



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

FEBRUARY 2018 Newsletter

NOTICES

Residents living along the Butler-Freeport Community Trail are being asked to be considerate when plowing snow from their property. Some residents are plowing snow onto the trail and in front of the gates, which blocks emergency vehicle access. If there would be an emergency, Emergency Services / First Responders would have difficulty getting to the scene.

During the winter months, as per the Township Ordinances:

NO ONE IS TO PARK ON THE TOWNSHIP ROADS OR CUL-DE-SACS so that the road can easily be cleaned of snow.
DO NOT PUSH SNOW ONTO THE ROADS when plowing your driveway. Should this cause an accident, you could be named in a claim or lawsuit.

In addition, this is a reminder that the Township is NOT responsible for replacing or repairing mailboxes or posts damaged during the plowing/salting process.

Road Foreman's Report

John Cypher read the report submitted by the road foreman, Bill Foertsch. The Great Belt Road pipelining project was completed on Friday 2/9/18. The final bill has not come in yet.

Wayne Township in Dayton, PA has offered to purchase Jefferson Township's two trucks: 96 International dump truck and 84 Ford bucket truck. Both are being sold 'as is/no warranty. The Supervisors voted to accept the \$18,000 offer for both vehicles (as is/no warranty) from Wayne Township and authorized road foreman, Bill Foertsch, to execute paperwork needs to transfer the vehicles.

The road foreman has spoken with Russell Standard about repairs to the 2016 double seal project and Jefferson Township is on their schedule for May or the first half of June 2018. Weather must be warm/hot and dry to do the planned 'fog seal' correctly.

The road foreman has had several discussions with Joe Wiest about the issues with the 2017 paving project and Mr. Wiest is not sure why this happened, but said they will fix it! We should know more by April.

To date for this winter season, the township has used 1200 ton of salt and 350 ton of anti-skid material. John Cypher thanked the road crew!

Residents need to be reminded to NOT push snow onto the roads when clearing their driveway and to NOT park on any Township road or cul-de-sac from October through March. Motor vehicles need to be at least 4 ft. from the edge of the payment. Also, a reminder that damaged mail boxes 'caused by the snow, ice slush from the plowing' are NOT the Township's responsibility. These reminders have been in the newsletter for a few months now; the secretary and the road foreman revised the reminders for the February newsletter.

The Supervisors authorized Bill Foertsch, road foreman, to attend the March 22, 2018 PennDOT Outreach Session in Cranberry Township (Butler County) if the weather allows.

A vehicle damaged the park 'area' around the Deaner Gazebo. Security camera shows it happened during a snow storm in January, but poor visibility made it impossible to see the type of vehicle, color, or license plate. Repairs (to level and re-seed the yard) will have to wait until spring when the ground dries up.

The road crew had two complaints on winter maintenance: One was from Bonniebrook Rd. for not plowing, when actually the road crew had already done one 'run' and they were just beginning their second run. There were three runs that day. The other was about a vehicle parked on Golden City Rd. (at least 3 ft. into the cart way.) The owner was not happy about the verbal warning and 'warning ticket' put on his car. John Cypher commented that the road crew is doing an excellent job and thanked them again!

Recreation Committee

Recreation Board Chairman, Brian Patten, reported on their Feb. 7, 2018 Recreation Board meeting. Baseball's new representative to the Recreation Committee for 2018 is Scott Kriley. The Supervisors voted to approve the appointment of Scott Kriley as SABA's Recreation Board member. They request the dumpsters to be delivered by March 24, 2018. They have planned a spring field clean-up day for Sat., March 24th at 10 AM. Opening game day is May 5th. Registrations are now open, see website www.saxonburgbaseball.com for details.

The Pool Association will have a new fee schedule for 2018. Applications are being accepted for Life Guards and Concession Stand Workers. See the pool website for details on both the fees and job applications www.sebcpool.com

Softball registration is open, see www.sagsa.org for details. They noted that BC3 will be using their fields for home games; spring training begins March 19th.

Soccer has an 'in-house registration' scheduled for Feb. 28th (see website for details www.knochsoccer.org)

New Business: They are seeking additional quotes for a 'lightning warning/detection system'. The Park-Wide Spring Clean Up Day is Sat., March 24th at 10 AM. All interested community members are invited to come.

Misc. Business: Lois Rankin would like to move forward with renting out the Ladies' Aux. Pavilion again. After some discussion, the Supervisors voted to make the pavilion available for a fee of \$75, with Danielle Sedlak coordinating (booking, preparation of shelter & restroom, opening and closing restroom, etc.) Roger Cypher will be Danielle's back-up for rental days. The associations are responsible to notify Danielle Sedlak of events in their organizations that could interfere with use of the pavilion.

Lois Rankin asked when the township plans to 'dedicate' the Wayne Deane Gazebo. She said we talked about getting a plaque and doing some landscaping. John Cypher asked her if she would like to volunteer to coordinate that and she said yes. She was considering a date around the 3rd week of September.

John Cypher noted that Danielle Sedlak is now reviewing the Park Rules & Regs (as revised by the Recreation Committee) and she has already come up with some suggestions in addition to John Cypher's request to re-define 'motor vehicles'. He wants Danielle to finish her review to come up with a final document, which the Supervisors, Rec. Committee and Planning Commission can agree on, before sending it for the attorney's review.

John Cypher noted that snow mobiles have been going in and out of the park (the current Park Rules & Regs. neither prohibits or permits such). In January a 4 wheel vehicle drove around and around the gazebo, the cameras were checked, but this was during a snow storm and the type of vehicle, color, or the license plate could not be read. This is another matter for Danielle to review. In regards to the Butler Co. Park Renovation Grant, Danielle contacted Lance Welliver today to schedule a meeting, which was determined for Tues. at 3 PM at the park. The project has to be determined a.s.a.p. because the application is due Feb. 22nd. The Supervisors voted to adopt the Resolution to apply for the grant contingent upon finding an acceptable project.

Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer, Planning Commission Chair., reported on the January 15, 2018 Planning Commission (PC) meeting. The P.C. reviewed and approved a modification request from Luke and Cathryn Heakins, 136 Great Belt Rd., Butler. The new house construction (permit already issued) on Lot 1 of Raymond Sawyer Plan approved Sept. 11, 2017 - 3.60 acres. One corner of the house, as built so far, is less than the required 50 ft. front set-back. A notarized letter of permission was submitted from the neighbor, Raymond Sawyer. The Supervisors reviewed the modification request. The Supervisors approved the plan.

The P.C. welcomed new member, Dan Driscoll. They voted to keep the same officers this year: Leo Rosenbauer, Chairman; Danielle Sedlak, Vice-Chair.; and Evelyn Gross, Secretary.

Feb. 12, 2018 Unfinished Business

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has notified us of the 'final flood hazard determination' for Jefferson Township, Butler County. Actually this affects all of Butler County. The Township has 180 days from Feb. 2, 2018 (or until Aug. 2, 2018) to pass a revised Flood Plain Ordinance. We have been contacted by Leslie Rhoads and she has indicated that the draft prepared by our attorney's office several years ago is not current with the state's regulations and she will be proceeding with the update (at no

cost to the township), but had several questions to be discussed and answered by the Board. The Secretary will send their responses.

The Supervisors voted to appoint Lois Rankin as voting delegate to the 2018 PSATS Conference in April, since she has registered to attend.

John Cypher reported that we have received two invoices totaling \$91,559.75 from the County for the Hannahstown Road bridge project, less a pending insurance claim.

Feb. 12, 2018 New Business

The deputy tax collector (appointed in Dec. 2014) is no longer the tax collector in Penn Township and cannot continue as deputy tax collector. The Supervisors voted to 'ratify' the appointment of Donna Nagle, Winfield Tax Collector, as the deputy tax collector for Jefferson Township's Tax Collector.

The Supervisors voted to authorize forwarding the 2017 delinquent per capita tax list to Sharp Collections, Inc. for collection.

The Supervisors voted to authorize review of the new cable franchise agreement and proposed ordinance to Attorney Marshall for review. The current agreement expires 9/15/18.

Labor & Industry sent an inspector out to inspect the 'boiler'. John Cypher said that there are minor repairs to be made. The Supervisors voted to have the repairs done by Peters Refrigeration & Heating.

John Cypher asked Evelyn Gross if she was willing to be named 'vacancy board member' for 2018, and she said yes. The Supervisors voted to appoint Evelyn Gross as Vacancy Board Member for 2018.

Public Business and Miscellaneous Business - Feb. 12, 2018

Mr. Joe Markus from Creek Rd. was present to ask about the plan for addressing the flooding and erosion along Creek Rd. He was assured that the Township Officials have been and are continuing to look into the best way to approach these matters.

- Received NOTICE from HRG, Inc. that PennEnergy Resources will be applying to DEP for Permit Applications to Drill and Operate Unconventional Gas Wells at 559 Marwood Rd., Cabot (Winfield Twp.) PER W34 8H Well Permit Renewal

- Received NOTICE from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. that PennEnergy Resources is applying to DEP for renewal of coverage for a Permit to Drill and Operate an Unconventional Well - Bear Creek Rd., in Winfield Twp. - PER W32 Wells 5H & 7H.

Major Expenditures since the Jan. 2, 2018 through Feb. 12, 2018:

American Rock Salt - 1/8; 1/10; 1/15; and 2/12 total paid	\$4,339.86
Purvis Brothers, Inc. - diesel fuel 1/15 and 2/12 total paid	\$3,981.22
South Butler Community Library - 2018 Donation	\$7,500.00
Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Dept. - 2018 Donation	\$8,000.00
Winfield Volunteer Fire Dept. - 2018 Donation	\$1,600.00
Elder Ag & Turf - repairs to Skid steer	\$4,176.00
Highmark Blue Shield - health ins. premium - March	\$3,297.71
Insight Pipe Contracting - pipe lining on Great Belt Rd.	\$25,374.60

The Newsletter

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TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday - 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM & Friday mornings - 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

Office phone #724-352-2324 Fax #724-352-8850

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

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.), Danielle Sedlak, (Vice-Chair), Evelyn Gross (Secretary), Kathryn Foertsch, James Jones, Gary Stone, Robert Wetzel, Robert Williams and Dan Driscoll.

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

Members: Brian Patter (Chair.), -vacant- (Secretary), Viki Nulph, Greg Bauer (Pool), Scott Kriley (Baseball), James C. Jones (Softball), and Shane Huffman (Soccer)

Location for all meetings listed: 157 Great Belt Rd., Butler, PA 16002

Any changes are advertised and posted.

The Tax Collector is Nadine Grabe – 724-352-3288

245 Heller Rd., Butler, PA 16002 - 352-3288

Tax Collection hours at 245 Heller Rd. - for the Discount period for the Spring taxes:

March 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 Hours are 4:30- 7:30 PM

April 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26 & 30th Hours are 4:30-7:30 PM

By mail anytime, other times by appointment only, please call for an appointment!



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