

OXFORD MESSENGER 2023 SECOND EDITION

From the Trustees

Road Work:

As planned, chip seal surface treatment of the following roads was completed courtesy of funding provided by Erie County Commissioners.

- Thomas Rd. – Strecker to Mason \$28,246
- Livengood Rd. \$23,695
- Higbee Rd. \$31,815
- Schaefer Rd. \$6,708
- Ransom Rd.- Strecker to Mason \$34,872

\$125,336

The Oxford-Margaretta-Groton road work team completed Portland Road resurfacing from SR 99 to Harris Road. For the Oxford Township portion, this is the first time this road has been completely resurfaced. Over the years, this road was only built up with chip seal over stone and asphalt wedge coat on the edges.

Trustees requested that the County Engineer have a portion of last year's chip seal work that we considered unsatisfactory on Delematre Rd reworked at no cost under the contractor's bond and it was completed.

The Trustees also submitted a letter to the Erie County Engineer requesting that the speed limit be reviewed and/or studied to determine if it could be lowered to 45 mph on Portland Road.

Building Improvement:

Telamon Construction completed internal wall and insulation installation and heating was installed in the newly constructed bay at the Delematre Rd storage building. The spare diesel plow truck will be stored in the bay in standby and will be more easily started in cold weather. American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA) funds were used to pay for construction of the bay and installation of the heater.

Park:

The Trustees submitted a request that was approved for a \$7000 grant from Erie MetroParks for aluminum roll-up doors for the picnic shelter. Carpentry preparation for door installation was performed by Road Superintendent Andy Dunlap with the assistance of his son Sean of Monroeville High School performing volunteer community service hours. JDB Home Improvements, Norwalk was lowest and best bidder and was awarded the contract (\$14,475) for door installation. Total cost of the project was \$15,446 with remaining \$8,446 coming from the General Fund. Andy also replaced the electrical

service panel in the shelter because it was severely corroded and degraded. The shelter will now be usable in windy and inclement weather. We thank the staff and board of directors of Erie MetroParks for making this improvement possible.

Trustees also submitted a grant request to Erie County Department of Environmental Services for new waste cans for the park that was also approved for \$2600 that covered purchase costs. The old metal cans were rusted through.

Trustees also thank Monroeville High School students who also provided community service hours to spread mulch around the building and in the flower beds.





May 8, 2023 at 11:29:28 AM
41° 18' 44.004" N, 82° 41' 33.550" W
Kimball



The park shelter was booked almost every weekend through the summer and the ball field was booked 4 out of five weeknights through the summer. Any township residents who wish to reserve the park and shelter or any teams that wish to reserve the field for league play or practice can contact Andy Dunlap at 419-357-2493.

Wind & Solar:

The court case before the Ohio Supreme Court was decided in favor of the APEX Emerson Creek wind project in Erie and Huron Counties. Therefore, we can expect construction to proceed on that project. The impact on State, County, and Township roads in our area will be significant. County and township road use for the project in Erie County will be governed by a Road Use Maintenance Agreement (RUMA) that APEX must enter with the Erie County Engineer, Jack Farschman. Temporary roads (such as at the intersection of SR 113 and Ransom Rd) will have to be constructed to accommodate the large, long equipment required to transport wind turbine parts. All roads damaged during construction will require reconstruction to at least as good or better than current conditions per the RUMA.

Meanwhile, Wheatsborough Solar is rapidly constructing the solar electric power generating facility on approximately 600 acres in Groton Township by the intersection of Portland and SR 269.

Zoning

Reminder that new construction, additions, pools, fences etc. are subject to zoning regulations.

The Zoning inspector can be met personally at the Township Hall Tuesdays 7-8 PM or leave a message at 419-359-1735 to obtain a zoning permit.

Residential and commercial building inspections when required are conducted by Huron Township Building Department staff under contract with Oxford Township. To obtain a building permit contact Tammy Boos 419-433-2755 Fax 419-433-8347 Email tboos@hurontwp.org

Fire and Emergency Services (Chief Kerry Jett):

I am still looking Firefighters for the Oxford Twp. Station. If you would like to serve your community and neighbors, PLEASE give me a call, or meet with us on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. of each month at the Groton Twp. Station – 9414 Portland Road. I can cover the requirements to be a Volunteer Firefighter.

Hope to See You and Thank You! - Kerry D. Jett, Fire Chief – Groton Township Fire Department

The Groton Township Fire Department is sponsoring the Annual Halloween Happenings

Saturday October 28, 6:30-7:30 PM

**The Annual Groton Township Fire Department Pancake Breakfast
Sponsored by Groton Fire Department Auxiliary**

Sunday November 5, 7:30-Noon

Election:

The first day of early and absentee voting for the November 7th General Election was Wednesday, October 11th.

The Erie County Board of Elections conducted a public test of their voting equipment on Thursday, October 12th at 10:00 a.m. The test took place at the Board of Elections Office at 2900 Columbus Ave, Sandusky.

The Erie County Board of Elections has installed a **drive-up dropbox!** The box is located on the **east side of the Erie County water department building at 2900 Columbus Ave.** The box is accessible 24/7, and is also under surveillance 24/7. Voter registration forms, absentee ballot applications, and absentee ballots can all be deposited in the box.