

WINTER 2023 NEWSLETTER

State of the Township

2022 was an exciting year for Orange Township! The year marked many achievements such as improvements to township infrastructure, increased community engagement, and maintaining our level of service from the Fire Department. The Board of Trustees is proud of the work going on within and around the township. New businesses continue to expand or move into our township and new residents are choosing our township to raise their families. Orange Township became a better place to live in 2022 and we couldn't have done it without YOU! Because of YOU, the Parks and Roads levies passed in November allowing for projects to begin such as the Bale Kenyon widening project and North Road Park Phase 2 & 3.

Our mission to serve the residents of Orange Township by offering vital services to enhance their value of life and support those who live, work, and partner with us was more present than ever in 2022. We consistently delivered services to our community through administrative, fire, human resources, roads, parks, facilities, and zoning. With just under 100 employees, a majority serving in the Fire Department, the township continues to expand our operations to effectively address the needs of our growing community. The Mission Statement and Core Values were implemented in 2022, and were used as a way to set the stage for categorizing the achievement of the past year. To the right, you will see a sampling of the initiatives, for the improvement of the greater community.

We are looking forward to making 2023 even better! Thank you for your continued support.

-Orange Township Trustees, Erica Fouss, Lisa Knapp, Ben Grumbles

Core Values

Community

We value honest & respectful relationships both internally and externally - community events were expanded in 2022





Pride





We value the satisfaction of a job well done - finished projects included resurfacing the basketball court at Township Hall Park and creating the Zoning Offices

Results

We value accomplishments done with integrity - several roadway improvement projects were completed





Development

We value continuous personal & organizational growth - 2022 contained many new hires and internal promotions

Stewardship

We value the efficient & effective use of resources - several grants were awarded to the Township for various projects

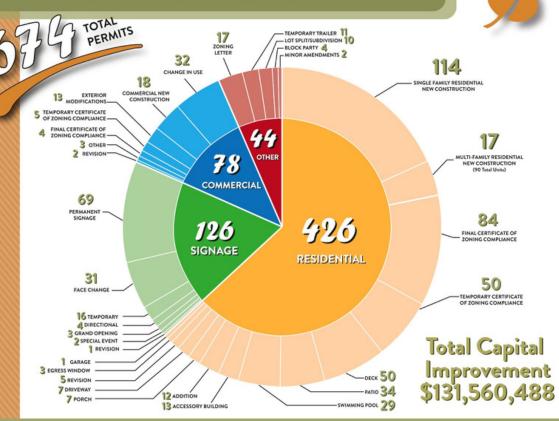




To view the full State of the Township document, scan the QR code or visit the website, orangetwp.org



2022 Orange Township Zoning Applications Report



2022 was a busy year for the Orange Township Zoning Department! We processed a total of 674 zoning permits, which includes everything from decks and swimming pools to new industrial buildings. That represents over \$130 million worth of construction in 2022 alone. We also had a record number of re-zonings and zoning amendments, and our Board of Zoning Appeals heard 19 cases last year. Lastly, we took major steps forward in our Zoning Code Re-Write project, which we expect to complete in 2023.

-Robin Duffee, Director of Development and Zoning

Orange Township Fire Department

Heating Safety

Heating Equipment Smarts

- Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuelburning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.
- Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you smell gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.



There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet (one meter) away from heating equipment like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot (one meter) "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February

Community Volunteer Board

The Community Volunteer Board is a group of residents appointed by the Board of Trustees to serve as a recommending and/or advisory body. Through their leadership, they encourage innovation and bridge relationships in our community. There are five subcommittees, each with an executive board liaison. The time commitment varies by committee: quarterly or monthly is most common. If you would like to be involved in a committee, please fill out the form on the back side of this page and turn it into the Township Hall Office or email your contact information and a letter of interest to Sydney Herbert, spherbert@orangetwp.org



Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee

This committee is a recommending body for long range zoning projects. Projects include, but are not limited to, Zoning Resolution amendments, Comprehensive Land Use Plan, and the Active Transportation Plan.

Parks Subcommittee

This group reviews and recommends projects in accordance with the 2022 Parks Master Plan. They perform an annual review of the 2022 Parks Master Plan to discuss any necessary amendments. Apply for this position if you have a passion for parks and recreation!



Special Projects Subcommittee

This subcommittee is project specific and can shift focus at any time. An example project would be the Veterans Memorial. The purpose of this committee is to assist project planning and/or design, fundraising and outreach.

Events Subcommittee

Do you enjoy planning events? This subcommittee consists of dedicated volunteers to our community events that are approved by the Board of Trustees.

They will seek out sponsorships or partnerships and increase community engagement. Join the Events

Subcommittee and help plan and manage

Public Safety Subcommittee

Orange Township Community events!

If you know someone who has ever needed to use the Fire Department Resources, you know how important they are to the community. Orange Township is seeking volunteers to serve as advocates for transparency between the Fire Department and the community.



Application for Volunteer Subcommittees

First and Last name:		
Address:		- HSH TOWNSH
Phone Number:		O. H. P. H.
Email:		FST. 1816
Subcommittee Interested in: Check all that you would like to be considered for	 □ Parks Subcommittee □ Zoning and Land Use Subcommittee □ Public Safety Subcommittee □ Events Subcommittee □ Special Projects Subcommittee 	
Letter of Interest: You can use this space or attach a printed of	off letter of interest/ resume	

Did you know....

- To find your property value and property lines you can visit the Delaware County Auditor's website
- You can view all former
 Trustee meetings on the
 Orange Township
 YouTube Channel where
 they are also live
 streamed
- There are over 111
 miles of roads that
 Orange Township is
 responsible for
 maintaining



The Veterans Memorial
Subcommittee is excited to soon
start selling Memorial bricks!
The bricks will be available
starting March 1st and more
information will be posted on
our website in the coming
weeks. The QR Code below will
direct you to the Veterans
Memorial part of the site.



Fiscal Office Insight



Lisa Kraft, Fiscal Officer

The fiscal office has controls in place to ensure available funds are invested to provide the highest investment return while meeting all state and local statues that govern the investment of public funds. Over the last 18 months, the investment committee had a strategy of short term investments and took advantage of higher interest rates in commercial paper and short term bonds. After our November committee meeting, we implemented a laddered approach and our recent investment purchases have been higher than 4.5% yield. We plan to continue a laddered approach to provide the township a balance of liquidity management and interest rate risk. Please contact the fiscal office with any questions.

Operations Update

Township infrastructure. Bale Kenyon Road phases 1 and 2 will begin in 2023 and wrap up in 2024 with phase 3 following in 2025. This year we will see the completion of the pond renovation project and the finishing touches to the Disc Golf Course at Township Hall Park. The East Powell Road path will extend and form a vital connection from South Old State Road to Bale Kenyon Road. Orange Township will be partnering with the Delaware County Engineers Office to construct the last leg of Green Meadows Drive. This final stretch will begin in 2023 and extend to Lewis Center Road, providing a vehicular and pedestrian/bike access. Bike repair stations have begun to pop up around the township, one is already located at the intersection of Lewis Center Road and Bale Kenyon Road.



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Meeting Schedule

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting February 1 - 3:00pm

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting February 15 - 3:00pm

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting March 1 - 3:00pm

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting March 15 - 3:00pm

Community News

Business Appreciation Breakfast

February 9 - 7:30am-9:30am Please see the Orange Township website for more information and to RSVP

Scavenger Hunt

Details to come!

Active Transportation Plan

Please see the survey on the website and Facebook Page

