

Township Growth

Permits for single-family house construction through July in Sylvania Township have exceeded the number of permits requested in all of last year.

Daryl Graus, planning and zoning manager for the township, told trustees at a recent meeting that permit issuance is at its highest level since 2007 through the end of July. The number of permits issued through July is 53 and that exceeds the number through July of each of the previous years combined.

Although numbers haven't been compiled, he said permit requests in August seem to continue to be strong.

In 2011, the township had issued 25 permits by the end of July, and at the same time in 2012, the township had issued a total of 26.

He added that the estimated value involved in the permits, totaled \$11.451.000.

That exceed by more than \$3 million, the valuation of permits last year at the end of July and by about \$4.5 million for permits at that time in 2011.

Zoning permits for commercial properties has also been on the rise. Permits are needed for alterations, additions, and for new construction.

The value of work involved in commercial zoning permits through the end of July in the township is approximately \$882,500, compared to last year's total at the same time of \$505,500. In 2011, the total at the end of July was only \$69,000.

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