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## **Improperly Discarded Coals Cause Shelter House Fire**

**DUBLIN** – On August 6, 2021 the Washington Township Fire Department responded to a report of a fire at the shelter house at Kaltenbach Park. When crews arrived on scene, heavy smoke and a fire could be seen at the right corner of the garage. Crews were able to attack the fire through the roof and from outside of the building making sure the fire did not spread throughout the interior. The fire was safely contained in about 45 minutes. No injuries were reported.

The fire was investigated and determined to be a result of Hookah coals that were improperly discarded onto a bed of mulch. The coals ignited the mulch and a fire was started. When discarding Hookah coals, they should be treated like cigarettes and should either be submerged in water or placed in a metal container with no other combustibles inside. The cost of the damage was approximately \$75,000.

The fire was ruled accidental.

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