



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

MARCH 2017 Newsletter

The Jefferson Township Recreation Committee has scheduled a coordinated, park-wide clean-up day on March 18, 2017 beginning at 10 AM.

Volunteers from the community are invited to participate.

Rain/Snow Date is March 25th at 10 AM!!

Road Foreman's Report

Chairman Cypher read the report submitted by Road Foreman William Foertsch. After receiving a wide range of 'trade values', the foreman recommended, and the Supervisors approved, listing the 1998 JD544H Wheel Loader on Municibid with a reserve of \$45,000 for a closing of April 7th. The Supervisors will decide whether or not to accept a bid at their regular meeting on April 10, 2017. The Board also approved re-listing the 'trac-paver' on Municibid with no reserve, but with the stipulation that they can accept or reject any (at their April 10th meeting.) The road crew is working on brush trimming and tree cutting. They will begin tearing down snow fence late March or early April. The Supervisors gave the foreman approval to schedule an H-Vac to sweep the housing plan roads in the first part of April (cost will be about \$3,000.)

Recreation Committee

Recreation Committee Chairman, Brian Patten reported on their March 1, 2017 meeting.

Baseball: Registrations are still open for the older groups (Colt and Legion Leagues); go to www.saxonburgbaseball.com Opening day is April 29th. They are planning and 11U tournament June 17-18.

Pool: The 2017 admission rates will be the same as in 2016. They are searching for lifeguards - if interested go to www.sebcopool.com to apply.

Softball: Registrations are closed with 86 players (13 more than in 2016). Renovations to the concession stand are almost completed. They have a tournament scheduled for July 21-23. Website: www.sagsa.org

Soccer: Registrations are closed; additional registrations will be accepted only if space permits. Website: www.knochsoccer.org Total registration this spring is 276. Season opening is April 8th. They may have a tournament sometime in July.

New Business: Automatic park gates were discussed briefly; they need to investigate cost, etc. They also discussed improved park signage.

Old Business: Viki Nulph will begin painting the park entrance signs when the weather permits.

Park Projects: All member associations have agreed to a coordinated park-wide clean-up day on March 18th beginning at 10 AM. Volunteers are welcome. Rain/Snow date is March 25th, 10 AM.

Misc. Business: The Committee is still looking to fill a vacant 'member at large' position on their board. They are also looking for a volunteer secretary to take minutes, etc.

Action Items: The Committee has asked the Township road crew to look at the drainage between the T-Ball and Farm Fields that is not draining well. The Committee is to consider and recommend possible signage to curb use of the sidewalks by bikes, scooters, skateboards, etc. The Committee is to coordinate a meeting with Thrower Communications and all parties (Rec. Committee, Park Associations, Township Supervisors and Road Foreman) to review access to the security camera footage. The Committee has asked the Township road crew to look at the dying oak tree next to the pool fence, near the slide (to be marked) for possible removal.

Recreation Committee Workshop - held at 6 PM on March 1st. to review the "Park Rules and Regulations": Supervisor Lois Rankin reported that they talked about: 1) maintenance at the park and possible part-time person; 2) hours of operation and possibly extending them; 3) opening/locking gates and looking into automatic gates; 4) signage needed (such as 'no animals on fields', 'dogs must be on leash', sidewalk use and directional signs; 5) finishing the gazebo; and 6) resuming rental of the pavilion. They also reviewed the 'license agreements' with each association and the need for baseball to have a defibrillator at their concession stand. Chairman Cypher reported that it will cost upwards of \$30,000 to pave the 'walking trail', but the Township still has to do some research before any decision can be made. Leo Rosenbauer noted that they looked at automatic gates several years ago...the cost then was \$7,000 each. Brian Patten will write up a list of proposed changes and suggestions for the "Park Rules and Regulations". Chairman Cypher thanked everyone for their time and effort in reviewing the rules and regs. and for their commitment to the park.

Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer, Planning Chairman, reported on the February 23, 2017 regular meeting and the March 8, 2017 special meeting of the Planning Commission. The P.C. reviewed and approved the M. P. Saunders Subdivision (located at the intersection of Hannahstown and Fisher Roads) with contingencies. The original tract of 39.519 acres is on both sides of Fisher Rd. Tract 1 with dwelling and outbuildings (and existing driveway to Fisher Rd.) is 24.372 acres. Tract 2 with non-building waiver is 15.147 acres. The Supervisors reviewed the plan this evening (March 13th) and voted to approve it contingent upon the owner or buyer signing section B of the "Non-Building Waiver" for Tract 2.

The P.C. talked to Bob and Gina Goodlin regarding a proposed new business at 718 N. Pike Rd. They were told that a land development is needed and a letter from PennDOT permitting the use of their current easement onto Rt. 356 should be accompany the land development. They were also reminded that they must conform with the PA Uniform Construction Code for the change of use from residential garage to commercial business.

The P.C. spoke with Hal & Jaye D. Good about the Boldy property on Victory and Golden City Rd. located in both Clinton and Jefferson Townships. They were given a subdivision and land development application.

On March 8th, the P.C. reviewed, and approved with contingencies, a land development from Mr. and Mrs. Wilczynski at 447 Dinnerbell Rd. The revised drawing shows a handicapped parking area 20 x 16 ft. (320 sq. ft.) to be paved (over existing gravel) and next to existing concrete access to proposed new concrete ramp to the porch. The house, pool, garage (w/above apartment), and barn (with pastures) are located on the parcel consisting of 12.220 acres. The house is being converted to a day-care facility for adults with severe intellectual disabilities - Monday through Friday, no overnight or weekend use. Doug Duncan (SEO) did a walk around and is requiring a maintenance agreement for the existing EcoFlo septic system. The Supervisors voted to approve the Wilczynski/Austin's Place Land Development at the March 13, 2017 meeting. A building permit is still needed; Code.sys is currently doing the plan review

March 13, 2017 Unfinished Business

The Supervisors voted to authorize bidding out for paving and seal-coating certain roads in Jefferson Township. The bids are to be opened at 2 PM on Monday, April 10, 2017...prior to the regular meeting at 7 PM which the Supervisors will make a decision. Paving for 2017: Great Belt Rd. (from Nursery Lane to Township Line), Becker Rd., Heller Rd., and Smith Rd. XTO Energy is offering to pay for 60% of bonded roads and Penn Township will reimburse Jefferson Township for their portion of Heller Rd. The double-seal project for 2017: O'Hara Rd., Caldwell Dr., Simon Dr., Frazier Rd., Creek Rd. and Bullcreek Rd. (from Frazier to Mushrush).

The Supervisors voted to sign a retainer agreement (this is no consideration/no up-front deposit required) with the engineers appointed at the Jan. 3, 2017 reorganizational meeting. The engineer for 2017 is Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc.

March 13, 2017 New Business

The Supervisors voted to acknowledge receipt of two requests for additions to the Ag. Security Area for Jefferson Township and tabled any decision. According to the procedure, the applications will be held for 180, until deemed approved, and then a resolution will be adopted and they will be recorded.

The Supervisors approved a request for 'temporary closing' of Knoch Rd. for the 17th Annual Roebling's 5K Run/Walk on Sat., August 12, 2017 from 7:55 AM to 9 AM (65 minutes.) The Knoch Cross Country Boosters will provide traffic control and signage; will notify State Police; and are to seek approval from Clinton Township for their end of Knoch Rd.

Miscellaneous Business - March 13, 2017

- Received NOTICE from Gannett Fleming that XTO is applying for coverage under the Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit (ESCGP-2) for Earth Disturbance Associated with Oil & Gas Exploration, Production, Processing or Treatment Operations..in regards to Hinch Smith to Bachelder Temporary Water line that branches into Jefferson Township to the existing Holy Trinity Monastery well pad.

- Received NOTICE from Gannett Fleming that Mountain Gathering, LLC has submitted a request to DEP for approval to 'terminate coverage of ESCGP permit number ESX14-019-0035, which was authorization for the Vadnal Gas Pipeline; all earth disturbance activities related to this project have since ceased and project area stabilized.

- Received NOTICE from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. that PennEnergy Resources, LLC is applying to DEP for a Permit to Drill and Operate an Unconventional Well - PER W32 Well Pad, 6 gas wells on Bear Creek Rd., Winfield Township.

The Auditors have completed the 2016 Audit and held their final meeting on Friday, Feb. 17, 2017. They submitted their final letter to the Board of Supervisors. All is in order.

The Supervisors voted to authorize the usual township officials (supervisors, auditors, tax collector, sec/treas., and planning commission members) to attend the Butler County Officials' Spring Convention on May 18, 2017 and pay the registration (\$28 per person) and usual expenses.

The 1st Public Hearing on the 2017 CDBF (Community Development Block Grant) funds is scheduled for April 10th at 6:50 PM prior to the regular meeting at 7 PM. The Board plans to talk to Wendy Leslie, CDBG Coordinator, that evening about the request to increase or eliminate the 'cap' amount placed on housing rehab. funds.

Major Expenditures since the Feb. 13, 2017 through March 13, 2017:

Selective Insurance Co. - 2017 liability & automotive insurance package	\$16,599.00
Lezzer Holdings, Inc. - return of Miller/Lezzer road escrow	\$28,030.52
Amerihealth Casualty Service - w/c premium payment	\$ 1,302.84
County of Butler General Fund - 2017 tax processing charge	\$ 1,416.18
Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham - Feb. legal fees	\$ 1,487.50
Dinnerbell Garage - 99 Intl. Truck repairs	\$ 1,474.75
Highmark Blue Shield - health ins. prem.	\$ 3,096.44

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 – 4th Thursday at 7:00 P.M. except for Nov. 19 & Dec. 17, 2015)

Members: Leo Rosenbauer (Chair.), Bill Montgomery (Vice-Chair), Evelyn Gross (Secretary), Kathryn Foertsch,

James Jones, Leo Rosenbauer, Gary Stone, Robert Wetzell, and Robert Williams

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),

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.

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

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

Tax office hours for the County/Local Discount collection.

March 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30

April 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 From 4:30 - 7:30

By Mail anytime, other times by appointment,

Please call for an appointment.

⇒ During the winter months, as per the Township Ordinances, **NO ONE** is to park on the cul-de-sacs so that the road can easily be cleaned of snow. Please **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 damaged during the plowing/salting process.

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!

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