



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

April 2024

NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Foreman's Report

Chairman John Cypher gave the road report as follows:

- The snow fence was all down and in storage by March 15th.
- All quoted limestone has been delivered and stockpiled.
- Crack seal material was picked up on March 11th.
- John Cypher, Leo Rosenbauer, Bill Foertsch, Garry Foertsch, Brian Turner & Doug Lefever have completed flagger training. Their cards are now valid until 3/21/27. Gerry Giebel will need to renew his card before June 6, 2025.
- The new excavator was delivered 4/3/24 and they are using it now on some drainage work on Golden City Rd.
- All the salt spreaders are cleaned, lubed and in storage as of April 5th.
- The new garbage cans have been delivered to the park.
- A new safety rail was built and installed by the road crew at the park near field 7 alongside the handicap parking area past the pool parking.
- The orange safety fence at the large parking area has been removed and large curb stops have been installed for safety in that general area.
- Landscaping is in progress as weather allows the road crew to repair and seed where the trees and stumps have been removed at the park. Other areas will be addressed as well.
- A new concrete lid for the water well next to the Ladies Pavilion has been installed to replace the old deteriorating wooden one.
- All address numbers have been installed throughout the park.
- At 4:20 PM on Sat., March 30th, the State Police called to report an open catch basin near 171 Caldwell Dr. The grate was bent and slipped into the catch basin box. It is possible that a garbage truck stops directly on it when it picks up garbage at that location. So, the road crew fabricated an old grate to make it stronger and fit more tightly. They asked the Supervisors to consider steps to have one garbage pickup provider in the Township. Chairman Cypher said no. After some explanation and discussion, the other two supervisors did not disagree with Mr. Cypher.

Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee met on April 3, 2024. Brian Patten was not available, so Chairman Cypher read the report. The Baseball Association has 220 registered; registration is now closed. Opening day is planned for May 4th. They are planning a Community Day for June 1st. In conjunction with this, they will host another "All Abilities Game." They plan to rehab. the lower concession stand beginning this month. They will have a 'fund-raising dinner event' at the Field House Restaurant on April 10, 2024 from 4 to 10 PM. The Pool Association has uncovered the pool. Maintenance on the tanks (for DEP reasons) and the heater will begin soon. They plan to fill the pool by the last week of April to allow for lifeguard testing and training (in May.) They are still looking for a new maintenance person and lifeguards for the coming season. Opening will be Memorial Day weekend; Closing day is set for Labor Day. They are planning to hold a 'fund-raising dinner event' at the Field House Restaurant on May 1, 2024 from 4 to 10 PM. The Softball Association is in the

process of renovating the dugout. Their annual tournament is set for Aug. 2, 3, and 4. The scheduling meeting for all age groups was Sunday April 7th. Opening day is planned for April 20th. The Soccer Association's opening day was April 6th. Apparently, this 4/3/24 meeting was the last one for Brad Emsurak and Kody Durrett is to take over. If he is taking the 'soccer representative position, the Supervisors will need to officially appoint him. New Business: Dara Patten has volunteered again this year to plant flowers at the park entrance signs. She plans to have this work done by Memorial Day weekend. One action request: Ask the road crew to paint parking lines in the new parking area. The Supervisors discussed the matter with the manager and foreman this evening (4/8/24). The lot is NOT paved...it is reclaimed material and line paint will not hold. They will consider if there are any other alternatives.

Manager Rosenbauer, in response to Lois Rankin's inquiry, noted that the Recreation Committee is 'still working on' installing kiosks at both park entries. He noted that Jefferson Township was not awarded the Butler Co. Park Renovation Grant this year (we received funds the last two years.) This would have been used for the electrical update to the pool house. The Cam-Am Games will not be using the fields at Laura J. Doerr Park. He is still waiting for a third quote for updating/replacing the camera system. Stephenson's Tree and Landscaping Service donated some additional stump removal in the park that was not part of the yearly tree removal project. Township officials offer their sincere thanks.

Baseball: Website: www.saxonburgbaseball.com

Pool: Website: www.sebcopool.com

Softball: Website: www.sagsa.org

Soccer: Website: www.knochsoccer.org

Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer reported on the March 18, 2024 Planning Commission meeting. The P.C. reviewed the modification request from Robert Weary, 512 Freeport Rd., Butler, PA (off Turano Lane) for placing a proposed garage 37 ft. from the edge of the gravel driveway (or a 13 ft. modification). He explained that the driveway was installed many years ago, before he owned his parcel, but it was installed 'on his property' and not in the right-of-way of Turano Lane as shown on the Butler County GIS maps provided the P.C. Chairman. Leo Rosenbauer (P.C. Chair) said the ordinance (Chap. 22-904 B2) states that 'the front building setback is 50 feet from the edge of the existing cartway'. There was significant discussion before the P.C. voted to reject the modification request because the consensus (interpretation) was that the 'gravel driveway is not a cartway' and that Mr. Weary plans to build 50 ft. from his property line and modification would not be needed. After some discussion, the Supervisors agreed with the P.C. recommendation and they voted to deny the modification.

The P.C. reviewed Chapter 1 and Chapter 2 of the Jefferson Township Code of Ordinances. A list will be kept of the comments/questions for each section. The P.C. Chairman sent his written notes to the township attorney subsequent to the P.C.'s review of Chapter 15; however, he was provided a PDF, and the Attorney would like an editable copy of Chapter 15 in order to insert his comments.

Manager Rosenbauer reported that Carl Leicher has submitted a 90-day extension letter for the JMAG, LLC Plan on Heller Rd. The Supervisors voted to grant/accept the 90-day extension for the plan review per the letter received.

April 8, 2024 Unfinished Business

The Seal Coat and Paving Bids were publicly opened and read at 2 PM today, 4/8/24.

Three Seal Coat Bids were received as follows:

Russell Standard Corporation – bid bond enclosed.

Item 1 – 52,715 S.Y. Single Asphalt Seal Coat, in Place + Item 2 – 52,715 S.Y. Asphalt Fog Seal for Asphalt Seal Coat for a Bid Total of \$154,454.95

Youngblood Paving, Inc. – bid bond enclosed.

Item 1 – 52,715 S.Y. Single Asphalt Seal Coat, in Place + Item 2 – 52,715 S.Y. Asphalt Fog Seal for Asphalt Seal Coat for a Bid Total \$169,215.15

Midland Asphalt Materials, Inc. – bid bond enclosed.

Item 1 – 52,715 S.Y. Single Asphalt Seal Coat, in Place + Item 2 – 52,715 S.Y. Asphalt Fog Seal for Asphalt Seal Coat for a Bid Total \$155,509.25

The Supervisors voted to accept the apparent lowest qualified bidder, Russell Standard for the amount of \$154,454.95 for the 2024 'Jefferson Township Seal Coat Project.'

Two Paving Bids were received as follows:

Wiest Asphalt Products & Paving, Inc. - Total \$351,503.80 - Bid Bond enclosed.

Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc. - Total \$364,010.95 - Bid Bond enclosed

The Supervisors voted to accept the apparent lowest qualified bidder, Wiest Asphalt Products and Paving, Inc. for the amount of \$351,503.80 for the 2024 Jefferson Township Paving Project. Manager Rosenbauer, in response to Lois Rankin’s inquiry, noted that the bids came in under our road budget amounts.

April 8, 2024 New Business

The Township received information from Keystone Wellness Programs just prior to last month’s meeting, so it was not reviewed at the March meeting. They want to include ‘vaping’ in the Young Lungs at Play signage at the park. This will require us to pass a new resolution to replace #373 from 2015, creating the tobacco-free area at Laura J. Doerr Park playground area.) After significant discussion, the Supervisors voted to allow the revised signage and adopt the new resolution revised by the Supervisors.

The 108th Annual Spring Convention of the Butler County Assn. of Township Officials is set for May 16, 2024 at the Butler Country Club. The Supervisors voted to authorize the Supervisors, Manager, and Sec/Treas. to attend as well as the Planning Commission members and the township will pay the registration fee and mileage reimbursement (attendance fee is not applicable to the P.C. members.) Registration deadline is May 8th.

Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – April 8, 2024

Pat Knable from Golden City Rd. talked to the Supervisors about what she can do to alleviate the water run-off into her and neighbors’ yards. She recently had new drainage (like French drains) installed but agreed that it may not be working. It was agreed that the manager and Supervisor Beblo would take a look at the situation. Chairman Cypher noted that she may need larger (diameter) pipe installed.

Terry Becker from Bucklin Lane talked to the Supervisors about the semi-truck traffic using Golden City Rd. from Dinnerbell and Victory Roads. They have turned around in neighbor’s driveways, causing damage; and they have occasionally gotten stuck at the tunnel. She suggested bright yellow “No Trucks” signs installed in Clinton Township as an example. Chairman Cypher noted that Jefferson Township DOES have 10 Ton Weight Limit signs installed. It was suggested that drivers often use ‘personal GPS’ rather than the GPS for trucks. Mr. Cypher said they would look at what we are allowed to do under the PennDOT Title 67 and Title 75 regarding signs.

Ms. Becker also noted the ‘junk’ at the duplexes on Victory Rd. There are tires, building materials, tires (maybe less than 10), plus junk cars that seem to come and then disappear. She has talked to a couple of the landlords, but they don’t do anything. The duplexes are owned by different, separate people now. The Manager will do a little investigation and determine if anything can be done.

Notification was received from Moody & Associates re: PennEnergy Resources intention to renew the Water Management Plan for the withdrawal of approx. 0.72 million gallons of water per day from the PAW Butler water system ...the source is located on private property (Andy Korim) ...purpose is for the development of shale gas and/or oil.

Manager Rosenbauer noted that he signed the ‘audit representation letter’ for Bonus Accounting and we are still waiting for the actual Audit Report (with a copy to be filed with the County) and the Balance Sheet, which will be placed in the newspaper. He is still waiting on the ‘joint permit’ cost estimate/approval for Creek Road work. Vice-Chair. Rankin inquired on the status of the property purchase in Jefferson Center. Mr. Rosenbauer stated that there has been no response from PennDOT regarding the property at the intersection of Saxonburg Rd. and Frazier Rd.

Major Expenditures since the March 8th meeting through April 8, 2024

Code.sys Code Consulting – inspections Feb. 2024	\$4,870.12
Butler County Assessment – 2024 tax processing	\$2,183.46
Teamsters #251 & Employer – May 2024 ins. prem.	\$6,949.72
Seal Master/Hillsville – wand and crack seal material	\$7,428.58
Vogel Disposal Service – park & twp.	\$1,240.07

Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham – legal March 2024	\$1,440.00
Hampton Concrete – truck curbs, patio stone, etc.	\$4,649.60
Herbert, Rowland, and Grubic – engineering review	\$1,107.50
Purvis Brothers, Inc. – gas & diesel	\$1,243.46
U.S. Municipal Supply – street & weight limit signs	\$1,129.20

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Board of Supervisors – 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. (except Jan.)

L. John Cypher, Chairman Lois Rankin, Vice-Chair. Braden Beblo, Supervisor

Planning Commission – 3rd Monday at 6:00 P.M.

Members: Leo Rosenbauer (Chair.), Evelyn Gross, Mike Gaston, James Jones, Brian Noah (Vice-Chair.), Martha Fleming (Secretary), Robert Williams, Dan Driscoll, and Bernie Shulik. Robert Wetzel is alternate P.C. member.

Recreation Board – 1st Wednesday at 8 P.M. Feb. to Oct. (No meetings Nov., Dec. & Jan.)

Members: Brian Patten (Chair.), Roger Cypher, Kristi Wise, Greg Bauer (Pool), Justin Demek (new Baseball Assn. President or *alternate* representative Justin Thompson (new Baseball Vice-Pres.), James C. Jones (Softball), and Brad Emsurak (Soccer)

Location for all meetings listed: 157 Great Belt Rd., Butler, PA 16002 - Any changes are advertised and posted.

Please see websites for the park associations under 'Recreation Committee' above.

TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS

REGULAR HOURS: Monday through Thursday - 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM (CLOSED on Fridays.)

Office phone #724-352-2324 - Fax #724-352-8850 Manager: Leo Rosenbauer Sec/Treas.: Lois Fennell

Holidays, Vacation, & other days off/office closures are posted on the door.

ANY QUESTIONS: email or call: jefftwpbutlerpa@zoominternet.net – 724-352-2324

REAL ESTATE /PER CAPITA TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collector Nadine Grabe, 245 Heller Rd, Butler, PA 16002 - 724-352-3288

Pay by mail or call for an appointment. Never leave unstamped envelopes in the Tax Collector's personal mailbox. There is a secure payment **drop** box located on the porch.

SPRING HOURS: April 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th, 25th, and 30th from 4:30 - 7:30 pm.

By mail anytime, other times call for an appointment. Secure Drop box located on the porch.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ↓↓

⇒ **THIS SEASON, when MOWING** your grass, PLEASE **do not** allow the cut grass to accumulate on the roadway. It is a safety issue - especially if the grass becomes wet. It could cause a vehicle to lose traction and 'you' could be held responsible.

⇒ **NOTICE:** Jefferson Township's responsibility during & following storms and excessive rain events is to clear and protect the Township rights-of-way. The Township is NOT authorized to clean up any private property; the only exception would be for Emergency access for 9-1-1 responders! It is also not legal for property owners to place any storm/rain/wind debris from their property along the township road rights-of-way.

⇒ **Jefferson Township Burning Ordinance**

The Township Burning Ordinance limits burning of '**ordinary**' (domestic) waste materials (paper, cartons, boxes, yard waste, wood, and other similar items) by residents to 'dawn to dusk'; see *on-line ordinance for excluded items*. PLEASE use common sense! Many items that cannot be burned can be recycled. All fires are to be completely extinguished before being left unattended.

Recreational fires are permitted by Ordinance #459 (Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances.)

PLEASE be considerate of your neighbors and do NOT permit leaves and other 'allowed' materials to be left smoldering after dusk.

ALL COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL BUSINESSES, NON-RESIDENTIAL and MULTI-FAMILY are PROHIBITED from ANY burning at ANY time per the Dept. of Environmental Protection.

⇒ **NEED HELP during COVID19: Call** (dial) 2-1-1 for help or **Contact** one of the 'community resources' below:

- **Food For Kids** Program information:
<https://files.constantcontact.com/5061598a001/e62a6eb1-16b1-48d2-ad5c-349fc68f4395.pdf>
- **Food Bank** Information: <https://files.constantcontact.com/5061598a001/2d7ca64b-ee3d-4b4f-8ad9-45aa6cc125a3.pdf>
- **Link for Butler County Food Bank donations:** <https://anrinfo.org/product/butler-county-food-bank-donation/>
- **Butler County Health and Human Services** Resources are available 24 hours a day 7 days a week at, <http://pa211sw.org/> or by calling 211.
- **The Center for Community Resources** is also available 24 hours a day 7 days a week at (855)-284-2494. You can also chat with them at their website, <https://ccrinfo.org/>
- **24 Hour Crisis Services Local Hotline** (800) 292-3866
- **United Way of Butler County** – Check with them for help, but also to give donations that will help Butler County citizens. 724-283-4883 <https://www.butlerunitedway.org/butler-county-emergency-relief-initiative-beri>

⇒ **PA AMERICAN WATER – 'WaterSource'**

LIHWAP – Low Income Household Water Assistance Program – contact www.compass.state.pa.us or request an application by calling the Dept. of Human Services Customer Service at 877-395-8930 (or for the hearing-impaired call PA Relay at 711).

Do you live in Jefferson Township?
You may be eligible to have your windows, furnace, roof or more replaced!



The Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program
assists homeowners in renovating their homes!

APPLY TODAY:
financial grants up to \$12,500 to assist eligible low to moderate income homeowners with home improvements including making your home more Energy Efficient. Also, if applicable, an additional \$2,500 is available to make handicap accessibility modifications to your home.

Don't miss your chance to make some home improvements before the cold weather hits!

Call, Stop-in, or Email:
Redevelopment Authority County of Butler
114 Woody Drive □ Butler, PA 16001
724.287.6797/1.800.433.6327/TDD: 1.800.545.1833 x772
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