

Union Township
February 2, 2026
JEDD MAP HEARING ~ Regular Trustee Meeting

The Union Township Trustees met on February 2, 2026 at 7:00 pm for a regular meeting. The Fiscal Officer Karen Nethers Roll Call showed the following trustees: Jeff Sharps, Roger Start and John Slater. Administrator Paula Greene and Dave Cable, Road Superintendent, were present. Trustee Sharps led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests – Jennifer Kurkowski, Jeff Jarvis, Catherine Adams.

JEDD Second Amendment to JEDD Contract Hearing

Mr. Sharps opened the hearing. No comments or questions were given from the attending public. There being no comments, questions or further discussion, Mr. Sharps asked for the following Resolution:

Resolution 2026-16 Approving Second Amendment to JEDD Contract

**Mr. Start moved to approve, and Mr. Slater the second amended JEDD
Map as presented.**

Roll call: Mr. Sharps– yes

Mr. Start–yes

Mr. Slater–yes

At 7:02pm Mr. Start moved to adjourn the hearing. Mr. Slater seconded. Motion carried.

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

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

Public Comments –

Jeff Jarvis, owner of property on Blacks Road, discussed the possibility of donating 40 acres for a public park to the Township. Mr. Jarvis has inherited the property and would like to honor his parents with a township public park. Mr. Jarvis would establish a trust that would fund the park for 25 to 35 years. Mr. Start discussed the possibility of entering into an agreement with Licking County Parks to operate the park. Mr. Jarvis said he would need to see an agreement before considering the option as he wanted the park to belong to the Township. The Trustees said they appreciated Mr. Jarvis attending the meeting and would like to research the responsibilities of owning and operating a park before making a commitment. The Trustees would need approximately 90 days to provide an answer.

Cathrine Adams – Buckeye Environmental Network ~ Ms. Adams gave a presentation on her findings of violations from Freepoint in the Newark Industrial Park. Ms. Adams shared her concerns about pollutants coming from the accidental discharges at the plant. The Board explained the Township does not have the authority to enforce pollutant discharges and that was the responsibility of Ohio EPA. The Trustees thanked her for time.

Fiscal Officer –

FO Nethers will be attending the Ohio Township Association Conference in Columbus.
2025 Books are closed.

Road and Bridge –

