

Union Township Trustees

August 3, 2026

Regular Meeting

The Union Township Trustees met on July 20, 2026, at 7:00 pm for a regular meeting. The Administrator Paula Greene's Roll Call showed the following trustees: Jeff Sharps, Roger Start and John Slater. Dave Cable, Road Superintendent, was also present. Fiscal Officer Karen Nethers was absent. Trustee Sharps led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guest – Martha Cable.

Minutes –Mr. Start motioned, and Mr. Slater seconded to approve the July 20 minutes. Motion carried.

Bills – Mr. Start motioned and Mr. Slater seconded to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Public Comments –

Mrs. Cable thanked the board for allowing Prime Producers 4-H Club use of the building.

Fiscal Officer

No report.

Road and Bridge

Road Bids – Bid notices were placed in the Newark Advocate. Bid opening and possible awarding of project Special Meeting August 26 @9:30am with bids submitted by 9:15am.

Ditches – The Board discussed the development of a standard policy regarding the filling of roadside ditches within Union Township. It was noted that many ditches remain wet following rainfall due to downspouts and sump pumps discharging into them.

Representatives from Licking County Soil and Water Conservation District met with Township officials and advised that these discharges should not be permitted to continue and that roadside ditches should not be filled, as doing so may conflict with applicable EPA regulations. The Trustees concurred with this recommendation and directed staff to proceed with developing a policy addressing these issues.

Administration

WEP II - The Zoning Commission met on July 27 and approved WEP II map amendment . Trustees discussed scheduling the public hearing for the WEP II map amendment.

Motion: Mr. Start moved, and Mr. Slater seconded, to hold the WEP II map amendment hearing on August 17 at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried.

The Zoning Commission discussed and approved additional amendments to the Zoning Resolution. However, because further revisions are needed, the Commission will hold another meeting later to review and consider approval of the proposed revised amendments.

Robertson Drive – Recently purchased lots, by the Licking Land Bank were cleared and fenced in. At the direction of the Prosecutor's Office a notice to remove illegally parked RV and camper from the Robertson Drive Right of Way in presence of Paula and Licking County Deputies was issued.

Violation Notices – Roger Brown and his son appeared before the Board to discuss the violation notice issued for his property. Mr. Brown requested an additional time to continue cleanup efforts.

Paula reported that Mr. Brown has made significant progress toward bringing the property into compliance. To date, he has mowed the noxious weeds, gathered the junk motor vehicles for salvage removal, and begun a general cleanup of the property. Based on the progress made, Paula recommended granting a 30-day extension before the Board considers formal enforcement action.

The Trustees agreed with the recommendation. The following motion was made:

Motion: Mr. Slater moved, and Mr. Start seconded, to grant Roger Brown an additional thirty (30) days to continue cleanup efforts on his property before the Board takes further action. Motion carried.

The property owners of the second violation have been in contact and are in the process of addressing the issue.

Truck Traffic Complaint – The Licking County Sheriff's Department began additional traffic enforcement after the last meeting. Discussion of traffic enforcement efforts was held.

River Round Up – The 2026 River Round Up event will be held on September 12, 2026. Union Township will once again be participating in the event by cleaning the South Fork River that runs through the Township.

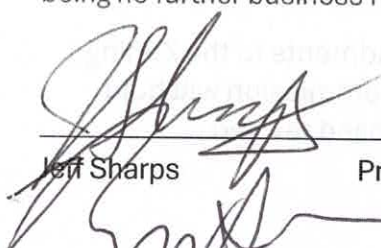
A proclamation declaring September 12, 2026, River Round-Up Day was presented.

Motion: Mr. Start motioned and Mr. Slater seconded, declaring that September 12, 2026, Licking County River Round Up Day. Motion Carried.

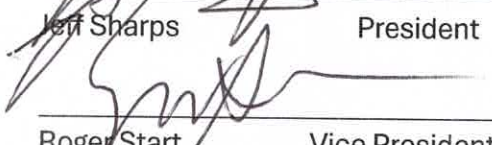
Economic Development/Public Comments /Trustees

None

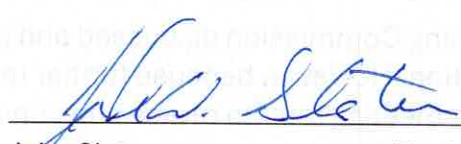
The next regular meeting of the Union Township Trustees is Monday, August 17 @7:00pm. There being no further business Mr. Start moved, and Mr. Slater seconded to adjourn at 7:28 pm.


Jeff Sharps

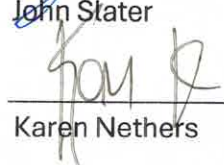
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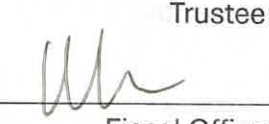

Roger Start

Vice President


John Slater

Trustee


Karen Nethers


Fiscal Officer