



Council Hears Miller Farm Concerns



At their September meeting, Galena Council held a first reading on a resolution to rezone the 197-acre Miller Farm property at VansValley and Sunbury roads from Berkshire Township Agricultural District to Galena Village Planned Residential District (PRD).

Several Village residents attended the meeting and had questions and concerns about the plans. They were opposed to the annexation and rezoning of the property because they don't want to see the Village grow too large with accompanying traffic, crime, and costs.

Mayor Tom Hopper explained that the property will be developed either under the Village's control or not. The Village will still have to deal with increased traffic and other impacts. The Village encourages development under the PRD in order to have more flexibility in the design with low density (two

units per acre) and to include open space.

The Village's Zoning and Planning Commission previously held a public hearing on the matter and recommended it for approval. A public hearing will be held at the next Council meeting on October 22.

Beggar's Night and Party Oct. 31



If you see kids looking like this, then it must be time for Galena's annual Halloween Costume Party!

Beggar's Night in Galena will be 6-7:15 p.m., Wednesday, October 31 followed by the Village's annual Costume Contest Party at 7:30 p.m. in Ruffner Park.

Treats will also be available for beggars at the Galena United Methodist Church and the Delaware County Bank.

The Costume Party features donuts and cider while judging takes place

for age groups of 0-4, 5-7, 8-10, 11 and up, and groups.

Fiscal Report

Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie reports that the Village received a check for \$116,704 from Berkshire Lake Camp-ground to settle the sewer fees lawsuit. She has also received \$2,434 from other delinquent sewer accounts.

Council held a first reading on an ordinance to increase sewer fees.

They also held a second reading on an ordinance requiring home owners to report rental occupancies for income tax purposes.

Galena Dates

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

Oct. 5	Trash Day
Oct. 10	Zoning & Planning
Oct. 12, 19	Trash Days
Oct. 22	Council Meeting
Oct. 22	Last Chipper Day
Oct. 26	Trash Day
Oct. 31	Beggar's Night, 6-7:15 p.m.;
	Costume Party, 7:30 p.m., Ruffner Park
Nov. 2, 9	Trash Day
Nov. 14	Zoning & Planning
Nov. 16	Trash Day
Nov. 22-23	Village Office Closed
Nov. 24	Trash Day
Nov. 26	Council Meeting
Nov. 30	Trash Day

Infrastructure Update

Public Service Director Dave LaValle reports that the sidewalk ramp project is complete.

Estimates to repave Walnut Street are approximately \$270,000. Council discussed how to fund this project.

LaValle also reports that the Village's portion of Dustin Road and part of West Columbus St. have been resurfaced by an unknown entity. The work was neither authorized nor communicated to the Village.

A recommendation is being drafted to update the Village's Land Use Plan. It is estimated that the work will cost \$7,000-\$8,000.

LaValle also recommends the Village establish a Storm Water Utility.

Zoning & Planning

At the September 12 Zoning and Planning Commission hearing, a Conditional Use permit was granted for Sambucca's Greenhouse, on Walnut St. at State Route 3, to build a permanent, pergola type structure.

The commission granted a Conditional Plan approval for an amended development plan for 13-19 W. Columbus St. Nancy Murphy is opening a real estate business and Jule's Java and Grille will continue in its current location. The approval is pending submittal of sign information.

Informal discussion was also held with the new owner of 46 W. Columbus St. Preliminary plans include

three structures on three parcels: a two-story retail/office building, a drive-through convenience store, and a pizza and/or coffee shop. The buildings are designed to reflect the style of the existing buildings at 13-19 W. Columbus St.

Last Chipper Day

The last Chipper Day of the season is Oct. 22. After this, we will trade out the chipper equipment for snow removal equipment. Winter's coming.

Income Taxes

If you live or work in the Village, you need to pay a one percent income tax and file tax forms. Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) forms are available at the Village Offices and on-line at www.ritaohio.com

Sewer Bills

Please pay your sewer bill on time to avoid late fees. Bills two quarters past due will be certified to the County Auditor for tax liens. The late payment amount, including late fees, will be added to your tax bill until it is paid in full. If nonpayment occurs on an ongoing basis, you risk shut-off of your sewer service.

Water Quality Management handles the Village's sewer billing and payments. The November/December/January quarterly bill will be mailed out November 1 and is due December 10 to avoid late fees.

Newsletter

E-mail the Village with your mailing and e-mail addresses at galena@embarqmail.com if you would prefer to receive the newsletter via e-mail rather than postal mail.

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