



# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER April 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. All of the snow fence is down and stored. They planned to take the salt-spreaders off this week. They have cut back the brush along Bullcreek Rd. and hope to get the far end of Great Belt Rd. done next. The foreman got a quote to fell 2 trees by the park with the road crew doing removal and clean-up, but Chairman Cypher said there may be a third tree. The Supervisors approved to proceed to have Mr. Grabe cut down up to 3 trees for a cost of about \$200 each. The road crew cut limbs from the trees around the ladies' pavilion.

Drainage issues were found at three locations (Caldwell Dr., Hannahstown Rd. and Fisher Rd.) A vacuum truck was hired to clear them and that is when they found two pipes separating that need replaced (on Caldwell Dr. and Hannahstown Rd.) They have contacted PA One Call and plan to replace the pipes later this month.

The foreman obtained three quotes for gutter, roof and door repairs. The Board tabled decision on these; Chairman Cypher noted that we will also be looking at insulation needed on the outside walls of the municipal building. Mr. Cypher obtained two quotes for replacing the municipal building's furnace to include air conditioning. Schneider's One Hour Heating & Air Conditioning AND Peter's Refrigeration, Heating & Air Conditioning both quoted \$7,000 for the unit and installation. The Supervisors voted to proceed to purchase the furnace and air conditioning from Peter's Refrig., Heating & Air Conditioning for \$7,000 plus an additional \$400 for insulating supply and return air trunk lines above the drop ceiling.

The Township authorized bidding for sale the old JD 544H wheel loader and the Trac-Paver on Muncibid. The highest bid on the John Deere 544H was \$47,339.00 The Supervisors voted to accept this bid from Donald Dietrich, Allentown, PA via Muncibid. The highest bid on the Trac-Paver was \$1,450.00. The Supervisors voted to accept this bid from Krelow Farms, Butler PA. The Road Foreman and road crew were able to demonstrate 5 wheel loaders. The prices through Co-Stars (PA State piggyback purchasing organization) were: Volvo L70H - \$180,900.84; Caterpillar - \$177,075.00; John Deere 544K - \$158,950.00; Case 621G - \$151,837.44; and Hyundai HL940 - \$128,640.00. The foreman provided a list of 'pros' for the purchase of the Cat 930M (i.e. hydrostatic transmission, best clearance and capability; best highway speed and 'creeping' speed for more sensitive jobs) and the Board agreed and voted to purchase the Cat 930M for \$177,075.00. With the sale of the old JD 544K, the end cost to the township is \$129,736 (well under budget.)

The road crew will be berming for the 2017 project roads in the next month or so. He noted that Russell Standard have acknowledge some issues with the 2016 Double Seal Coat project and will have a plan of action soon to address those issues. In the meantime, they will reimburse the Township for the January sweeping of the housing plans and absorb the cost of the additional sweeping in April.

The foreman reported that the Kevin Gray from Butler County Bridges has the Hannahstown Bridge (culvert) replacement scheduled for June 2017 (after school lets out) and noted that the road will have to be closed for a period of time for this bridge work.

## Recreation Committee

Recreation Committee Chairman, Brian Patten reported on their April 5, 2017 meeting. They reviewed and submitted a 'draft revision' of the Laura J. Doerr Park Rules and Regulations. The Supervisors thanked them and will review and consider the changes and additions before voting to amend the ordinance.

Baseball is considering conducting a fund raiser to fund the field light project. They would like to sell engraved memorial bricks to be permanently installed somewhere near the upper concession stand or near the area between the Legion, Pony and Minor fields. They asked the Supervisors for input. Supervisor Cypher said that putting it immediately next to their concession stand would seem it could remain part of the baseball association's responsibility. [www.saxonburgbaseball.com](http://www.saxonburgbaseball.com)

The Pool Association had a clean-up day on Saturday, April 8th to removed the cover and drain the pool. They will need to remove the stains from the pool bottom again this year. [www.sebcopool.com](http://www.sebcopool.com)

Softball reported that BC3 and Knoch High will continue to use the softball field for their home games. If BC3 finishes in first place, Softball will be hosting the section play-offs on Sat., April 22nd. The Softball Tournaments are scheduled for July 21st to 23rd and they plan to request use of 3 baseball fields (as usual) for the tournament. [www.sagsa.org](http://www.sagsa.org)

The Soccer season opened April 8th. They are considering a tournament in July; dates to be determined. [www.knochsoccer.org](http://www.knochsoccer.org)

Park Projects: **The park-wide cleanup day was a great success. The Recreation Committee thanks all who participated; your work is very much appreciated.**

Misc. Business: Rod Miller has indicated interest in the vacant '3rd Member-at-large' position on the Recreation Committee and Mr. Patten will be talking with him later this month.

Action Items: 1) Schedule a meeting with Thrower Communications to review access to the video footage from the security cameras. Notify Township Supervisors and Road Foreman as well as the association and committee members of the meeting (to be scheduled after this season is underway.) 2) Ask the Supervisors to approve ordering and installation of signage to state that the sidewalks are "For Pedestrian Use Only". The Supervisors vote to approve purchase and installation of at least two signs (for each end of the straight section in the lower field from T-Ball to Softball.) 3) Ask Supervisors for input on possible locations for the proposed 'memorial brick' fund-raising (for the field lights.)

Supervisor Cypher asked Brian Patten, and he agreed, to look into new bleachers for the field across from the ladies' pavilion (similar to the ones replaced by insurance claim a couple of years ago.) He will get back to the Board with the price(s). The bleachers and perhaps other items needed for the gazebo will be funded by donations received in memory Wayne Deaner.

## Planning Commission

Danielle Sedlak from the Planning Chairman (P.C.), reported on the March 23, 2017 regular meeting of the Planning Commission. The P.C. reviewed and approved the T. L. Haas Plan #2 on Winfield Rd. existing of Lot 3 of 1.50 acres with existing dwelling fronting Winfield Rd. and new Lot #5 of 3.04 acres with septic testing fronting Neupert Rd. The Supervisors reviewed the plan on April 10th and voted to approve the T. L. Haas Plan #2 as presented subject to DEP approval.

The P.C. spoke again preliminarily with Bob and Gina Goodlin on their proposed land development. They still have to present a formal plan with storm water information to the Township.

The P.C. reviewed a pending PA Agriculture Workshop offered at the Butler County Government Center on April 27th from 1 to 4 PM. Several members are interested and the Supervisors voted to pay the registration and reimburse mileage.

The P.C. discussed and approved recommending the SALDO (subdivision & land development ordinance) revision (having to do with (professional consultants/fees) prepared by the Attorney. After some discussion the Supervisors voted to authorize advertisement and to proceed with the necessary steps for adoption of the revised ordinance.

## April 10, 2017 Unfinished Business

Lois Rankin reported that the Bid Opening for the Seal Coat project and the Paving project for Jefferson Township took place as advertised on April 10, 2017 at 2 P.M. There were a total of 4 'seal coat' bids and 1 'paving' bid. They were: Russell Standard Corp. - Seal Coat - \$224,412.23 w/bond - unit \$2.173

S.Y.; Youngblood Paving, Inc. - Seal Coat - \$304,138.98 w/bond - unit \$2.945 S.Y.; Midland Asphalt - Seal Coat - \$280,799.29 w/bond unit \$2.719 S.Y.; Suit Kote Corp. - Seal Coat - \$237,218.08 w/bond unit \$2.297 S.Y.; and Wiest Asphalt - PAVING - \$510,450.36 w/bond unit (for the FB-2) \$54.38 TON. The Supervisors voted to award the 'seal coat' bid to the apparent low bidder Russell Standard Corp. and to award the 'paving' bid to the 'only' bidder Wiest Asphalt Products and Paving.

### **April 10, 2017 New Business**

The Supervisors agreed to allow Matson Insurance Agency out of Brookfield to quote on workmen's compensation insurance this July. C. W. Howard Agency will also be notified that we will accept 'quotes.'

A letter was received from Derry Construction Co., Inc. stating that they are working for PennDOT on Dinnerbell Rd. beginning approximately May 1st through August 11th. They indicated to expect lane restrictions and closures from time to time.

Supervisor Rankin stated that the park is growing and getting busier and there is a need for a 'maintenance' person (director or coordinator). She recommended appointing Roger Cypher (current part-time road helper) for 30 hours per week at \$17 per hour. After some discussion, the matter was tabled for consideration and possible decision at a future meeting.

### **Miscellaneous Business - April 10, 2017**

A NOTICE was received from Civil & Environmental Consultants that Midstream is applying for a permit for the W55 and W73 'pipeline project' from DEP - located in Jefferson and Clinton Townships.

The 1st Public Hearing on the 2017 CDBG funds for Jefferson Township was held, as advertised, at 6:50 PM on April 10, 2017 just prior to the regular meeting. Wendy Leslie reported that the program benefits low to moderate income or areas, or urgent needs or blight. The 2017 Allocations have not been received yet, but they should be similar to 2016's allocation (project \$78,187 plus admin. \$17,093.00 = \$95,280.) We do not have a contract on 2016 yet. She noted that the new Federal budget has this funding on the chopping block and urged Township Officials to contact their Federal representatives to support funding for CDBG. She said in Jefferson Township from 2006 to 2016 \$1,166,778 has been received for housing rehab., park (pool/trail), and grange renovations. The Township received no written or oral comments on the 2017 funds. The Supervisors received an e-mail regarding possible increase of the 'cap' for the CDBG funds available for a housing rehab. project. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Board will consider the matter and discuss it at the next meeting.

#### **Major Expenditures since the March 13, 2017 through April 10, 2017:**

Amerihealth Casualty Service - w/c premium payment	\$ 1,302.84
Highmark Blue Shield - health insurance premium	\$ 3,096.44
M & M Lime Co. - riprap	\$ 1,609.75
Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham - March	\$ 807.50
Vogel Disposal Service - trash fees/dumpster delivery for April at park	\$ 1,076.44

### **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.), Bill Montgomery (Vice-Chair), Evelyn Gross (Secretary), Kathryn Foertsch, James Jones, Leo Rosenbauer, Gary Stone, Robert Wetzels, 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

Tax office hours for the County/Local Discount collection.

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

By Mail anytime, other times by appointment,

Please call for an appointment.

## The Newsletter

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## 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 (see Butler County Hazardous Materials Recycling Dates on page 3). 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!*

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*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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**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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