



## Unauthorized Items

### 1. Ohio Nature Works Grant Application

John Idone, Director of Parks and Recreation, has requested Council's authorization to submit a grant application to the Ohio Nature Works Program. The grant requires a 25 percent match with local funds. The state funds are available for hometown parks and recreational facility use. Roughly half of the applications received by the state last year were able to be funded. The grant applications are due March 1, 2009.

#### *Administration Recommendation*

John indicates that he has funds in his budget to support the match requirements so I would encourage Council's support to submit the grant application.

#### *Council Action*

**Adopt a resolution authorizing an Ohio Nature Works Grant Program application.**

## Information Items

### 1. NOPEC Gas Purchase Update

Gene Roberts has provided an update from NOPEC announcing their gas rates as of February 12, 2009. (attachment)

### 2. Board of Zoning Appeals Agenda

Gary Locke has included a copy of the agenda for the February 16, 2009 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting and the corresponding staff report. There is one item up for consideration: 632 Temple Avenue, ABBE & Anderson Turner, convert a residential use to a new cheese and candy processing facility. (attachments)

### 3. January 2009 Police Statistics

Chief Peach has distributed the call and arrest data for Police operations in January 2009. Accidents appear to be slightly ahead of last year but calls and arrests are slightly down. (attachment)

### 4. Health Board Meeting Agenda and Minutes

John Ferlito has provided copies of the agenda for the February 17, 2009 Health Board Meeting. That packet includes copies of the January Health Board meeting and the statistical report for the first month of the year.

### 5. City of Kent / Franklin Township Fire Service Rate for 2009

Bill Lillich and Chief Williams have sent the Franklin Township Trustees the rates for Fire and EMS services for 2009. As you may recall, the rates are based on the costs for service in 2008 and the number of runs made in the City and in the Township. Bill has provided copies of the rate calculation. It turns out that the Township rate will decline by \$30 per run in 2009. (attachment)

## Information Items (continued)

### 6. The Barn Property Lease

Dan Smith advised me that the tenants (TG Carpenter, LLC) in the property the City owns on Depeyster are in arrears in lease payments and after trying to resolve the matter over the last 3 months he has served them with a three day eviction notice. They have until Monday, February 16th to vacate the premise or we will continue with the eviction process.

### 7. Economic Stimulus Funds

Dan Smith notes that this past Wednesday the State launched the new Federal Stimulus Initiative web site, <http://www.recovery.ohio.gov/> for submitting and tracking stimulus projects. All 16 of our stimulus project requests have been inputted into the new database. We have also submitted our projects with NEFCO/EDA and Portage County Office of Economic Development and Regional Planning. In addition, Dan reports that the State has also forwarded the unfunded JRS applications from the last round for consideration as well and there has been some talk that there could be an additional and/or expedited round of funding in the upcoming months. More details should be available when the legislation is signed into law on Monday. Finally, a Kent contingent (Jack Crews, Councilman Turner, Doug Fuller and Dan Smith) traveled to Congressman Ryan's office in Warren this week and met with staffers regarding the Atlantic and Great Western Technology Park. I've been told that we received good information and were provided with the necessary applications to seek additional funding in support of the project. We plan to submit an application next week to be considered for 2010 funding.