



# BUTLER TOWNSHIP BRIEFLY

February 28, 2023

Below is a brief recap of the latest activities by the Butler Township Trustees in support of township residents and businesses...

## **Honoring the Veterans of Butler Township and Vandalia**

Butler Township, the City of Vandalia and the Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce are teaming up to honor veterans. The effort includes rededicating North Dixie Drive as Veteran's Parkway and lining it with banners. Trustees have initiated the renaming process (it must be approved by Montgomery County) and voted to authorize the purchase of brackets for the banners. Banners will be for sale in early March.

## **Kavalauskas to Lead Chamber**

Nick Kavalauskas has been named president and CEO of the Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce. He spent the last thirteen years as vice president of operations in minor league baseball. Kavalauskas and his wife have two children and have lived in Vandalia for the past decade. They have been active in the Vandalia-Butler School District and community and sports organizations. Welcome aboard, Nick!

## **Trustees' March Workshop Rescheduled**

The trustees' workshop scheduled for March 14 has been moved to Tuesday, March 21 to allow the trustees to host Butler High School Students for the *Optimist Club Youth in Government Day*. The workshop will be held at 9AM and will be followed by job shadowing and a luncheon.

## **Conditional Use Approved for Reinhard Boring Technologies**

Earlier this month, the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) approved a Conditional Use to Reinhard Boring Technologies at 8924 N. Dixie Dr. The owner is building a 14,000 square foot facility to run the business and provide enclosed storage. The owners will also be bringing the property up to Miller Lane/North Drive Community Gateway Corridor standards in landscaping, architecture, paving/parking/stormwater, and buffering along adjacent residential properties.

## **Carwash, Mixed-Use Development Re-Zoning Requests to be Considered in March**

Re-zoning requests for a carwash in Benchwood Station on York Plaza Lane and a mixed-use development on N. Dixie Drive will be heard in March. The carwash rezoning would allow the development of an Ultimate Shine Car Wash, a 6,100 square foot building with a 157-foot automatic car wash tunnel. The rezoning request would allow for the development of a private, walkable, multi-family residential community on the site of the former Murlin Heights Elementary. It would include 1.3 acres of commercial development and 13.6 acres, consisting of duplex and triplex

residential units, including private streets, walking trails and a clubhouse. Both cases will be on the agenda for the Butler Township Zoning Commission meeting on March 21 at 6:30 p.m.

### **Police Department Receives Two Grants**

In February, the Butler Township Police Department received grants to replace and update body cameras (\$63,400 from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services) and for specialized driver training (\$1,000 from the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority). Officer Michael Knotts – a lateral transfer from the City of Vandalia – was also sworn in earlier this month.

### **Fire Department Grant will help Upgrade Equipment**

The Butler Township Fire Department received \$175,000, through the FEMA Assistance to Firefighter's Grant Program, to replace Self Contained Breathing Apparatus and Rapid Intervention Packs; the local 5% match (\$8,300) was approved by the trustees. Recent department training included pediatric airway, new construction familiarization, water rescue awareness and several days training in local hotels.

### **Trustees Approve Service Department Capital Purchases**

Township trustees approved requests by the Service Department for a new lawn mower (\$11,000) and loader (\$123,000) as part of the township's 2023 Capital Purchase Plan. In February, the Department completed inspections and scheduled fixes for catch basins and manholes (in Brantford, Meadows, Irongate, and Stillwater Woods), streetlights (in and around Benchwood Station) and street signs (throughout the township).

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