

# Elizabeth Township Quarterly

Winter 2005

## ELIZABETH SCHOOL SURVEY RESULTS

Township trustees and the Elizabeth School committee would like to thank residents for their overwhelmingly positive response to a survey asking what activities they'd like to see at the school building once it's been remodeled into a "community center." The committee received 587 completed surveys. The proposed uses are listed below, in order of the number of "yes" votes they received:

PROPOSED USE	YES	NO	NOT APPLICABLE	
Open gym	426	43	9	
Outside running/walking path	425	53	8	
Adult education classes	424	53	26	
Exercise equipment facility	417	55	6	
Picnic shelters	373	70	4	
Meeting rooms for small groups	368	63	27	
Baseball and soccer fields	358	65	21	
Fitness classes	332	79	22	
Banquet facility	328	107	23	
Historical society museum	327	102	19	
Before/after school program	296	86	41	
Meeting rooms for large groups	282	101	28	
Swimming pool	266	133	16	
Daycare	260	99	46	
Preschool	258	103	48	
Theater group	204	132	47	

Look for information on activities offered at the "community center" in future newsletters.

## NOTES FROM RECENT TRUSTEE MEETINGS

Though taken directly from the township clerk's minutes, the following notes represent highlights – not a comprehensive account – of recent township trustee meetings:

### *Fire & Ambulance*

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### *Roads*

- McCandliss Road residents met with township trustees to discuss the scope of paving and tree trimming work scheduled for next year along the road. Subsequent to the meeting, trustees decided not to acquire additional right of way along McCandliss.

### *Personnel*

- Trustees voted to hire a part-time building coordinator at a cost of \$22 per hour.
- Trustees voted to hire Bob Chance for \$18 an hour to perform janitorial work at the former Elizabeth school building (Miami East South Elementary).

*Of interest*

- The township's farmland preservation advisory committee recommended that the trustees purchase the development rights on farms not selected for the state Agriculture Easement Purchase Program. The committee recommended the township pay 75 percent of the value of the farms' development rights, with landowners donating the remaining 25 percent.
- The township's Elizabeth school committee recommended the township hire an outside consultant to explore the reuse of the former Elizabeth school building.
- The Elizabeth Twp. Historical Society requested that the trustees reserve the first floor of the former Elizabeth school building for the historical society's history museum.
- Mike Rose, president of Miami East Junior Diamond Sports, requested the group be allowed to use two fields at the former Elizabeth school, and that the group would put backstops back up so the fields could be used for games during the 2005 baseball and softball season.
- The township's general fund had \$38.34 million as of October 2004.

**BILLS GREATER THAN \$5,000**

- Ace Professional Tree Service (trim and remove trees): \$10,350
- Miami County Sheriff's Office (additional policing for second half of 2004): \$42,230
- Christiansburg Fire Co. (fire and ambulance protection, second half 2004): \$12,772
- Casstown Volunteer Fire Dept. (fire protection, second half 2004): \$10,273
- City of New Carlisle (fire protection for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2004): \$74,586
- Durst Brothers Excavating (improvements at fire station property): \$8,145
- Wagner Paving (install and replace parking lot at township building): \$23,663
- Quality Lawn, Landscape & Fence (improvements at fire station property): \$13,902
- Miami East Board of Education (equipment purchases at school): \$7,526
- Jess Construction (contract work at fire and EMS station): \$14,538

**BUILDING PERMITS/VARIANCES**

- Matt Landis, 7621 Tipp-Elizabeth Road, new house
- Nathan Wright, 2725 Rudy Road, new house
- Keith Koble, 7390 LeFevre Road, storage barn
- Carl Johnson, 8970 McNeal Road, storage building
- Brian and Catherine Bensman, 3433 State Route 202, new house

**ZONING UPDATE**

**HISTORY NEXT DOOR**

Elizabeth Township has hundreds of old barns, including more than 70 so-called bank barns. Many of these barns are more than a century old, and there's documentation that some date as far back as the 1830s. These barns include the Mark Mitchell barn (1830s), 1870 S. Dayton-Brandt Road; and two barns just over the border in

neighboring Staunton Township. They are the Mark Knoop barn (1832), 2645 E. State Route 41, and the Carrigan (or Cyphers?) barn (1838), 1054 Knoop Road.

#### **CONTACT US**

Quarterly newsletters are mailed to registered township voters. If you know of a resident who is not registered to vote or 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)

The trustees meet at 8 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the township house, 5710 Walnut Grove Road. 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 Paul Gearhardt, Ron Swallow and Dave Wagner. Your clerk is Larry Lavender.

*Elizabeth Twp. Trustees  
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