



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Foreman's Report

Ford Stepp read the report as follows:

- Winter maintenance, approximately 88 tons of salt was used for the month of March.
- Remainder of the salt order was delivered.
- Road crew has been maintaining equipment, street signs and keeping catch basin grates clear.
- Zero-turn is to be delivered April 10th following repairs \$765.09 (updated invoice to follow).
- The baseball and soccer parking lot reconfigurations are complete and wooden bump stops were placed in baseball parking area to help with parking arrangements.
- Picking up branches and leaves etc. at the park ongoing.
- Snow fence was removed and stored for the season.
- A large hole opened on Ohara bridge, county was contacted, and they installed a steel plate for a temporary repair.
- Tree clean up after wind damaged trees fell across Alwine Road and Keck Roads.
- Researched road conditions and past maintenance records to provide a 2026 road maintenance schedule. Worked with manager, PA Dot and consultant to prepare BID information.

Recreation Committee

The Recreation Board met on Wed., April 1, 2026. Brain Patten gave the report.

BASEBALL ASSN.: BASEBALL (Knoch Youth Baseball) ASSN.:

- Practices are now ongoing.
- Opening Day is scheduled for May 2nd.
- Baseball would like to place a 20' metal shipping container next to their existing equipment shed at their upper field (nearest the upper concession stand). They would like to place it next to the existing shed, between the shed and the woods so it would be mostly out of view. The purpose of the container is to use if for equipment storage as they have some equipment and supplies that they cannot currently fit in the existing shed, so they are just left outside.

www.knochyouthbaseball.com

POOL ASSN:

- The pool will not open this year due to pending renovations.
- It sounds like construction is planned to start around June 1.
- The Park Committee would like to be kept apprised of the maintenance routines for the pool once the renovation project is completed (inspections, upkeep requirements, etc.)- Greg is compiling a list of requirements
- The Pool Associations is continuing to work on fundraising for both the renovations and the pool's operational budget.

www.sebcopool.com

SOFTBALL ASSN.:

- High School games and In-house league practices are now ongoing
- All preparations for the season have begun
- Knoch High School games in March. Home games: 1st scrimmage is March 11th & 1st game is March 18th
- SAGSA's tournament will be July 31st to August 1st.
- Jim reported that the changes to the parking area near Softball appear to be working as a nice improvement. They thank the TWP for these changes.

www.sagsa.org

SOCCER ASSN.: No report

www.knochsoccer.org.

PARK PROJECTS:

It was reported that there's a very wet spot that is beginning to affect the walking trail in the area between the baseball and softball fields. This area has been known as a trouble spot for drainage but there was concern that it may be getting worse. It was suggested to have the TWP inspect it for any necessary action.

Planning Commission

The manager, Leo Rosenbauer, reported on the March 16, 2026, Planning Commission meeting.

P.C. members had a discussion regarding SV CSG Jefferson 1, LLC (Nancy Jefferies, Community Solar Gardens) and the 4 modification requests submitted for Sections 22-1903 (B) (2) (c), 22-1903 (B) (4), 22-1903 (B) (6), and 22-1903 (A) (2). P.C. members requested clarification on four items on the modification requests:

- (1) Section 22-1903 (B), regarding "impervious cover": specify the surface material beneath the solar panels
- (2) provide Sunvest's definition of a "Robust Landscape Buffer"
- (3) update the northern front setback which has been labeled to the centerline of the road and not the edge of the road right-of-way
- (4) indicate the Municipal Line between Jefferson Township and Winfield Township. Show the entire property boundaries

SV CSG Jefferson 1, LLC requested the Land Development Plan be tabled for this month's meeting. *Motion* by Bernie Shulik to table the SV CSG Jefferson 1, LLC Land Development Plan. *Second* by Dan Driscoll. All agreed and *motion carried*.

P.C. members discussed a 60-day time extension received by Brian Wiefeling for the Wiefeling Plan of Subdivision. P.C. members voted to recommend acceptance of the 60-day extension.

Toth verbally told Supervisor Beblo, that they may not proceed with their subdivision and installation of the Private Street. The Board of Supervisors requested that the Toth's are notified they have 90 days from last Board of Supervisors meeting to record the plan, or the plan will be null and void.

April 13, 2026 Unfinished Business

The Supervisors voted to table Resolution #555 setting the 2026 compensation for the township manager.

The Supervisors voted to table the 21 year (+/-) old, shed issue at 682 Saxonburg Road.

The Supervisors voted to table 503 Saxonburg Rd. for a shed without a building permit issue.

April 13, 2026 New Business

Butler Co. Tax Collection Committee – has renewed the contract with Berkheimer Tax Innovation for a 5-year extension to our current contract with a new date of expiration of December 31, 2031.

The Board of Supervisors had a discussion about possibility leaving Township heavy construction equipment on the job site vs. returning to the municipal garage on a daily basis. The Board of Supervisors decided it was okay to leave heavy equipment on a site as may be needed.

The Board of Supervisors has a discussion about 1997 International Truck. No action was taken.

Chairperson Lois Rankin wanted an update on Township ceiling repairs. She requested to acquire some quotes.

The Board of Supervisors discussed when they would receive BOS meeting minutes and P.C. minutes for review. It was decided that they would like to have them on the Monday following each meeting.

The 2025 Audit by Bonus Accounting was completed and advertised in the Butler Eagle. Personal Codes Enforcement Update. Was provided to the board as requested by the Chairperson.

Chairperson Rankin inquired about the procedure for approval of personal and vacation time requests from the Road Department Employees per the Union Contract. Manager Rosenbauer explained the 2025 -2028 Union Contract was revised from the approval of the board for personal/vacation time to the manager in order not to delay these requests for personnel as the board only meets once a month.

The Manager approved vacation May 11th through May 15th for Road Crew employee #2.

The Supervisors voted to appoint the Township Manager Leo Rosenbauer as Acting Foreman for the week of May 11th through May 15th.

The Manager approved a vacation day May 15th for Road Crew employee #3.

The Board of Supervisors has agreed to permit the Road Crew to work through lunch and leave at 3:00 p.m. on certain occasions when they are working off site and it would be beneficial for them to remain on site and continue working. This would be at the Foreman's discretion but authorized by the Manager on a daily basis. This would not be a daily, weekly or monthly routine; only on an as needed basis. The Board of Supervisors would like a waiver signed by each employee that are in agreement to follow this procedure.

The Supervisors voted to allow the Road Crew to work through Lunch and leave at 3:00 p.m. on certain occasions when authorized by the Manager.

Mr. Michael Mullis was not present to address the board regarding Chapter 15 – Motor Vehicles & Traffic for Typers of vehicles allowed on Township Roads, and paving Alana Drive vs. Seal Coating.

The Supervisors voted for approval of supplement #2 for the pool renovation project. The Township Engineer had informed Jefferson Township that the Non-Approval of this Supplement #2 is delaying the Electrical Submittal Reviews and the ordering of Materials for the Mechanical Building. Further delay may have additional project completion issues.

The Supervisors voted for approval of Drawdown #1 for the pool renovation project in the amount of \$75,000.00 for the Mainline Pool bonding requirement.

The Supervisors approved the Intergovernmental agreement with Saxonburg Borough for the Maintenance of Constitution Avenue.

The Board of Supervisors voted for approval of the Vaulted Restroom Maintenance Agreement between the Baseball, Soccer and Softball Associations contingent upon the addition of signature blocks for all parties.

The Supervisors voted to Ratify the Advertisement for the Jefferson Township 2026 Road Maintenance Project: Becker Road (w/fiber), Burtner Road (w/Fog seal), Blakely Road (Mill & Fill only), Heller Road, Smith Road, Jones Road (w/Fog seal) , Creek Road, O’Hara Road (Mill & Fill only), Great Belt Road (w/Fog seal & fiber) (Summit Township Line to Nursery Lane) to be Seal Coated and sections to be Milled & Filled.

The Supervisors were asked by the foreman to approve the ‘completion of Daniel Ristity probationary period’ on 4/25/26. Chairperson Rankin stated that this is what was discussed in the Executive Session. The Board of Supervisors voted to approve Daniel Ristity’s completion date and consider him to be full-time with benefits as of 4/25/26.

The Board of Supervisors requested obtaining additional quotes on a standing seam, or ribbed metal roof for the Baseball Restroom and Concession Stand. One quote was received and a copy was provided for discussion. Manager has requested a second quote from a local contractor, but he has not received the quote to date. Chairperson Rankin and other residents are to provide the Manager with contact information of Amish Contractors to quote these services.

The existing culvert (squash pipe) bottom is rotted out and needs replaced on Riemer Road. The Road Crew will be performing the work to replace the culvert. There are three types of culverts that can be selected for this replacement. Quotes were provided for review. The replacement will also require a GP-7 from the Butler County Conservation District which will require submission from a licensed Engineer. Copies of engineering quotes were included for review.

The Board of Supervisors voted for approval of the installation of 71” x 47” aluminized arch pipe culvert on Riemer Road.

The Supervisors voted for approval of Gateway Engineering to prepare and submit the GP-7 for the Riemer Road culvert Replacement.

The Supervisors voted to table the request of Edward and Lorain Theile regarding correspondence from PADOT regarding the S.R. 00356 cross pipe north of the S.R. 00356 and Hannahstown Road intersection as per presented email from PennDOT Customer Care Center.

License Agreements – update – Chairperson Rankin updated the board that while reviewing the old Attorney Files listed below, she found another License Agreement.

Chairperson Lois Rankin has been reviewing the 5 boxes of old Attorney files from Dillion McCandless, King, Coulter and Graham – they date back to 1984, some of the files are Primary Center in 2003, 2015 Union Contract, Stormwater, Concordia Taxes, Jim Jones in 2011, Wind energy in 2008, Cable Franchise in 2008, M in 2016, Phillips gas in 2010, Trinity well, Bonniebrook home in 2002, 1984 Flood plan, Dwellings in 1979, Zoning in 1982, and the Summit and Jefferson Township Line.

The Township was informed that the white light on the southbound approach to the S.R. 00356 / Marwood Road / Neupert Road intersection was not working. Investigation produced that the diamond shaped traffic signal ahead mounted on the overhead arm in between the two flashing yellow lights prior to the intersection has bars of white lights to luminate the signal ahead sign. These lights are no longer functioning. After talking to Traffic Control Equipment & Supplies I contacted PADOT regarding the replacement of this sign. The Township can either replace the lights (if possible) or remove the sign and replace it with a Reflective Traffic Sign Ahead sign. This would have some cost savings on the monthly electric bill. A copy of the cost estimate from Traffic Control Equipment & Supplies to replace the existing sign is \$7,475.00. The manager will request other quotes for this service and present them to the board.

Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – April 13, 2026

The Supervisors voted to approve township officials (*Supervisors, Secretary/Treas. and Assistant, Township Manager, Planning Commission Members, Township Tax Collector, and Elected Auditors*) to attend the May 21, 2026, Butler County Assn. of Township Officials Spring Convention.

No ‘public comment’ forms were submitted this evening.

Major Expenditures between the March 9th meeting and April 13, 2026

Selective Insurance – ins renewal	\$35,966.00
Teamster’s 261 Employers – health insurance May 2026	\$10,749.12
Compass Minerals – salt	\$6,303.09
Bonus Accounting – 2025 audit	\$5,500.00
Vogel Disposal -park trash service	\$1,578.52
Dillion, McCandless, King, Coulter, and Graham – March legal	\$3,628.50

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Board of Supervisors – 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. (except Jan.)

Lois Rankin, Chairperson Braden Beblo, Vice-Chair. Ford Stepp, Supervisor

Planning Commission – 3rd Monday at 6:00 P.M.

Members: Leo Rosenbauer (Chair.), Evelyn Gross, Mike Gaston, James Jones, Brian Noah (Vice-Chair.), Martha Fleming (Secretary), Robert Williams, Dan Driscoll, and Bernie Shulik.
Robert Wetzel is an alternate P.C. member.

Recreation Board – 1st Wednesday at 8 P.M. Feb. to Oct. (No meetings Nov., Dec. & Jan.)

Members: Brian Patten (Chair.), Roger Cypher, Kristi Wise, Greg Bauer (Pool), Justin Thompson and Josh Hsrbison (Baseball- Co reps), James C. Jones (Softball), and Kody Durrett (Soccer)

Location for all meetings listed: 157 Great Belt Rd., Butler, PA 16002 - Any changes are advertised and posted.

Please see websites for the park associations under ‘Recreation Committee’ above.

TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS

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

Office phone #724-352-2324 - Fax #724-352-8850 Manager: Leo Rosenbauer

Sec/Treas.: Angel File

Holidays, Vacation, & other days off/office closures are posted on the door.

ANY QUESTIONS: email or call: jefftwbutlerpa@zoominternet.net – 724-352-2324

REAL ESTATE /PER CAPITA TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collector Nadine Grabe, 245 Heller Rd, Butler, PA 16002 - 724-352-3288

By mail anytime. All other times by appointment only. Never leave unstamped envelopes in the Tax Collector's personal mailbox. Secure Drop Box located on the porch at 245 Heller Rd.

April 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, & 30. Hours are 4:30-7:30pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ↓↓

⇒ **NOTICE:** Jefferson Township’s responsibility during & following storms and excessive rain events is to clear and protect the Township rights-of-way. The Township is NOT authorized to clean up any private property; the only exception would be for Emergency access for 9-1-1 responders! It is also not legal for property owners to place any storm/rain/wind debris from their property along the township road rights-of-way.

⇒ **PA AMERICAN WATER – ‘WaterSource’**

LIHWAP – Low Income Household Water Assistance Program – contact www.compass.state.pa.us or request an application by calling the Dept. of Human Services Customer Service at 877-395-8930 (or for the hearing-impaired call PA Relay at 711).



Jefferson Township Burning Ordinance

The Township Burning Ordinance limits burning of 'ordinary' (domestic) waste materials (paper, cartons, boxes, yard waste, wood, and other similar items) by residents to 'dawn to dusk'; see on-line ordinance for excluded items. PLEASE use common sense! Many items that cannot be burned can be recycled. All fires are to be completely extinguished before leaving it unattended.

Recreational fires are permitted by Ordinance #459 (Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances.)


PLEASE be considerate of your neighbors and do NOT permit leaves and other 'allowed' materials to be left smoldering after dusk.

ALL COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL BUSINESSES, NON-RESIDENTIAL and MULTI-FAMILY are PROHIBITED from ANY burning at ANY time per the Dept. of Environmental Protection.

⇒ **NEED HELP: Call (dial) 2-1-1 for help or Contact one of the 'community resources' below:**

- **Food For Kids** Program information: <https://files.constantcontact.com/5061598a001/e62a6eb1-16b1-48d2-ad5c-349fc68f4395.pdf>
- **Food Bank** Information: <https://files.constantcontact.com/5061598a001/2d7ca64b-ee3d-4b4f-8ad9-45aa6cc125a3.pdf>
- **Link for Butler County Food Bank donations:** <https://anrinfo.org/product/butler-county-food-bank-donation/>
- **Butler County Health and Human Services** Resources are available 24 hours a day 7 days a week at, <http://pa211sw.org/> or by calling 211.
- **The Center for Community Resources** is also available 24 hours a day 7 days a week at (855)-284-2494. You can also chat with them at their website, <https://ccrinfo.org/>
- **24 Hour Crisis Services Local Hotline** (800) 292-3866
- **United Way of Butler County** – Check with them for help, but also to give donations that will help Butler County citizens. 724-283-4883 <https://www.butlerunitedway.org/butler-county-emergency-relief-initiative-ber/>

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:
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114 Woody Drive □ Butler, PA 16001
724.287.6797/1.800.433.6327/TDD: 1.800.545.1833 x772
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