



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

JULY 2025

NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Foreman's Report

John Cypher read the report as follows:

- Flagging services were provided to Holbein Inc. during the Mill and Fill project for Janice Lane, Frazier Road and West Jefferson Road.
- A fallen tree on Hannahstown Road was removed after hours on June 26th
- A fallen tree on Becker Road was removed on July 8th
- PA One Calls were responded to by Gerry Geibel and Leo Rosenbauer as needed.
- Boom mowing is still in progress.
- Park mowing and weed eating was finished July 9, 2025.
- Crack sealing of West Jefferson Road prior to chip sealing is to be determined.
- Attempts have been made to schedule repair of the side deck mower from LandPro or West Central (multiple error messages). Gerry Geibel noticed a missing cap and has ordered it to see if that's causing the error messages.
- Office and Garage mowing is underway.
- The road crew replaced the blades on the zero turn.

Recreation Committee

RECREATION BOARD REPORT: Recreation Committee met on Wed., July 2, 2025

BASEBALL (Knoch Youth Baseball) ASSN.: Josh Harbison and Justin Thompson-absent no report.

www.knochyouthbaseball.com

POOL ASSN.:

- The pool opened on June 17th after some weather and water readiness delays.
- Due to a mechanical failure of the pump the kids zone water features will not be operational this year. They will be repaired as part of the pool renovations.
- Closing Day is scheduled for August 18th with the renovation project possibly beginning the following day.

www.sebcopool.com

SOFTBALL ASSN:

- In-house league season is wrapping up.
- 8U tournament was successful.
- Next tournament is scheduled for August 15th through 17th.
- Fall ball is scheduled again for this year, signups are scheduled in August. Check website for updated details.
- Jim complimented the Township crew for the work they have done this year to keep the park looking nice and everything mowed.

www.sagsa.org

SOCCER ASSN:

- Fall registration is now open: Travel teams close on July 20th, In-house teams close on August 3rd.
- Practices expected to begin on August 25th
- Season games to begin on September 9th.

www.knochsoccer.org.

PARK PROJECTS:

Jim asked if there were plans to reinstall the bollards near the bathrooms at the softball/baseball location. He noted that some people are parking there and are getting parked-in (stuck) during games/practices. He said there seems to be some general confusion with the public if this is a “drive through path” now, or not.

Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer reported on the June 16, 2025 P.C. meeting.

The P.C is recommending the Supervisors re-approval of the Jones/Shaw/Benzinger Plan that was not recorded at the Butler County Courthouse in a timely manner. The Supervisors voted to re-approve the Jones/Shaw/Benzinger Plan as previously approved.

Leo Rosenbauer recommended approval for a Lot Line Revision for the Estate of Thomas M. Ferraro was submitted by Graff Surveying. P.C members reviewed the revisions listed in the HRG review letter dated June 13, 2025. The P.C. voted to approve the Estate of Thomas M Ferraro Lot Line Revision contingent on: 1) a non- building waiver form for revised Parcel B: 2) the Pole Width for Revised Lot #1 with a minimum of 20 feet to be added to the plan: 3) the Arc Length of 72.33 ft being corrected 4) the owner to apply for a walk around for Revised Lot #1. The Supervisors voted to approve the Estate of Thomas M Ferraro Lot Line Revision contingent on 1) a non- building waiver form for Parcel B, and 2) the septic is working properly with a walk around inspection. For revised Lot#1.

Christopher Stotish submitted a Modification Request Form on behalf of his grandfather, Thomas S. Stotish Sr. for 700 Freeport Road. At the December 16, 2024 meeting the P.C. requested an alternative plan that would not require a modification, Christopher Stotish agreed to consider the alternative and the Modification Request was tabled as no resubmission has been presented to date. The P.C. voted to deny the Modification Request at their June 16, 2025 meeting. The Supervisors voted to deny the modification request.

July 14, 2025 Unfinished Business and Old Business

Markus property pin issue- Supervisor Beblo still has not received a response to date.

The Supervisors voted to adopt Part 19 of Chapter 22 addition of solar energy regulations and Adoption of revision of Part 18 of Chapter 22 administration and enforcement via. Ordinance #547 as advertised.

The seal coat Bids were awarded last month. In order to add the project to the pavers schedule, The Manager approved Holbein, Inc. for the mill and fill patch project in the sum of \$21,565.00 which was the lowest quote out of 3 obtained. This work needed to be completed before Russell Standard performs the seal coat project. This amount is still within the 2025 road budget.

July 14, 2025 New Business

The Supervisors voted to authorize attendance (at one or the other or both) and payment of \$125.00 registration (for each day per attendee) plus mileage reimbursement for township officials (usually Supervisors, Sec/Treas. & Asst., Manager) for PSATS Northwest/Erie County – Fall Convention on Aug 6, 2025; or Southwest Cranberry on October 29, 2025.

Chairman John Cypher attended and reported tonight on the EMS meeting held July 9th in Clinton Township along with multiple municipalities. The next meeting is scheduled for August 13th.

The Board of Supervisors voted on the allocation of Impact Fee that was received 6/26/25 for the total of \$113,538.88. Resolution #548 Supplemental Budget needs to be adopted for the difference of \$13,538.88.

The Board of Supervisors voted to accept the Support Letter for Summit Township Grant Application for Bonnie Brook Road.

The Board of Supervisors voted to accept and send the resignation of road crew employee Brian Turner as of June 26, 2025 and road foreman William Foertsch on June 27, 2025.

Two of the Supervisors decided to approve a written submission from Chris Durham requesting a nine (9) month extension of his Modification for 737 Freeport Road, Butler, PA. 16002 as granted on July 14, 2024. Chairman John Cypher abstained from voting due to Familial relation to prior owner Chris Durham. John Cypher was to complete an abstention memorandum.

The Board of Supervisors voted to NOT award the contract for the SEBCO Pool Renovation Project: the solo bid for the general project is particularly higher than anticipated and therefore recommend as per correspondence received July 7, 2025 from our Township Engineer to Mr. Lance Welliver of the Butler County Parks and Recreation Department. HRG Inc. was to notify Mr. Welliver of the Boards decision.

Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – July 14, 2025

Mrs. Evie Gross was present and spoke to the Board of Supervisors regarding her concerns with people not stopping at the stop sign at the intersection of Bonnie Brook Road and Great Belt Road she and would like the Township to consider a blinking stop sign at that intersection.

Mr. Bob Veselich was present and made a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors consider putting a mobile speed limit sign that flashes.

Mr. Alexander Lefever was present and had a building setback question regarding his shed. It was recommended that he apply for a Modification for the August P.C. meeting.

The Supervisors voted to allocate part of the 2025 CDBG funds for handicap accessible walkways to the Park restrooms and the balance to housing rehab.

Supervisor Rankin discussed the new requirement for CDL supervisor/manager training that she had read on PSATS and wanted to confirm that someone had completed the training by July 26, and a certificate was received as well. The Supervisors voted for a supervisor or manager to attend the training if need be.

Major Expenditures since the June 9th meeting through July 14, 2025

Code Sys Code- building permit inspection per PAUCC	\$3,525.34
Glassmere Fuel Service- regular gas and diesel	\$2,358.99
Vogel Disposal- garbage removal for park and township building	\$955.83
HRG Engineering- Engineering fee's	\$751.30

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 Harbison (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: jefftwpbutlerpa@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.

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-beri>

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:

Redevelopment Authority County of Butler

114 Woody Drive □ Butler, PA 16001

724.287.6797/1.800.433.6327/TDD: 1.800.545.1833 x772



www.housingauthority.com