



Brown Township, Franklin County
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UPDATES

ANNEXATION OF 166 ACRES WEST OF ALTON DARBY

Minutes before the hearing began on December 4th in the commissioners' hearing room; a decision was made to table the request for annexation for 90 days (March 5th). The request to table formally came from the petitioners' attorney and the commissioners affirmed. Granting a 90-day extension allows time for the City of Columbus to amend their comprehensive plan and redefine their Environmental Conservation District. They have begun this process by scheduling a public hearing for January 16th at 6:15 p.m. in the new police auditorium on Marconi Blvd. There may be another public hearing at a later date.

The trustees have sent a resolution opposing any amendment to the current Environmental Conservation District and will be present and active at any and all hearings concerning this matter.

ANNEXATION REFORM

H.B. 36 fell dead in the Senate Rules Committee. It never made it to the floor for a vote. The OTA (Ohio Township Association) has only begun to fight. They are holding a press conference on Wednesday, January 30, at 3:00 p.m. in the Ohio Statehouse to "discuss the role of the legislative process in annexation reform".

PROPOSED GOLF COURSE

Submitted by Gary Dever

The developers of a potential golf course with 140 homes on over 300 acres on the east side of Amity road have begun the process of the required zoning change through MORPC. On January 10, the subcommittee at MORPC recommended to DENY the zoning change with a vote of 4 to 1. The next hearing was January 16 at 1:30 p.m. before the Rural Zoning Commission. Requests for zoning changes ultimately come before the County Commissioners with recommendations from MORPC and decisions from the Rural Zoning Commission, which can be overturned. If the County Commissioners approve the zoning change, the residents can petition for a referendum, which places the issue on the ballot for the residents to decide.

NOTE: There was no testimony represented from the Darby Creek Association, ODNR, Rivers Unlimited, or other associated Darby Partners.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

As of this date, there have been 157 responses to the questionnaire. That is approximately a 20% return rate compared to a 34% return rate to our first questionnaire over 5 years ago. We do realize this questionnaire was more extensive, and we appreciate your time and effort in responding.

The public meeting to present the results and invite public participation before a panel will be the second week in February. Please plan to attend. Watch your mail post for the exact date and time.

LAND FOR FIRE STATION

The trustees have purchased just over 5 acres of land adjacent to the township hall on the south side of the parking lot for the purpose of building a fire/EMS station. This building will be a satellite station for Norwich Township and will have 24-hour coverage. Brown Township will own the firehouse. A portion of the land will be used for a pond, which could be used for fire emergencies.

GENERATOR RUNS ON LP ***Submitted by Ron Williams***

The generator located in the garage area of the township hall now runs on LP gas. In the event of an emergency, persons could keep warm at the township hall.