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Nelsonville Parks



—photo by Amy Hussin

Shoreline Restoration Project, Dave Mangin:

Every so often, things happen in Nelsonville that build on our reputation as a strong community and a great place to live.

On July 27th, residents came out to lend a hand and some panache, to re-

store the shoreline at Lake Elaine's swimming area. Increasingly wet conditions had destabilized the grassy entry to the water, and we were losing almost a foot of shoreline per month during peak 'use times' due to human traffic.

The Nelsonville Parks Commission worked with Tracy Arnold (Portage County) to establish a restoration plan that would increase wildlife habitat, protect the shoreline, and not inhibit human access to the swimming area. On July 27th—Twenty (20) residents and families came out for a work day, with equipment loans from Alchemy

Concrete and Gimme Shelter Construction. The trail to the beach was cleared of storm debris, coir logs were placed along the shoreline, concrete steps install for water access, and 300 aquatic plants were established from the shoreline.

Families came together to work on this project and support one another with fellowship, elbow grease, and an awesome lakeside lunch!

Thanks to all who participated for making this year's Park's Project a success. Stay tuned for another rewarding community effort next summer.

Village Clerk

Post by Josh Stolzenburg

Many of you have seen the Facebook post, or heard that Lisa Anderson is stepping down from the Clerk/Treasurer position and that as a result, Nelsonville is losing a dedicated and passionate public servant. She will be missed as Clerk. We look forward to her continuing to chair the Ground Water Protection Committee and leading the charge on our common issues concerning water.

So, we need a new Clerk/Treasurer for the Village

and the search begins now. I've gone through the job descriptions that Lisa was provided when she was hired. At the time, the Board of Trustees was considering breaking it into separate Clerk and Treasurer positions. That might be worth revisiting. It appears that a 1/4 time employee has become inadequate to the level of activity that we're seeing in local government and its committee work.

I believe we need to increase the level of expected hours of work and consequently the pay for the positions (s).

The budget for the remainder of 2019 is set, so look for this to be included in budget discussions for 2020.

We'll likely set a time for special meeting of the BoardOT soon, to discuss how to proceed on both the scope of position and the hiring process.

I think experience with bookkeeping, budgeting, and a can-do attitude have to come first for a position like this.

We'll probably be hard pressed to find someone with the local government experience we'd like, though that would be most welcome. In the meantime, if you know of anyone that might be interested, please have them send a resume to

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