

# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

## REGULAR MEETING

June 11, 2018

### CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Jefferson Township Board of Supervisors, held at the municipal building on 157 Great Belt Rd., Butler, PA, was called to order by Chairman John Cypher at 7:00 P.M. on June 11, 2018. All rose to pledge the flag.

### ROLL CALL:

Those present were Chairman John Cypher, Vice-Chair. Lois Rankin, Supervisor Braden Beblo and Sec/Treas. Lois Fennell.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Cypher reported that they met briefly in executive session just prior to this meeting to discuss ongoing legal matters.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: None.

### MINUTES:

John Cypher *moved* to approve the May 14, 2018 regular meeting minutes as written and distributed. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

### FINANCIAL:

Bills paid between the May 14th and the June 11, 2018 meetings totaled \$13,689.34. Bills presented for payment from the General Fund this evening totaled \$15,295.32. No bills were presented from the State Fund. The total of all funds after payment of the bills reported is \$1,629,225.67. *Motion* by John Cypher to pay the bills plus any regular bills that may become due prior to the July 9, 2018 meeting. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

### PUBLIC BUSINESS OR COMMENT:

Art Borland from Stoneybrook Drive asked the Board to put 'speed limit signs' on Stoneybrook Dr. He would like 15 MPH, but John Cypher said with no 'traffic speed study' (which could be costly) the speed reverts to 25 MPH on local roads per the Motor Vehicle Code. *Motion* by Lois Rankin to install a 25 MPH Speed Limit Sign on Stoneybrook Road (one going in and one on the way out of the plan.) *Seconded* by John Cypher. All agreed and *motion carried*.

### RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Brian Patten was present to report on the June 6, 2018 Recreation Meeting.

Baseball: 10U Tournament June 29 to July 1. 9U Tournament July 5 to July 8. [www.saxonburgbaseball.com](http://www.saxonburgbaseball.com)

Pool: They are still 'discussing possibility' of having another "Community Day" in mid-August; nothing firm yet. They have asked the Township to review the drainage in the area near the intersection of the walking trail and the pool entrance sidewalk. Heavy rain is washing gravel onto the sidewalk from the trail. [www.sebcopool.com](http://www.sebcopool.com)

Softball: No report 6/6/18. [www.sagsa.org](http://www.sagsa.org)

Soccer: Spring season is almost over (scheduled to end 6/15/18 weather permitting.) They will be holding various summer camps through the end of July and Fall Registration is now open - see website for details. [www.knochsoccer.org](http://www.knochsoccer.org)

New Business: Josh Goldscheitter is moving forward with the proposed 'Eagle Scout' project (park benches in two locations along the trail.) Brian Patten reported this evening that one location may need to be moved because a cherry tree (originating from the adjacent property) is leaning and overhangs into the park/trail area.

## RECREATION REPORT, cont.:

The Township cannot take the tree as they would need permission from the property owner. Leo Rosenbauer will find out who the property owner is and Bill Foertsch will look at the site.

Action Items: Supervisors to: 1) review the drainage in the area of the pool entrance. 2) Post notice that the July meeting will be held July 11 at 8 PM instead of July 4 (Holiday). Lois Rankin *moved* to approve and advertise the Recreation Meeting change to July 11 at 8 PM. Braden Beblo *seconded*. All agreed and *motion carried*.

## PLANNING COMMISSION:

Leo Rosenbauer reported on the May 21, 2018 Planning Commission (P.C.) meeting. Dan & Laneice Olesnevich and Vigil Cypher Lot Line Revision was reviewed and approved by the P.C. 90% of the plan is located in Winfield Township off Jones Rd. to Keasey Rd. Only a small portion of Tax Parcel 320-1F98-13 (taxed in Winfield) is located in Jefferson. This Lot Line Revision provides Parcel A of 1 acre to this farm for access to Keasey Road. Chairman Rosenbauer noted that the set-backs indicated for Jefferson's portion are correct. Parcel A and the existing dwelling and farm building are all in Winfield Township. The Olesnevichs were present on June 11, 2018 for the Supervisors to review the plan. *Motion* by Lois Rankin to approve the Dan & Laneice Olesnevich and Virgil Cypher Lot Line Revision as presented. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. John Cypher *abstained* due to Virgil Cypher being a relative. *Carried 2 to 0*.

The P.C. spoke with Albert Caldwell who attended the meeting to get preliminary information about a possible subdivision. He has 2.87 acres with existing house and outbuildings at the corner of Saxonburg Rd. and Green Manor Dr. The problem is that each lot must be 1.50 acres (the new lot and the lot with existing residence/septic/well). Leo Rosenbauer contacted Attorney Marshall and discussed with the Supervisors about the possibility of Mr. Caldwell claiming a hardship because the neighbors will not sell him the 13 ft. strip to increase acreage to 3 acres. The Supervisors would want written proof that the neighbors refused the sale of property, before they would consider a modification.

The P.C. asked Rich Craft to clarify some matters in regards to the Calvary Baptist Church Parking Lot Land Development. Mr. Craft took the Lot-Line Revision mylar and the land development (set of plans) with him to review and correct. The developer was to have picked up the plans to finish notarization and to execute and notarize the Operations and Maintenance Agreement. The P.C. voted to grant a modification to allow submission of 'paper' copies of the Calvary Baptist Church Parking Lot Land Development for recording (which they noted would be map #C200 and #C000). Leo Rosenbauer said the P.C. will address requests for modification whenever the owner/developer or engineer do not want to supply 'mylars' of the land development or subdivision plan, as our ordinance states 'mylar' in several places, but the County Recorder's office will accept paper or mylar for recording.

Rich Craft and Kevin Miller were present to discuss some revisions to the Stoneybrook Phase II plan that 'will be forwarded' to HRG, Inc. for review and comment. They hope to come back to the June 18th P.C. meeting. The P.C. said another 'time extension' is needed, since the current one expires July 4th (before the July 11th Supervisors' meeting). A letter of extension was received giving the Township a new deadline of Sept. 11, 2018. *Motion* by John Cypher to accept the 'Letter of Extension' submitted by James D. Miller & Sons Construction (Kevin Miller), stating the new deadline of Sept. 11, 2018. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

The P.C. reviewed and discussed the proposed Floodplain Ordinance Revision (clean draft including record retention in 'perpetuity' as required by FEMA.) The P.C. voted to approve the revised draft subject to the Supervisors addressing any comments or changes that come between their May 21st meeting and the final 'final draft'. Danielle Sedlak submitted a list of comments this afternoon. The Supervisors did NOT review those comments this evening, as the 'final draft' as proposed has already been approved by the DCED and due to the time constraints to have the new ordinance in effect by Aug. 2nd. (subject to re-review by the DCED and final approval by FEMA.) See Unfinished Business for Board action.

## ROAD FOREMAN REPORT:

Chairman Cypher read the report submitted by Road Foreman William Foertsch. The new 2018 F550 has been ordered; delivery is expected after the New Year. Repairs for the 2016 chip seal was to begin June 11th, but the weather has delayed it. Repairs to the 2017 paving project are hoped to be done by mid-July. Eight (8) catch basins and cross pipes on Great Belt Rd. were completed last week, as well as a catch basin and cross pipe on Jones Rd. 700 ft. of under drain along West Jefferson Rd. should be completed by Tues., June 12; the excavator rental was a big help.

The second berm mowing should be done by the July meeting. Both mowers are to be in use this time.

The foreman asked for approval to bid aggregates (anti-skid, limestone, riprap and gravel). *Motion* by John Cypher to authorize advertisement for bid of aggregates. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*. The foreman will get estimated tonnage to the secretary.

A letter was received from PennDOT, stating that they were provided limited funds to provide treatments (signage, etc.) on local roads to reduce run-off-the-road crashes. They have identified Bonniebrook Rd. and Fisher Rd. for treatments indicated on the drawings provided. If we do not participate, we could liable for not allowing the treatments. If we do participate, we must assume ownership and maintenance for the treatments put in place. After some discussion, John Cypher *moved* to accept the terms: YES -The Township does hereby grant PennDOT Engineering District 10-0 and the selected contractor permission to install treatments and will accept ownership and maintenance responsibility of the treatments applied. YES - The township is acceptable to signage as a treatment. YES - The township is acceptable to delineation as a treatment. NO - The township is acceptable to pavement markings as a treatment (*NOTE: pavement markings were NOT indicated on the drawings provided by PennDOT with this letter dated 4/6/18.*) *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*. The secretary and chairman will complete the form and sign it.

The Creek Road 'stabilization project' is hoped to be completed by July 16, 2018, weather permitting. If not, the foreman will request another extension. The stone has already been delivered; waiting for dry weather/low creek.

The foreman will be on vacation for more than a week at the end of June. *Motion* by Lois Rankin to ask Nick Krelow to act as temporary foreman that week. *Seconded* by John Cypher. All agreed and *motion carried*.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Armstrong Cable Franchise Renewal Agreement and Ordinance (#415) was advertised for adoption this evening. *Motion* by John Cypher to adopt Ordinance #415 as presented. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. Lois Rankin *abstained* because her son is now employed by Armstrong. *Motion carried 2 of 0*.

The Supervisors noted receipt of comments on the proposed Floodplain Ordinance Revision from Danielle Sedlak (noted under Planning Commission Report). *Motion* by John Cypher to authorize advertisement of the 'public hearing' and Floodplain Ordinance #416 (which has been sent to the Butler Eagle by the Attorney) for the July 9, 2018 meeting. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

John Cypher reported that Jefferson Township has \$5,665.41 left towards the 2016 Butler County Parks Renovation Grant. Of that, \$1,932.49 is our share due on the total grant application of \$7,729.99, so that means we would have \$3,662.91 towards recapping fall safe surface on the larger playground near the pavilion (a difference of \$5,799.09 to be paid by the Township.) The Supervisors reviewed the updated quote from Snider Recreation, Inc. (dated 6/11/18) to recap and pressure wash for \$9,462.00 and the updated quote that Jeffrey Associates gave to Lance Welliver (dated May 22, 2018) for the same playground for \$15,720.00. After some discussion, John Cypher *moved* to accept the quote from Snider Recreation, Inc. for \$9,462.00. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*. The Supervisors looked at the 'standard colors' available. They liked the green or the blue. John Cypher will choose the color to mix with the black for the recap.

## NEW BUSINESS:

It was reported to the Supervisors that the foot bridge at the park, which was built by Robbie Rankin as his Eagle Scout project, has deteriorated. The Supervisors discussed the matter briefly: whether to repair, replace or remove it. *Motion* by John Cypher to remove the old foot bridge. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. Lois Rankin *abstained* due to her son building it in the first place. *Motion carried 2 of 0*.

## NEW BUSINESS, cont.:

Max Summerville contacted the secretary about his plans to step down from 'active work' at Allegheny Inspections. He would like the Township to continue using Allegheny Inspections for electrical inspections with the main inspector being Jarius McClain, whom he has personally trained, from north the Vandergrift area. The Supervisors agreed that typically appointments of the third party inspectors take place at the January re-organization meeting and that they will keep things as they are until Jan. 2019, at which time they can determine the best decision for the township.

## MISC. BUSINESS:

John Cypher gave an update on the application for the Greenways, Trails & Recreation Grant submitted by the deadline of May 25th. On May 14, 2018, the Board adopted Resolution #414 and voted to sign a letter to DCED committing to the 15% matching funds. The Board had also authorized the Chairman to sign the grant application and any other paperwork required for the DCED grant and to forward letters requesting 'support' for the grant with copies of the grant application to Senator Don White and Representative Brian Ellis. Those letters have been sent and he has spoken to Representative Ellis. He will be attempting to arrange a meeting with Senator White about the grant. The total project cost submitted was \$177,000.00 (85% grant portion - \$150,450.00 and 15% local match \$26,550.00).

Lois Rankin noted receipt of an email from the South Butler Community Library. The Supervisors agreed that the Township will not participate in 'raffles' sales, but can post their Summer Program Flyer and put notice in the monthly newsletter.

Lois Rankin expressed regret that the Winfield Volunteer Fire Dept. has been dissolved. She said she asked Adam Hartwig from Winfield Township what will be done with the donation given the WVFD in February. He did not give her a direct answer. The secretary/treasurer noted that the check (#14890 for \$1600) had not cleared on the April statement.

Lil Bachman thanked the Township employees and officials for the sympathy card and their support during her loss.

## ATTENDANCE:

Lillian Bachman, Art Borland, Brian Patten, Dan & Laneice Olesnevich, Roger Cypher, Bill & Mandi Foertsch, and Leo Rosenbauer.

## ADJOURN:

Lois Rankin *moved* to adjourn at 8:46 PM. *Seconded* by John Cypher. All agreed and *motion carried*.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 9, 2018 at 7 P.M. at the Township Building, 157 Great Belt Rd., Butler.

*Respectfully submitted by Sec/Treas., Lois Fennell*