

Village of Kalida 2021 Accomplishments

- Supported the Park Board with Phase II of the Plum Creek Nature Trail project. Construction this year included two new pedestrian bridges over Plum Creek, elevated path between the two bridges, concreting the parking lot at Froggy Park, installing stream protection on both banks of Plum Creek at Froggy Park, and partial installation of the observation deck and restrooms at the “Wenning Pond”.
- Assisted ODOT with replacement of the SR 115 bridge at Froggy Park.
- Completed initial design and cost estimate for a project to install storm sewers on Oak Parkway at the Maag addition. Project was submitted for OPWC funding.
- Continued preliminary engineering to expand the Sewage Treatment Plant. Received an OPWC grant and zero interest loan for partial funding. Also applied for and received a \$900K grant from the State HB 168 that was funded by the American Rescue Plan.
- Secured financing, completed design, prepared a bid package, obtained bids, and began construction of a new Town Hall.
- Completed reconstruction of 3rd and Main Streets for the new Town Hall.
- Completed several street and alley repaving projects.
- We supported the VFD with purchase of a new Pumper Truck by offering to temporarily finance Jackson Township’s share of the cost. This avoided a significant price increase expected if the order had to be delayed.
- We attended the annual Tax Incentive Review Council meeting.
- Continued discussions with the Park Board and Kalida Local Schools to install a community track and Track & Field facility at Four Seasons Park. The state of Ohio awarded \$250k in their capital budget to help with the funding for the community track. Underground storm sewer work was initiated.
- A sidewalk repair survey was completed and letters issued to property owners for needed repairs.
- The brush pile at the Village recycling center was ground to mulch and removed.
- We conducted the annual fall leaf pickup using the newly purchased leaf vacuum.
- We supported the Putnam County CIC with a donation of \$3,000.
- The landscaping was refurbished on all four “Welcome to Kalida” road signs.
- We initiated an upgrade of the Village’s website.
- Preliminary engineering and a cost estimate were completed to upgrade and widen Road M at Four Seasons Park.
- We signed an agreement with the County and committed \$50K for a new turn lane on Road 18 at Unverferth Manufacturing.
- With the help from Union Bank, a major check cashing fraud amounting to several thousand dollars was thwarted. We added \$50K fraud insurance to our policy for future protection.

- We purchased a new riding mower for the Maintenance Department for \$2760.
- We purchased a new Kabota with rotary broom and V-plow for a cost of \$17,466.
- We refurbished the sanitary sewer lines for both restrooms in the Townhall.
- “Pour in Place” fall protection was added to the north side playground equipment at Four Seasons Park.
- New street banners were purchased and installed on the decorative street lights.
- Improvements to the water line Backflow and Cross Connection Ordinance recommended by the BPA were approved by Council.
- We added security cameras at the Village Maintenance and Recycling center at a cost of \$1700.
- The roof was replaced on the Sewage Treatment Plant building.
- A grinder pump was installed at the sanitary lift station to help mitigate a chronic plugging problem.
- Through implementation of a SCADA system the Water Treatment Plant controls can be observed from the operator’s cell phone.
- The Water Tower was taken out of service for maintenance.
- We provided Union Township with a letter of support for their grant application for improvements to Road M at Four Seasons Park.
- We modified allocations of the Village income tax to better suit current fiscal needs.
- The biennial financial audit for 2019 and 2020 was completed with no major findings.

Possible goals for 2021

- Support the Chamber of Commerce with their “Master Plan” for enhancements to the Village.
- Complete construction of the new Townhall and move into the building before Pioneer Days.
- Continue to comply with Covid-19 regulations and guidelines as directed by the State and the County.
- Continue engineering, complete bid process, and begin construction to expand the Sewage Treatment Plant.
- Continue to meet with employees to listen to their ideas to improve the Village operation.
- Complete Phase II of the Plum Creek Nature Trail project construction.
- Resubmit for OPWC funding and begin detailed engineering for a new storm water sewer system and street reconstruction on Oak Parkway.
- Continue to support the effort to install a Community Track and Track & Field facility at Four Seasons Park.
- Continue to monitor needed sidewalk repairs and take necessary action to ensure timely completion.
- Provide support to the County for a proposed turn lane at the intersection of SR115 and Rd 18 at Unverferth Manufacturing.
- Sponsor the annual Memorial Day service.
- Continue efforts to have the Village website upgraded.
- Conduct performance reviews for all fulltime employees prior to the annual wage review.

- Consider purchasing acreage closer to KMI for our industrial park and sell our existing acreage to fund the purchase.
- Submit an application for an ODOT TAP grant program to help fund sidewalks, walking paths, and roadway improvements to Four Seasons Park.
- Complete an update of the Subdivision Rules and Regulations manual.
- Consider replacement of the truck used by the water department.
- Complete a study to investigate equipment needed to improve water quality.
- Support efforts to refurbish Holy Name Ballpark.
- Other park goals include:
 - Provide a storage space for the Pioneer restrooms at Four Seasons Park.
 - Continue efforts to fund and install security cameras at Four Seasons Park.
 - Continue with walking path additions at various locations including the “traction line” and around the northside woods
 - Complete the sledding hill stairway
 - Complete the additional Little League diamond at Four Seasons Park.
 - Complete a new website for the Park Board

Other Highlights:

- 15 building permits were issued in 2021 including 3 new homes, an office addition, and a new commercial building. Total value of investment was \$3,024,500
- The Kalida Baseball Association initiated a project to renovate Holy Name Ballpark. Phase I which completely refurbished the ball field was completed.
- A CRA with Unverferth Manufacturing on a \$3.7MM investment was approved.

Financials: On Jan 1, 2021 the treasury balance was \$2,606,095

On Dec 31, 2021 the treasury balance was \$2,517,449.

2021 income tax receipts were at \$956,461 compared to \$987,735 in 2020

The Village received \$83,120 in Covid-19 relief funds in 2021

