



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Foreman's Report

Chairman Cypher read the road report submitted. The road crew worked on the boom mower and replaced the pivot assembly, welded the deck, and replaced the skids. Grass cutting at the park and around the building continues to be done as needed; the second berm mowing is in progress. An underdrain on the north bound lane at 122 Bonniebrook Rd. was installed to alleviate water discharge.

Storm work and ditch line reconstruction was completed on Bonniebrook Rd. prior to the paving to be done. The Supervisors were asked to consider berms to be backfilled on Bonniebrook Rd. 'post-project'. After some discussion, the Supervisors said they would like to see some prices to outsource the work and get confirmation from PennDOT if it is permissible to do this 'outside' of the multimodal grant. It was noted that this work should be 'under' the bidding threshold and no prevailing wage. The road crew helped Summit Township push up millings earlier this month in exchange for some of those millings.

The rough estimate on replacing the 99 IH530 (for Oct. 2022) is \$210,000. (It takes 1½ years to get it after it is ordered.) The grant program that the manager was looking into does not open for application until Oct. 2021. Supervisor Braden Beblo said perhaps the market may come back down.

350 ton of salt is needed to fill the salt building. Under the current contract ending July 2021 the cost is \$75.21 per ton. After some discussion the Board voted to proceed to order on the current contract.

Recreation Committee

Brian Patten was unable to attend the June 14th meeting. No report.

Baseball: www.saxonburgbaseball.com

Pool: www.sebcopool.com

Softball: www.sagsa.org

Soccer: www.knochsoccer.org

Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer (Planning Chairman) reported on the May 17, 2021 P.C. meeting.

Nathan & Kelsey Shulik, 154 Nursery Lane, were present at the P.C. meeting to request a side property line set-back modification to replace the deck and steps with a new deck to be only 14 ft. from the Gwen Mentel property (11 ft. modification). A notarized letter of permission was submitted. Leo Rosenbauer said he would be more comfortable allowing the same set-back as the house. The P.C.'s decision was a tie so they were told that the Supervisors would review this at tonight's meeting. After some discussion, the Supervisors voted to grant the requested 14 ft. set-back. (an 11 ft. modification) as requested by Nathan & Kelsey Shulik.

The P.C. reviewed a request for a modification to replace an existing shed with a 40' x 48' pole building to be only 10 ft. from the property line of James K. Miller, by Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Allison, 764 North Pike Rd. P. C. Rosenbauer reported to the Supervisors this evening that *Mr. and Mrs. Allison withdrew the application at 4:27 PM today* due to a change of plans. They will reapply if/when needed.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McCrea presented to the P.C. their Lot-Line Revision on Neupert Rd. The change was needed because the property line ran through the garage. They are acquiring .30 acre from McRandals to increase their lot to 1.48 acre. An easement for the neighboring driveway has been added, all the structures have been labeled 'non-conforming', and the set-back dimensions have been inserted. The P.C. voted to recommend approval of the McCrea Lot Line Revision as presented. After a brief review, the Supervisors voted to approve the McCrea Lot Line Revision as presented.

Mr. and Mrs. John Goodlin's Land Development (Plan #2), at 718 N. Pike Rd., Cabot, was submitted by Graff Surveying for the May 17, 2021 P.C. meeting. They were not present at the meeting and the matter was tabled due to it being incomplete. Mr. Rosenbauer reported to the Supervisors this evening that 'nothing new has been submitted'. No action by the Supervisors this evening. Deadline for Supervisors to take action is Aug. 9, 2021.

Nothing was submitted to the P.C. from Kevin Miller (Stoneybrook Phase II Land Dev.) for the P.C.'s May 17, 2021 meeting. The original 90-day review period expired May 16, 2021, and Kevin Miller requested a 62-day extension which expires June 21st. This timing deadline forced the P.C. to vote on May 17th to deny the Stoneybrook Phase II Land Development due to the incomplete submission. Kevin Miller and Graff Surveying were notified that another extension was needed to avoid denial by the Supervisors at tonight's meeting (6/14/21). Kevin Miller submitted a 'withdrawal letter' in lieu of an extension letter. The Supervisors voted to accept the 'withdrawal of the Stoneybrook Phase II Land Development letter' submitted.

Sister Christina from the Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery was present to explain that a water study was completed by Moody Services. They found 3 large fractures (of water) on the property, and they plan to do 2 testing wells. The Supervisors and the Manager said this is a good idea! Manager Rosenbauer noted that the septic permit has finally been approved and he is working on the building permit application process. The Land Development plans will be signed when received.

Supervisor Rankin inquired about the Kuhn septic permit; Mr. Rosenbauer said the small flow treatment facility was approved by DEP.

June 14, 2021 Unfinished Business

Chairman Cypher noted last month that the Supervisors would like to help the Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Dept. with some of the American Rescue funding (ARPA); however, we understand from the U.S. Treasury's 'interim final rule' (and PSATS notifications) that they must have a 'non-profit' designation of 501(C)(3). During tonight's discussion, it was noted that a 501(C)(3) is: a tax-exempt, charitable organization. "Charitable" is broadly defined as being established for purposes that are religious, educational, charitable, scientific, literary, testing for public safety, fostering of national or international amateur sports, or prevention of cruelty to animals and children. The Saxonburg Fire Department is a 501(C)(4) which is: a social welfare group which can engage in more advocacy and lobbying efforts if the causes coincide with organization's purpose.

Lois Rankin said County Commissioner Boozel contacted her (as BCATO President) regarding a possible 'brainstorming' meeting to discuss uses of the ARPA funding.

June 14, 2021 New Business - There was no new business.

Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – June 14, 2021

Update received from the South Butler Community Library: 1) As of June 1st, the library will continue to ask people to wear masks with consideration for those who are fully vaccinated. 2) \$5 bag "used book sale" every day the library is open. 3) 2 Fundraisers this year – Gift Card Raffle will be June to Nov. (gift cards donations due by May 21st) and Booktoberfest German Dinner in October, and 4) SummerQuest 2021 "Tails & Tales" registration began on May 24th. Go to: www.southbutlerlibrary.org for more info.

Manager Rosenbauer noted that he filed citations on the Victory Rd. burning incidents last week. He noted that Riemer Gas was informed of the Board decision last month regarding their proposed 'gas line (i.e. that there is already a gas line on the Saxony Farm side of Riemer and another line would further limit the Township's use for maintenance and possible future improvements.)

Supervisor Rankin mentioned the PSATS Northwest Forum to take place in Erie on July 20, 2021 if any of the Supervisors are interested.

John Cypher reported that the Jefferson Township Road Crew won 2nd place in the 'Build a Better Mousetrap' program promoted by PSATS. They won for the pounder post and snow fence installation. Good Job, Jefferson Road Crew!

ADDED NOTIC (arrived after 6/14 meeting): II-VI Inc. "Community Early Warning System" TEST will be Friday June 25 and Saturday, June 26 at 12:00 Noon!!

Major Expenditures since the May 10th meeting through June 14, 2021

Skander Tire Service – tubes, tires, service	\$ 1,610.16
Hampton Concrete Products – catch basins, etc.	\$ 2,282.80
Purvis Brothers, Inc. – gas and diesel	\$ 1,439.64
Teamsters #261 & Employer Benefits – health ins. – August 2021	\$ 5,849.56
Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc. – base repairs/Bonniebrook (State Fund)	\$49,916.62

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E-Code 360 is up and running, so you can now view township ordinances via our website:
www.jeffersonbutler.com – under “home” click ‘find out more’.

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 7:00 P.M.

Members: Leo Rosenbauer (Chair.), Evelyn Gross (Secretary), Kathryn Foertsch, James Jones, Brian Noah (Vice-Chair.), Martha Fleming, Robert Williams, Dan Driscoll, and Bernie Shulik. Alternate member: Robert Wetzell.

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), Scott Kriley (Baseball), James C. Jones (Softball), and (Soccer – to be determined)

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.

WE ASK THAT IF YOU HAVE BUSINESS AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE TO PLEASE CALL AHEAD, SO WE KNOW YOU ARE COMING -724-352-2324.

Masks required, unless you are fully vaccinated.

The Township is endeavoring at public meetings to limit attendance to protect Township residents and the possible spreading of the virus.

We urge you to take precautions attending any event or 'scheduled' meeting.

We hope you will limit exposure to others, including at the township building.

Practice social distancing, such as no longer shaking hands and staying six feet apart, No more than ten (10) people at a meeting place and washing hands often or using hand sanitizer!

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

STAY at HOME applies, especially if you are sick!

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ↓↓

⇒ **Butler County’s Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collections - 2021 Saturdays- June 19, July 17, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 13, and Dec. 18.**

By Appointment Only (pre-registration required)

CALL 1-866-815-0016 Location: 129 Ash Stop Rd., Evans City, PA 16033

Butler County Department of Recycling & Waste Management

Sheryl Kelly, Environmental Specialist, Recycling & Waste Mgt. Coordinator (PROP-Certified Recycling Professional)

124 West Diamond St. PO Box 1208, Butler, PA 16003 Phone 724.284.5305

Email skelly@co.butler.pa.us

Web Site www.recyclebutler.us

A copy of the 2021 “Hard to Recycle Guide” provided annually by Butler County, can be found on the Township website.

⇒ **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>

⇒ **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 also not legal for property owners to place any storm/rain/wind debris from their property along the township road rights-of-way.

⇒ **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.

⇒ **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 leaving 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.

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
www.housingauthority.com

