

## 2010 Community Park Improvement Grants awarded

The Preservation Parks of Delaware County Board of Commissioners approved three Community Park Improvement Grants (CPIG) totaling \$41,449 for park facilities in Galena and in Orange and Oxford townships at a Nov. 12 meeting.

The Village of Galena will receive \$26,625 for three projects to be completed in 2010: a new jungle gym at Miller Park, a sprinkler system on the baseball diamond at Ruffner Park, and installation of concrete pads under the bleachers and batting cage, also at Ruffner Park.

Orange Township will receive \$11,250 to install solar-powered flashing lights at the intersection of the Owenfield bike trail and Owenfield Drive. The lights will alert drivers when bike riders and pedestrians on the trail are approaching the intersection. Township officials said the project might be completed by the end of 2009.

A \$3,574 grant to Oxford Township will be used to purchase a portable fence for the baseball diamonds, a disc (Frisbee) course, and new playground equipment. All improvements will be made at Oxford Township Park.

Since Preservation Parks launched the CPIG program in 2001, the Park District has awarded \$582,462 in grants to help Delaware County municipalities and townships provide new recreation facilities or augment and expand existing facilities.

"We are pleased to provide funding for these community recreation needs," said Preservation Parks Executive Director Rita Au.

The parks in the Preservation Parks system are passive-use parks, but Park District officials recognize the need for all types of recreation in Delaware County, she said.

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