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COVID-19 Update – Parks Open; Playgrounds, Fields, and Courts Remain Closed
Township Residents Reminded of Importance of State and County Orders

Twinsburg Township, Summit County, Ohio – April 9, 2020 – The Board of Twinsburg Township Trustees recognizes the seriousness of COVID-19 and has taken swift action to ensure compliance with public health orders and recommendations, including closing Township Hall to the public, canceling all meetings, and closing active recreation areas in Township parks and on other Township properties. With regard to the latter, although parks remain open to the public, the March 22 State order closed all public access playgrounds, baseball fields, and basketball courts. The Township shortly thereafter followed a March 27 County recommendations to place caution tape around areas affected by the State order.

While most residents have been cooperative in following public health orders and recommendations, some have not. The Sheriff's office, consistent with the State order and County recommendation, has asked groups congregating in and using closed areas to disperse. The problem has persisted, however, so additional barriers are being installed to further discourage continuation of these non-permitted activities. These barriers are consistent with those in use in other communities.

The Board of Trustees understands and appreciates the hardships that residents – young and old alike – are experiencing due to restrictions imposed by public health orders and recommendations, but strongly urges all to adhere to and follow those orders and recommendations. Doing so will not only protect the public health, safety, and general welfare, but also help the State, County, and community move quickly to a time when all restrictions can be lifted, and life can return to normal for all.

As part of ongoing efforts being made by all to comply with all public health orders and recommendations, the Board of Trustees thanks residents – including youth and their parents – for their attention to this important issue, as their actions will protect all Township residents in this difficult time.

The Board of Trustees continuously monitors information provided by County and State officials and urges all to follow all public health orders and recommendations. Current information and updates on COVID-19 can be obtained from Summit County Public Health (www.scph.org), the Ohio Governor's Office (www.governor.ohio.gov), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov).

About Twinsburg Township

Twinsburg Township was founded in 1817, had a population of 2,828 in 2010. Twinsburg Township is home to an unparalleled combination of rich history, abundant natural resources, outstanding parks, well-planned neighborhoods, thriving businesses, and top-notch institutions. Whether you're looking for a great place to live or do business, or just a spot to spend a quiet afternoon, you'll find it all right here in Twinsburg Township. So stop by and see us sometime, and if you can't make it in person, please check out www.twinsburgtwp.com to get a glimpse of all that Twinsburg Township has to offer. For more information, contact Robert S. Kagler, Township Manager, via telephone at (330) 425-4497 or via e-mail at rkagler@twinsburgtwp.com.

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