



Trails Meeting

More than 40 people attended a trail meeting hosted recently by the Village of Galena's Parks and Special Events Committee. Representatives were present from the Audubon Society, Delaware County Friends of the Trail, Columbus Parks and Recreation Department, the Delaware County Engineer's Office, and Galena.

Galena Parks and Special Events Committee co-chairwoman Susie Kossmann said the purpose of the meeting was to bring together local organizations, government entities, landowners, and residents to discuss the possibilities of completing a local trail system. "Our goal is to bring everyone together, get to know each other, and start a dialogue about the trail," Kossmann said.

Those attending were able to discuss the potential for various routes, funding options, and gauge interest. "We had a great turnout, very good discussion, and we feel optimistic about the prospects of completing a trail through Galena and hopefully beyond," she added.

Kossmann presented proposed routes for a bike/walking path that would connect with the Genoa Township Trail at Plumb Road and proceed through Galena to Sunbury. Since the Blackhawk Golf Course encompasses the next section north of the abandoned railroad bed used in Genoa Township, a proposed route would align with Plumb Road, cross Old 3C Highway and run north along Hoover Reservoir where it could connect to Wiese Road. The trail could then run along Old 3C to

connect to Dustin Road. From there the trail could align with Galena's Hoover Scenic Walkway on the old rail bed where it could cross Walnut Street and progress through Miller Park. If access can be acquired, it could continue on the rail bed through the Galena Commerce Center and the Fuller-Davis property where it would join Preservation Park's Big Walnut Community Trail in Sunbury.

A critical section of the project includes bike travel using local roads. "Getting from Wiese Road across Old 3C to Dustin Road is very dangerous and is a huge issue in this trail concept," Kossmann admitted.

Brad Westall, from Columbus Parks and Recreation, talked about trail costs. He explained that a blacktop trail like Genoa Township built costs \$30,000-\$40,000 per mile. Bridges can be quite expensive ventures that Westall estimated to cost \$1,000 per foot. He said it will cost \$300,000 to complete a trail-quality Yankee Street Bridge over a section of the Hoover Reservoir.

Galena's Parks and Special Events Committee hopes to add pedestrian lanes to two local bridges. Scott Pike, from the Delaware County Engineer's Office, said the Sunbury Road and Columbus Street bridges in Galena are not slated for replacement for another 12-15 years. Anything prior to that would have to be at Galena's expense.

Columbus Natural Resources Director Elayna Grody also updated residents on the status of Phase One of the Hoover Board-

walk. With higher water levels than normal last fall, the installation has been delayed until water levels drop this fall. The \$276,000 boardwalk has been constructed in sections but, due to funding cuts, only 3/4 of it can be completed at this time.

Kossmann hopes to continue meetings on the trail topic to encourage further dialogue and future cooperative efforts.



Proposed Galena Area Trails

Solid Lines = Existing Trails

Dashed Lines = Proposed Trails

Council Meeting

At its March meeting, Village Council held an executive session to discuss property acquisition and threatened litigation. Upon reconvening from executive session, Council unanimously passed an ordinance as an emergency to withdraw the Village from the County's Sewer Planning District.

Council members and the a mayor feel it is no longer in the

Village's best interest to remain in the County's sewer district. Creating its own district will allow Galena to build its own sewer plant in order to meet its current and future needs.

Galena has submitted its own 208 Plan to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to create its own sewer planning district. Part of the process involves agreement by Columbus, Sunbury, and the County stating they approve of the plan. Meetings have gone well with Columbus, Sunbury, and the City of Delaware, which is in similar circumstances.

The Village is pursuing property acquisition for a plant and attempting to purchase the existing plant from Delaware County.

E-Mail Problems

If you missed last month's newsletter, please accept our apologies. After weeks without e-mail, Galena's computer has been repaired and we are back in business! Unfortunately, we lost many addresses in our e-mail address book. Please send us a brief e-mail with your name and we'll add you back into our e-mail address book. We do still have a record of newsletter e-mail addresses.

Be sure to note our new e-mail address: galena@copper.net.

Did you know you could have the newsletter e-mailed to you? You'll receive it sooner than the mailed version and it reduces the

Village's costs. It comes in color in a .pdf format accessible with Adobe Acrobat Reader which can be downloaded free.

Easter Egg Hunt
Bring your children and grandchildren to **Galena's Annual Easter Egg Hunt at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 10, at Ruffner Park.**
Infants to 10 year-olds will hunt for more than 2,000 candy filled eggs, Easter goodie baskets, and prizes. Kids 11-14 can participate in a scavenger hunt. Don't miss the **FUN!**

River Clean Up

Join us to clean up our rivers on May 15. It's good clean fun! Get out, get some fresh air, and improve our community. More information next month!

Galena Dates

Mark Your Calendar! The following are Galena Village Council and committee meeting dates as well as other local events. All meetings are at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Village Municipal Building, 9 W. Columbus St., unless otherwise stated. All Village meetings are open to the public.

- April 10 Easter Egg Hunt, 1 p.m. Ruffner Park
- April 14 Zoning & Planning
- April 20 Parks & Special Events
- April 26 Council Meeting
- May 12 Zoning & Planning
- May 15 Good Clean Fun, River Clean Up, 9 a.m. Ruffner Park
- May 18 Parks & Special Events
- May 22 Galena Garage Sale, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- May 24 Council Meeting

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