



# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

## MAY 2018 Newsletter

### Road Foreman's Report

Chairman Cypher read the report submitted by Road Foreman William Foertsch. Road and housing plan sweeping has been completed. Berming at the ditch line on all targeted roads for 2018 is complete.

A GP11 Permit needs to be applied for from DEP, for replacement of a culvert/bridge on Alwine Rd. (near Penn United.) The Supervisors voted to have the Township Engineer prepare the GP11 Permit application, etc.

Regarding the previously discussed replacement of the 2004 F550 with a purchase of a 2019 F550, 4 x 4, 4-door, gasoline truck: If the Board approves proceeding with order of the new truck, the cost of \$73,022 will be part of the 2019 budget. Current trade value is \$4,500 or the Board can decide to sell it via Municibid. The Supervisors voted to proceed.

Great Belt Road will have road closures to thru traffic between May 29 and June 8th due to extensive repair and replacement of catch basins and culvert pipe: one crossing is between Chick Lane and Dreher Rd. and the rest is between Nursery Lane and Hannahstown Rd.

Russell Standard is preparing to apply the Grip Tight Fog Seal on certain roads the first week of June, weather permitting. This should take about one week. Wiest Asphalt Products and Paving hopes to have repairs done to roads paved in 2017 done by the end of May 2018.

An additional 400 ton of salt will be delivered to stockpile before July 15th under the current 2017-2018 contract. The road crew hopes to have the first round of berm mowing done by the end of May.

Supervisors will begin considering whether and when to replace the Hustler zero-turn mower, which is now 11 years old with 1,650 hours and using motor oil.

The road crew repaired a sink hole that developed at the soccer field. Ruts near the Gazebo have been rolled, but more top soil is needed to finish the job. The trees at Field #4 have been removed, but grading and grass seeding still need done. Both jobs will be completed as time and weather allow. The pool cover was picked up and stored for the summer. The walking trail has been patched and several fallen trees have been removed. Mowing and trimming continue to be done by the road crew.

All needed materials are stock piled along Creek Road for the stabilization project. The road foreman has received the permit extension for another 60 days. Work will begin as weather and time permit, keeping in mind that this can only be accomplished while Thorn Creek is low.

### Recreation Committee

Chairman John Cypher read the report e-mailed from Recreation Committee Chairman, Brian Patten. John Cypher read the Recreation Committee report received from their chairman, Brian Patten, this afternoon in regards to their May 2, 2018 meeting.

**Baseball:** [www.saxonburgbaseball.com](http://www.saxonburgbaseball.com) Opening day for games is May 5th. Check website for registration that may be open. 10U Tournament June 29 to July 1. 9U Tournament July 5 to July 8th.

**Pool:** . [www.sebcopool.com](http://www.sebcopool.com) They are researching replacement of some of the water features at the pool for 2018. The pool has been uncovered. They are discussing possibility of having another "Community Day" in mid-August; nothing firm yet. They are still taking applications for life guards.

**Softball:** [www.sagsa.org](http://www.sagsa.org) Registration for 2018 is now closed. They will NOT hold a tournament in July as in previous years. They are looking at holding a tournament August 24th -26th, but this is still at the discussion

stage. They thanked the road crew for removing the trees from outside the fence near the center field area of Field #4.

Soccer: [www.knochsoccer.org](http://www.knochsoccer.org) They have 260 players registered for this spring, with 7 travel teams and 17 in-house teams selected. Opening day has been delayed one week due to the weather. A sink hole developed in the parking lot; the road crew has taken care of it.

New Business: Automatic park gates - on hold; bleachers for Pony Baseball field utilizing Wayne Deaner memorial funds - still being researched; lightning detection/warning system - still being researched.

Park Projects: Park Rules and Regs. - John Cypher reported that this is still being reviewed by CEO, Danielle Sedlak - then they will be reviewed by 'all' before sending to the Attorney for final review.

Misc. Business: They discussed renting of the Ladies' Aux. Pavilion and ALL association were advised to notify the Township of all known/planned tournaments to prevent any conflicts with the pavilion rental.

Action Items: Supervisors to advise on the request from Josh Goldscheitter to build 2 park benches along the walking trail as his Eagle Scout project. Location and design plans were submitted. The 6' x 3' benches made of pressure treated 2" x 4" lumber will be located on gravel (crushed concrete) pads with treated 4x4 boarders. The Supervisors voted in favor of allowing Josh Goldscheitter to proceed, however he is responsible for costs or fund raising, planning, labor, and securing Boy Scout approval. The Supervisors would like to be updated on the matter before the project begins.

## **Planning Commission**

Leo Rosenbauer reported on the April 16, 2018 Planning Commission meeting. They reviewed the 'walking trail' location map and email from Rob Arnold, HRG, Inc. The Township is applying for the DCED "Greenways, Parks & Trails" grant and need the P.C. to review and recommend. The P.C. voted to recommend approval contingent upon HRG, Inc. providing acceptable plans for the DCED grant application when completed.

A letter of interest was received for the vacant position on the P.C. The P.C. voted to recommend appointment of Brian J. Noah, from West Jefferson Road; a civil engineer working for Crawford County. On May 14th, the Supervisors voted to appoint Brian Noah to the P.C. to fill the vacant position left by Gary Stone; his term ends Dec. 2019.

The P.C. reviewed the notice from Gateway Engineers regarding submission of application to DEP for Concordia's Sewage Treatment Plan UV Upgrade (modifications to existing WQM Permit No. 1090402.)

The P.C. discussed future need in the park for alternative sewage systems/restroom facilities to better serve the public. They also discussed installing landscape, flower gardens, and 'rain gardens' or other 'best practices' to handle storm water in the park.

## **May 14, 2018 Unfinished Business**

The Armstrong Cable Franchise Renewal Agreement and Ordinance (#415) have been completed by the Attorney and approved by Armstrong. The Supervisors voted to authorize advertisement for adoption on June 11, 2018.

Attorney Matt Marshall submitted a clean draft of the Flood Plan Ordinance Revision. He has scheduled a conference call with Leslie Rhoads to clear up a few matters. Then the final draft should be provided to the Butler County Planning Commission and the Township Planning Commission for review and comment (both are to received by May 25th and have 45 days to respond.) The Board will plan to authorize advertisement at the June 11th meeting, for the public hearing and adoption on July 9th.

After some discussion, the Supervisors voted to apply for the Greenways, Trails & Recreation Grant that is due by the end of May; to adopt Resolution #414 and to sign a letter to DCED committing to the 15% matching funds (which is \$26,550 of the estimated \$177,000) for the "Greenways, Trails & Recreation Grant" application; to authorize the Chairman to sign the grant application and any other paperwork required for the DCED grant; and to authorize forwarding letters requesting 'support' for the grant with copies of the grant application to Senator Don White and Representative Brian Ellis.

## **May 14, 2018 New Business**

There was no new business. See Public Business and Misc. Business below.

## Public Business and Miscellaneous Business - May 14, 2018

Several residents from Alana Drive talked to the Supervisors on May 14th. They had submitted a petition from the residents requesting that the Township NOT seal coat Alana Drive. Chairman Cypher explained: the road was installed by the developer, Roger Fleming about 20 years ago and dedicated to the township as a public road. The Township treats all public roads the same; the program is to pave and then seal them in following years. This year, however, Alana Drive is among other roads seal coated in 2016 that will receive a 'fog seal coat' for corrective repairs. It is a layer of tar and fine stone topped with a quick dry black emulsion surface coating. Once dry (about one hour) the surface should be better with no excess stone left to be swept-up. This work is planned for early June.

- Received NOTICE from Gateway Engineers that Concordia is applying to DEP for Modification to Existing Water Quality Management Permit.

- Received NOTICE from HRG, Inc. that PennEnergy Resources is applying to DEP for a Permit to Drill & Operate Unconventional Gas Wells in Winfield Township at 1) 133 Darby Lane, Sarver PER W57 10H Well and 2) 458 North Pike Rd., Sarver PER W56 3H Well.

- Received NOTICE from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. that PennEnergy Resources is applying to DEP for a permit to Drill & Operate an Unconventional Gas Well (W70 well 6H) in Jefferson Township, off Golden City Rd. on an existing well pad.

- Received NOTICE from DEP re: 'acknowledged receipt of Filmtronics 'no exposure certification', which needs to be renewed every 5 years.

Secretary and CEO will view a PSATS' "learning at lunch" webinar on May 30th - 'Computer Security Steps Every Township Should Take". No cost for registration.

The Supervisors were contacted by ECS&R about 'hosting' a recycling event at the Township. They are looking for sites to do these events throughout the county. Penn Township's manager contacted Jefferson Township about participating in the one they are having in August. After significant discussion, the Board said no, they do not wish to host one or participate in one with another township. The Board noted that ESC&R on Ash Stop Road is always available to Township residents and either way, there is a cost for resident to recycle items.

### Major Expenditures since the April 9th meeting through May 14, 2018:

AirVac Equipment Co. - polyflex	\$ 2,690.00
Keystone Spring Service - spring/bolts 99 INT.	\$ 2,380.36
Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. - engineering services	\$ 2,518.82
Highmark Blue Shield - health ins. premium May	\$ 3,297.71
Interstate Pipe & Supply - perf. pipe (for roads and park)	\$ 1,075.72
Dillon McCandless King Coulter & Graham - legal	\$ 3,578.50
Ike Construction, Inc. - street sweeping	\$ 2,035.00
Code.sys Code Consulting - bldg. permit inspection fees	\$ 16,85.52
Purvis Brothers, Inc. - diesel fuel	\$ 1,252.65

### The Newsletter

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### TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS

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

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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Brian Noah, Robert Wetzel, Robert Williams and Dan Driscoll.

**Recreation Board – 1<sup>st</sup> 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:

**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!

⇒ **Jefferson Township Burning Ordinance**

The Township Burning Ordinance limits burning of 'ordinary' (domestic) waste materials (paper, cartons, boxes, leaves, wood and other similar items) by residents to between the hours of 6 AM to 6 PM from Monday through Saturday. **Items intended to be 'excluded' from burning are:** sewage, all putrescible animal & vegetable matter resulting from handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food, rags, old clothes, leather, rubber, carpets, furniture, tin cans, glass, crockery, masonry, metals, chemicals, tires, shingles and petroleum products such as (but not limited to) paint, grease, oil and plastic products. PLEASE use common sense!

Many items that cannot be burned can be recycled All fires are to be completely extinguished no later than 6 P.M. PLEASE be considerate of your neighbors and do NOT permit leaves and other 'allowed' materials to be left smoldering after 6 PM.

BUSINESSES/COMMERCIAL (ALL non-residential) and MULTI-FAMILY, according to the PA Dept. of

Environmental Protection, are PROHIBITED from ANY burning at ANY time.

**TIRES are NEVER to be burned by ANYONE.**

**Dumping of Tires is ILLEGAL and subject to fines.**

⇒ The Butler County "Hard to Recycle Guide for 2018" - was emailed with the April newsletter to the recipient list. Otherwise the document is available at the Jefferson Township Office.



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



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

**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.*

**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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