean up) on Rudy, Hufford, and North Sayers): \$6,000.00

- Ace Professional Tree Service (remove trees and clean up along McCandliss, N. Dayton-Brandt, Widener, Gearhardt, and Mill Roads):\$19,000
- Finfrock Construction Co., Inc. (Rudy Rd. improvements-Pay #1):\$19,898.49
- McCall Sharp Architecture, LTD (schematic design phase for ETCC):\$18,302.50
- Ace Professional Tree Service (removed dead trees and clean up on Rudy, Benham and Hufford Roads):\$7,800
- Miami County Engineers (unleaded gasoline for Sheriff's Dept. and salt): \$5,152.80.
- Evans Fence Co. (highway type woven wire fence-McCandliss Road):\$5,355.00
- New Carlisle Fire Dept. (4<sup>th</sup> quarter, 2005 fire services):\$77,467.00
- Christiansburg Fire Co. (2<sup>nd</sup> half, 2005 fire protection):\$10,837.50
- Casstown Fire Dept. (2<sup>nd</sup> half, 2005 fire protection):\$10,837.50
- Miami County Treasurer (2<sup>nd</sup> half, 2005 police protection):\$43,707.83
- Westfield Co. (Commercial Package policy-insurance):\$12,035.00

### **Building Permits**

The following application has been approved by the township Zoning Inspector:

- Doug and Alisa Bohrer, residence, 6424 Tipp-Elizabeth Road

### **Township Roads**

The township is responsible for the township roads. These roads are Adams, Benham, Cedar Cove, Hickory Hollow, Hufford, Lehman, Marshall, McCandliss, Mill, North Dayton-Brandt, North Sayers, Rudy, Sanders, Shaggy Bark, South Gearhardt, Weddle, and Widener.

### **Zoning Info**

Gerald Thorstad is the Zoning Inspector and the Secretary.

Richard Sutherly appointed to the Elizabeth Township Zoning Commission Board. Other members of this commission are Mark Mitchell, Amy Eidemiller, Bill Hamiel and Dwayne Taylor.

Robert Smart appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Board of Appeals members are Jay Benham, Gerald Elleman, Don Hiegel, and Bob Quinton.

## **Contact Us**

Township newsletters are mailed to all registered voters in Elizabeth Township. If you know of a township landowner who lives outside the township, but who would like to receive the next newsletter, please contact the township trustees by phone 335-1920, fax 335-1927 or e-mail at [eliztshp@voyager.net](mailto:eliztshp@voyager.net)

Trustees meet at 8 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month through the end of November at the township house, 5710 Walnut Grove Road (meetings begin at 7 p.m. December through March). Work sessions are held at 8 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. If you would like to be placed on a meeting's agenda, please contact the township trustee office with as much advance notice as possible. Your trustees are Bill Sutherly (339-5888), Ron Swallow (339-1084) and Dave Wagner (857-9371). Your fiscal financial officer is Larry Lavender (845-0047).