



# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER MAY 2017

**The Recreation Committee is still looking for a volunteer to serve as secretary for the Committee. Meetings are the 1st Wednesday each month at 8 P.M. from February to October (no meetings in Nov, Dec. & Jan.) Interested persons please contact the Township Office.**

## Road Foreman's Report

Chairman Cypher read the report submitted by Road Foreman William Foertsch. The road crew has replaced the catch basin and 80 ft. of pipe on Caldwell Dr. The Hannahstown Rd. pipe has been replaced and a stone diversion has been installed at the outlet to redirect the water into the woods. Pipe damage found there was caused by Peoples Gas Co. and the foreman is trying to recoup those damage costs from them. The trees at the park that were discussed last month have not been felled yet due to the wet weather and PL&T Enterprises being tied-up in a project at the Butler Farm Show grounds. The concrete at the gazebo will need washed and stained and sealed through the summer. The new CAT Wheel Loader was delivered on May 4, 2017. Additional street sweepings were done in April and Russell Standard is to reimburse the Township for both January and April sweepings of the chip sealed 'housing plans.' It appears that some of the chip-seal (2016) is not performing up to warranty standards and Russell Standard will be working to remedy the project; they have suggested possible optional types of surface for consideration. The road crew has begun road berming this week. Mowing of berms will begin around May 18th. The road crew finished tree trimming on the far end of Great Belt Rd. and offered a BIG THANK YOU to the residents understanding and cooperation, stating that "they were great to work with."

The road crew is 'on-board' (in agreement) with increasing the part-time worker, Roger Cypher, to 30 hours per week to help with road projects and park duties with him remaining under the road foreman's supervision as in the past. The Supervisors voted (with John Cypher abstaining) to approve this; Supervisor Rankin stated that she wants to make sure everything gets done at the park! John Cypher thanked the foreman, Bill Foertsch, for the letters billing the insurance company for the Fisher Rd. guardrail damage and the for the letter billing Peoples Gas for the Hannahstown Rd. pipe damage. Now we wait for remittance.

## Recreation Committee

Recreation Committee Chairman, Brian Patten reported on their May 3, 2017 meeting.

**Baseball Association** [www.saxonburgbaseball.com](http://www.saxonburgbaseball.com) They are planning an 11U (11 & under) tournament for June 17-18, a 9U tournament for June 22-25 and 8U & 7U tournaments for July 6-9. They reported some storm water erosion at the area of the sidewalk along the 3rd base line of Field #6 and asked the Township road crew to look at it.

**Pool Association** [www.sebcopool.com](http://www.sebcopool.com) The pool is uncovered and drained; they are working on painting and maintenance projects. They will soon begin to install the water features in the 'kiddies' area. Opening day is set for May 27th. The basketball hoop and pole should be installed by the road crew soon.

**Softball Association** [www.sagsa.org](http://www.sagsa.org) The softball season is underway. Their tournament is July 21-23.

**Soccer Association** [www.knochsoccer.org](http://www.knochsoccer.org) There was no report.

**Park Projects:** New bleachers for the Pony field. (See report below/Action Items).

Misc. Business: Brian has been talking to Rod Miller about being appointed to Recreation Committee as the third 'member-at-large.' He still has not committed and Lois Rankin recommended they consider Roger Cypher (who has already expressed interest in the volunteer position.)

Action Items: 1) Schedule a meeting with Thrower Communications to review access to the video footage from the security cameras. Brian will now facilitate this meeting and will notify Township Supervisors and Road Foreman as well as association members of the meeting when scheduled.

2) Ask the Supervisors to approve ordering and installation of signage to state that the sidewalks are "For Pedestrian Use Only". *This has already been done!*

3) Ask the Road Crew to review/repair/maintain the road/parking lot surface at the intersection of the walking trail near the pool entrance.

4) Baseball reported that some of the pipe/fixtures are leaking in the Upper Concession stand and asked if the Township could inspect and repair them.

5) Jim Jones asked if a switch for the lights could be added next to the electrical panel in the Ladies Auxiliary pavilion.

6) The Township Road Crew will inspect erosion reported at the area of the sidewalk adjacent to Field #6.

7) Brian Patten submitted a quote for a set of bleachers to be added at the Pony Field (to match the ones installed in 2015) using 'donated funds' and a township contribution (quote is for \$3,699 from National Recreation Systems, Inc. less the donated funds of \$2,025 = \$1,674 needed from the Township. Leo Rosenbauer said Brian should check with Gary Pinkerton from County Parks & Recreation, because he can get discounts. After some discussion, the Supervisors voted to approve purchasing the set of bleachers (for *up to* \$3,699 *after* checking with Gary Pinkerton to try and get a lower price) using the donations made in honor of Wayne Deaner (\$2,025) and the balance from the park savings account.

## **Planning Commission**

Leo Rosenbauer, Planning Commission Chairman, reported on the April 27, 2017 regular meeting of the Planning Commission. The P.C. reviewed and approved a request for a side set-back modification on Neupert Rd. A notarized letter of permission was submitted with the request. The Supervisors approved the side set-back, up to a 15' modification if needed, for the proposed pole barn.

The P.C. reviewed and approved the J. R. Goodlin, Jr. Land Development Plan to convert the existing residential garage into a commercial retail business (a beer distribution business.) They met three conditions imposed by the P.C.: 1) submitted revised narrative which includes other structures and uses; 2) verified (submitted a copy of) the PennDOT highway occupancy permit; and 3) submitted the two set-back modification applications (one for the side with a notarized letter from the adjacent property owner and one for the front building set-back.) The Supervisors voted to approve the two set-back requests for modification (56' from the front right-of-way and 35.6' from the adjacent side property line, then voted to approve the J. R. Goodlin, Jr. Land Development Plan as revised and presented. A letter is to be sent to the Goodlins stating that the approval is for the land development only and that they must still contact the SEO and the Code Officer to satisfy the DEP (septic) and the PAUCC (building code) requirements. The P.C. members talked about other miscellaneous matters: attendance to the PA Agriculture Workshop at the County Government Center on April 27th by P.C. Vice-Chair. and Secretary; the land development recently approved for Austin's Place on Dinnerbell Rd.; the possible sale and development of some property along the southern line of Ron Rome's property; and noted receipt of a copy of the DEP Notification on Concordia's Water Quality Management permit amendment and the SPC Transportation Work Session scheduled for Wed., May 31st.

## **May 8, 2017 Unfinished Business**

Chairman John Cypher referred to the revised "Park Rules and Regs" submitted by the Recreation Committee last month and suggested that they review the 'motorized vehicles' section to restrict vehicles to only those licenses for highway use. Rec. Chair., Brian Patten, will consider how to make that revision. The Attorney was requested to review the 'revised rules and regulations' at April's meeting.

The Supervisors voted to increase Jefferson Township's CDBG funding cap from \$12,500 to \$17,000 per housing rehab. project. Interested homeowners must apply for housing rehab. through the Redevelopment Authority of Butler County. (*See page 4 of this newsletter.*)

An e-mail was received from Rob Arnold (HRG, Inc.) reporting that DEP has approved the 'preliminary' waiver request for the mini-MS4 designation. The Supervisors voted to confirm that HRG, Inc. is to prepare a Notice of Intent along with the 'official' Waiver Application. Mr. Arnold suggested he meet with the Chairman and Secretary to discuss details. The Board agreed.

## **May 8, 2017 New Business**

Lois Rankin reported that several municipalities are interested in talking about a possible 'recycling event' this summer. They will be meeting on May 11th at 2:30 PM at the Saxonburg Borough office.

Copies of the current burning ordinance and solid waste ordinance with copies of the DEP 'sample ordinance' was distributed to the Supervisors. It was agreed that the Planning Commission should review these ordinance to recommend revisions before authorizing the attorney to draft anything.

The Supervisors approved registration and mileage for Supervisors, Sec/Treas., Emergency Management Coordinator and Road Foreman to attend two classes on May 23, 2017 (if they so desire): 1) Township Role in Emergency Management from 9AM to Noon and 2) "NIMS/Incident Command System from 1 to 4 PM. Both are to be held at Cranberry Township. The cost is \$30 for each class per person.

The Southwest Planning Commission sent notification of the Public Comment Period on the "Rt 28 Betterment and I-70 Widening" on May 9th at the Butler County Government Center. Otherwise, written comments can be submitted to: SPC Comments, Two Chatham Center, Suite 502, 112 Washington Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 or fax to 412-391-9160.

The Butler County Commissioners will host a briefing/workshop on Wed., May 31st for municipal officials regarding "Imagine Transportation 2.0" on behalf of RTA (Regional Transportation Alliance of SW PA). They will present examples of how we could improve our region's transportation system and advance local opportunities. So far, Supervisor Lois Rankin, Planning Commission Secretary Evie Gross, and Township Secretary Lois Fennell plan to attend. There is no cost.

## **Public Business and Miscellaneous Business - May 8, 2017**

The Jefferson Township representative on the South Butler Community Library board, Monica Rummel, reported that the library board will soon be voting on a policy change to allow the three municipalities, who now only have non-voting representation, to have 'voting status'. This does not affect the State allocation of funds. She reported that there is a group working to develop a 'sustainable endowment fund' for the library.

A NOTICE was received from Range Resources regarding Donald Thompson 11750 Wells 1H, 2H, & 3H in Buffalo Township.

The Supervisors approved a partial refund for a building permit requested by the property owner who gave written notice that they will not be proceeding with the new construction. The old house on Hannahstown Rd. has been completely demolished due to a fire loss.

Supervisor Rankin reminded several township officials (6 registered) to attend the Butler County Association of Township Officials Spring Convention on Thurs., May 18th.

Supervisor Rankin attended the road bonding meeting at Buffalo Township last week in regards to the 'trail construction' access. She told them to contact the road foreman, Bill Foertsch.

### **Major Expenditures since the April 10th meeting through May 8, 2017:**

Peter's Refrigeration, Heating, A/C - new furnace with a/c	\$ 7,400.00
Cleveland Brothers Equip. - new loader	\$177,075.00
Old Dominion Brush - poly wafer for equip.	\$ 1,193.10
CWM Environmental - sludge removal (road project)	\$ 1,125.00
Highmark Blue Shield - health ins. premium	\$ 3,096.44
Penn Sweeping - sweep chip sealed streets	\$ 1,980.00

## **The Newsletter**

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## 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 – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7:00 P.M. except for Nov. 19 & Dec. 17, 2015)**

Members: Leo Rosenbauer (Chair.), Danielle Sedlak (Vice-Chair), Evelyn Gross (Secretary), Kathryn Foertsch, Bill Montgomery, James Jones, Gary Stone, Robert Wetzell, and Robert Williams

### **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),  
~~Mike Comely~~ (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.

## 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.

### **The Tax Collector is Nadine Grabe - 724-352-3288**

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

By Mail anytime, other times by appointment.      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.**

**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.*

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**Call, Stop-in, or Email:**  
**Redevelopment Authority County of Butler**  
**114 Woody Drive □ Butler, PA 16001**  
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