



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Foreman's Report

John Cypher read the report as follows:

- 30 Stumps at the park have been ground and cleaned up.
- Brush has been cut and cleaned up from the fence behind the Ladies Pavillion because it was growing through the fence.
- The Road Crew has been back filling and landscaping around the new outhouses at the park and will continue to work on the roadway between the baseball fields.
- Road Crew will be adding the needed water for the new outhouses.
- The Road Crew delivered logs from the park to a local sawmill and picked up the cut timber and delivered them back to the park.
- Mowing and weed eating continues as needed at the park and Township facility.
- The first berm mowing will start this week and should be finished around the end of May.
- The Road Crew got a good start on berm and ditch cleaning. A couple more roads are still hoping to be cleaned up.
- There has been a lot of clean up from all the rain and storms over the past few weeks.
- The Road Crew is planning on crack sealing and other prep work on roads for the 2025 project lists.

Recreation Committee

RECREATION BOARD REPORT: The Recreation Board met on Wed., May 7, 2025..

BASEBALL (Knoch Youth Baseball) ASSN.:

- KYB will host a community day in the park on May 31st several activities are planned an "all-abilities" game as well as several vendors (food trucks, etc.). All KYB teams will be playing in the park that day.
- KYB is planning repair work on the grounds and facilities this year including upgrades to fields, fences and back stops.
- They are very excited for the addition of the restroom units at the park and they thank the township for this upgrade.
- Planned tournament dates: 6/7&8, 6/14&15, 6/20-22, 7/11-13, 7/26 & 27.

www.knochyouthbaseball.com

POOL ASSN.:

- The Pool still has the following needs/openings for this year:
 - maintenance person for this year.
 - Still need a few more Lifeguards for this year. Lifeguard training days are planned for the 3rd week of May.
 - Board of Directors volunteers.
 - Anyone who is interested can apply at the pool's website.
- Leaving the admission/pass prices the same for 2025.
- Opening Day is scheduled for May 24th.

They are progressing on maintenance/preparations to open for the season

www.sebcopool.com

SOFTBALL ASSN:

- High School games have just completed, in-house season is ongoing.
- Planned tournament dates (as of now): August 15th through 17th and 8U tournament June 21 & 22.

www.sagsa.org

SOCCER ASSN: Kody Durrett- Absent – no report

www.knochsoccer.org.

PARK PROJECTS:

1. The installation of 2 new bathroom units in the park is almost complete.
It was noted that this project will be of great benefit to the park and the recreation committee thanks the township for adding these restrooms to the park.

MISC BUSINESS / PROJECTS:

1. Kristi asked if it was possible to have the speed bumps, near the playground, painted yellow or white so that they are more prominently visible. Update: TWP has plans to address this issue.
2. There was a general discussion about recent progress on park improvements and any further needs or future projects for the park. No decisions or action items at this time.

Supervisor Rankin inquired and Mr. Rosenbauer responded that Antosyzks were contacted about cleaning up landscaping around the gazebo and Park Entrance Signs this month.

Planning Commission

The P.C. voted to re-approve the Penn United Land Development (via Gateway Engineering) that was not recorded at the Butler County Courthouse in a timely manner. The Township Supervisors re-approved the Penn United Land Development as previously approved.

The P.C. voted to re-approve the Nativity of the Theotokos Land Development that had a number of contingencies to be completed and therefore was not recorded in a timely manner. The Township Supervisors re-approved the Nativity of the Theotokos Land Development as previously approved and with all of the contingencies completed.

The manager, Leo Rosenbauer, reported on the April 21, 2025 Planning Commission meeting. Doug and Joan Hilliard submitted a Modification Request to place a shed on the left side of their existing house at 145 Hannahstown Rd., but only 8 feet from the property line. The neighbor, Ray Spinetti, gave them a notarized letter of approval for the modification next to his property. Discussion involved: The actual distance from the proposed shed to the property line on the left is 7 ½ feet (on the other side of the fence.) The 25-foot setback on the right side of the house has an existing concrete pad with a pergola and landscaping that currently provides only 6 feet access to the rear of the property. The P.C. members voiced concern that there is not sufficient access to the rear of the house, which has an existing shed, pool, and deck. The rear property then steeply drops off. The P.C. voted to recommend denial of the requested left-side set-back modification of 17+ feet for a proposed shed. Leo Rosenbauer explained the Hillard's proposed some other options verbally following the Planning Commission meeting and these were discussed this evening. The Supervisors discussed the matter at length and did not vote on the matter, so Mrs. Hilliard was told to return to the P.C. with a revised detailed modification application.

Information (8 ½ ' and 11" paper drawings #T-1 and #A-1) was received from T-Mobile/Concordia Wireless for the addition of antennae and utilities (indicated in green on the drawings) on the existing cell tower development on the Thoma property, 748 Dinnerbell Rd. The P.C. discussed the matter of a 'reserved 4' x 9' space for future generator' indicated on the plan, which would appear to be within the required set-back area, but dimensions were not provided to verify. Mr. Rosenbauer noted that he contacted the developer to ask for more information but has not received a response to date. The P.C. voted to table the matter. The Supervisors discussed this briefly. The Supervisors denied the T-Mobile/Concordia Wireless plan as submitted due to a lack of resubmission.

The P.C. reviewed the Rockland Township (Venango County) Solar Energy Ordinance for use by Jefferson Township as a 'stand along ordinance.' Leo Rosenbauer sent the draft to our attorney for review and revision.

May 12, 2025 Unfinished Business and Old Business

The Supervisors discussed options for renewing the contract with Berkheimer Tax Innovation. The Township Supervisors decided to do a 5-year renewal program, with the rate of 1.35% for years 1-5 ending Dec. 31, 2031.

The Board of Supervisors had a lengthy discussion regarding Unfinished business and how to receive updates on various pending items. The Township Supervisors have decided to make a sheet that can be updated and kept on the Bulletin board in the hallway so residents can check on the progress of the various pending items.

The Manager asked the Board of Supervisors to add Rennick Rd with GSB 88 to be included in the 2025 road project with the option for the Supervisors to remove if the cost exceeds the allowed budget. The Board of Supervisors decided to include Rennick Rd.

May 12, 2025 New Business

The Board of Supervisors accepted the 2025 union contract.

Two of the Supervisors decided to increase wages/salaries for non-union employees with one opposing: Lois Fennell to \$24.00 (May to such time TBD) and later will receive \$35 per hr. for miscellaneous hours as consultant for the end of 2025 and perhaps into 2026, Brian Noah and Doug Lefevre to \$22.00 (May through the end of 2025). Two of the Supervisors decided to increase the salary for Manager Leo Rosenbauer by 4% for the remainder of 2025 with one opposing. Both motions carried.

The Board of Supervisors was given (3) three options from Berkheimer Tax Innovation to consider for the The Board of Supervisors discussed and agreed to contact Wendy Leslie to use CDBC Funds for handicapped accessible sidewalks to the new restroom units at the park. The Township will need to determine any projects for the 2025 CDBG soon and would like to add this if possible.

Janet Perine has resigned from her term on the South Butler Library Board (May 2, 2025). There is now a vacancy for that position. This vacancy should be placed in the newsletter and on the website. upcoming contract renewal which will expire 12/31/2025.

Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – May 12, 2025

Mr. Markus was present to speak to the Board of Supervisors regarding a property pin that he feels may have been removed during past Township work. Manager Rosenbauer said his research shows some background on past construction work dating back to 2006 and 2018, but is unable to determine if the Township had removed the property pin. Supervisor Beblo requested to receive a copy of the previous survey from Mr. Markus (as he stated he has a copy of a survey prepared by R.B. Shannon & Associates dating back to approximately 2001) and will go out and take a look with Mr. Markus.

Mrs. Broman and Mrs. Cavalero (daughter) were present to speak to the Board of Supervisors regarding a culvert pipe that they say William Broman, Sr. installed some 38 years ago at their driveway that leads to the barn. They said the township did work (extending the culvert and added large rocks) They have requested it be fixed the way they think it should be fixed by removing the rock putting the dirt back in and they can plant grass as it was before. Supervisor Beblo will look at it and make a recommendation.

Chrisse Keck was present to ask the Board of Supervisors regarding what time she can enter and set up prior to the election on May 20th. She was told the P.C. meeting would probably be over before 7 PM on Monday, May 19, 2025.

Major Expenditures since the April 8th meeting through May 12, 2025

Teamster's 261 Employers – health insurance May 2025	\$7,575.20
Dillion, McCandless, King, Coulter, and Graham -April legal	\$5,916.19
Bonus Accounting - Annual audit	\$5,500.00
Butler County Assessment Office – local tax processing	\$1,789.36

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 – 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.: Lois Fennell Sec/Treas. Trainee 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.

The Tax Office will be closed May 24th through June 9th.

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.butlerrunitedway.org/butler-county-emergency-relief-initiative-beri>

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.

Don't miss your chance to make some home improvements before the cold weather hits!

 **Call, Stop-in, or Email:**
Redevelopment Authority of Butler
114 Woody Drive □ Butler, PA 16001
724.287.6797/1.800.433.6327/TDD: 1.800.545.1833 x772

 **www.housingauthority.com**