

Park commission adds new board member



Klancher



Gerth

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Two Anderson Township Park District commissioners, Mark Bissinger and Lisa Klancher, are leaving their positions.

At a recent meeting, the Anderson Township Board of Trustees appointed Josh Gerth to fill Bissinger's term through May 2010.

Gerth, a long-time township resident, said he is looking forward to serving on the Board of Park Commissioners and hopes his background in real estate will help the Park District.

Trustee Al Peter said the board has a standing list of candidates interested in filling various positions on citizen committees and boards.

"Since this was some-

what of an emergency we had to do this quickly, (and) the board elected to fill this (position) from that list," he said.

Gerth said he is eager to be part of a number of Park District projects, including the Johnson Hills Park development.

"There is a lot of excitement and a lot of possibilities of what it will become," he said.

Klancher, who was appointed to replace Park Commissioner Gail Wright in the summer of 2008, said she will miss contributing to the development of Johnson Hills Park.

She is leaving to take a new job with the Ohio Department of Health and will relocate to Columbus.

Bissinger was unable to be reached for comment.