Pleasant Township Right-Of-Way Policy

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Permission - No work shall be done or object (other than mailbox) placed within the right-of-way of a township road without written permission from the Pleasant Township Trustees. Large rocks, personalized mailboxes, and other such obstacles become liabilities in accidents and may result in injury or death. Filling of right-of-way ditches interferes with proper drainage of water away from the road pavement. Requests for permission shall be submitted in writing and include sketches and dimensions sufficient to define the extent of the proposed work.

Driveway Design - Written permission from the Pleasant Township Trustees is required before constructing a driveway onto a Township road. Driveways forcing vehicles to back out onto the public highway shall not be permitted. All new building construction shall require a driveway for access. Concrete driveways must end a minimum of 3 feet from the edge of the road pavement. The driveway area in the road right-of-way shall be asphalt or gravel and paving of this area shall be the responsibility of the property owner.

Driveway Culvert Pipe - All driveways shall be equipped with a culvert pipe. The culvert pipe shall be a minimum of 16-gauge, galvanized corrugated metal or double-walled plastic (if approved) pipe, a minimum of 12 inches in diameter and shall be a minimum of 30 feet in length. Appropriate bands shall be used to join the necessary sections of pipe to prevent displacement. After the existing vegetation is removed from the roadside ditch, the culvert shall be underlaid with 2 inches of gravel and covered with sufficient gravel so that the completed installation will provide for drainage of water away from the existing township road pavement. **Any variation from the above requirements shall be approved in writing by Trustees and the Zoning Inspector.**

Drainage - Drainage into the right-of-way ditch shall be by written permission only. Drainage of treated effluent shall be as a last resort only, and a request for permission must be accompanied by a letter from the Fairfield County Health Department, stating that no other reasonable option is available.

Planting - There shall be no planting other than grass from the centerline of the road back 30 feet.

Rural Mailbox - Mailbox supports must be in accordance with the current ODOT Design Manual. Supports for rural mailboxes must be of the "breakaway" type. Standard supports are a 4 inch-by-4 inch timber post, a 4 ½ inch round timber post or a maximum of 2-inch I.D. metal post of standard wall thickness (2-3/8 inches O.D.). The front leading edge of the mailbox must be at least 2 feet from the traveled edge of the pavement. At no time shall a mailbox support be encased in concrete. Boxes should be 39 to 42 inches from ground to the bottom of the box.

Parking – Generally, Township road right-of-way is not suited for permanent parking. Therefore, as a general rule, permanent parking will be prohibited within the road right-of-way. Parking resolutions addressing specific parking situations will be adopted by Trustees on a case-by-case basis.

Enforcement - Violation of this right-of-way policy and failure of the property owner to correct the violation may result in use of Pleasant Township employees and equipment to correct the violation, with the cost assessed against the property owner as a tax lien (ORC 5547.03). Any and all trees, shrubs and other vegetation growing in the right-of-way that interfere with the safe use of the highway may be trimmed or removed (ORC 5543.14).