



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Foreman's Report

Ford Stepp read the report as follows:

- Winter maintenance, approximately 272 tons of salt was used for the month of February.
- Road crew has been maintaining equipment, street signs and keeping catch basin grates clear.
- Fuel was ordered as needed.
- Delivered Zero-turn for maintenance (will not start when the engine is hot).
- Removing the corner of the parking lot at the softball parking area to reduce confusion and create more parking is in progress.
- Expanded the length of soccer's southern parking lot by adding 18 retaining blocks to the existing retaining wall. Added approximately 100 tons of stone to the entire parking area to fill potholes and soft spots.
- Pick-up branches etc. at the park was started.
- Park Gates were opened March 2, 2026.

Recreation Committee

The Recreation Board met on Wed., March 4, 2026.

BASEBALL ASSN.: www.knochyouthbaseball.com Josh Harbison – Justin Thompson – Absent – No report

POOL ASSN.: www.sebcopool.com

- The pool will not open this year due to pending renovations.
- Coordination for reconstruction will happen on an as needed basis.
- Do they need to keep the electric turned on? – Leo to check
- 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.)
- The Park Committee would also like to be notified in advance of any possible parking lot disruptions when the renovation is occurring – Leo to check

SOFTBALL ASSN.: www.sagsa.org

- Season Registration is closed.
- 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.

SOCCER ASSN.: www.knochsoccer.org I

- Soccer treasurer to pay the outstanding Vogel service invoice – Leo to resend
- Registration for In-House closes March 8th; Travel registration is closed.
- March 21st is field clean-up and prep day
- Practices begin the week of March 23rd
- Games begin the weekend of April 11th

PARK PROJECTS:

- Leo shared updates regarding the vaulted restrooms (Fans being replaced in the Baseball/Softball building) & presented maintenance agreements with Soccer/Baseball & Softball Associations, to come to an agreed cost and timeline.
- It was suggested that the associations pay 80% of the supplies, pumping services, and cleaning services and the township pay 20% of these costs.
- It was noted that associations may service the buildings more frequently than the Township's agreed schedule, at the association's discretion and expense, while still using Township-provided supplies at the shared percentage of costs.
- It was suggested to try to get other bids on the cleaning service to have options in pricing, within the next week.
- It was agreed to use the Township suggested cleaning service in 2026 once per month, on the 1st of every month, starting in April and ending in November in the event a more economic service company can be found.
- Leo asked the associations to share their game schedules with the Township.

Planning Commission

The manager, Leo Rosenbauer, reported on the Feb.16, 2026, Planning Commission meeting. A Revised Toth Subdivision Plan No. was received. P.C. members reviewed the letter received from the Township engineer, HRG, Inc., dated February 6, 2026. The P.C. discussed a proposed modification request for an existing barn located within the proposed 50-foot building line setback (Ordinance 22-904-2.B, setback requirements) from the proposed 50-foot Private Street right-of-way (Ordinance 22-903-14, private street requirements). The Supervisors voted to approve the modification request. The supervisors voted to accept the Toth Subdivision Plan No. 2 as drawn.

The P.C. members voted to table the Benzinger Solar Land Development until the Township receives revisions to their plan from CVE USPA for review.

Leo Rosenbauer recommends that the Board of Supervisors accepts Time Extension #3 for the Wain Landscaping Land Development. The Board of Supervisors voted and accepted Time Extension #3.

P.C. members discussed the Wiefeling Subdivision. The P.C. members voted to accept Lot 2 non-building waiver for the proposed subdivision. P.C. members voted to table the subdivision plan until the items in the HRG letter dated February 5, 2026 are addressed.

P.C. members had a discussion regarding a possible subdivision for Joseph Trempus. Mr. Trempus owns ±45 acres of land with an approximate 20-foot right-of-way off Tempus Lane. He would like to subdivide 1½ to 2 acres of the property for construction of a house. The P.C. discussed that if Mr. Trempus can document that a right-of-way exists from the portion of Trempus Lane located in Winfield Township to eastern side of his property, he could subdivide a lot to be located in Jefferson Township using said right-of-way as access and if Winfield Township is in agreement. The subdivision would not require conformance to Jefferson Township Ordinance 22-903-14.

March 9, 2026, Unfinished Business

The Supervisors discussed the following matters from last month.

Complaint of non-compliant setbacks for two sheds at 682 Saxonburg Road. Summary hearing - owner found guilty on both counts.

Resolution #555 setting the 2026 compensation for the township manager was on the agenda for adoption; however, the Supervisors moved to table the decision until a future time agreed upon by the Board of Supervisors.

March 9, 2026, New Business

The Supervisors voted to adopt Annual Disposition of Records Resolution #559.

The Supervisors voted to not approve reimbursement to Nadine Grabe for membership dues for Pennsylvania State Tax Collectors Association, Inc. in the amount of \$50.00.

Jeff from C. W. Howard Ins. Agency – meet with the Township Manager and Sec/Treasurer on Feb. 24th to review Commercial Ins. Policy renewal for 3-2026/3-2027 that total is \$35,966.00.

The Board of Supervisors had a discussion about the SEBCO Pool Improvement Supplement #2 and the Supervisors voted to reject it, recommends it is revised to in hourly rate for Phase I – Electrical Subconsultant.

The Board of Supervisors had a lengthy discussion about adopting a Mail Processing Policy. Chairperson Lois Rankin does not want her personal mail addressed to her opened and wants notified that she has mail here. No comment from the other two Supervisors.

The Supervisors voted not to participate in the America 250PA Local Parade.

The Supervisors talked about cleaning bid received for cleaning the restrooms units at the park and decided to accept the Bid as the season is upon us, Bob Veselich is to contact a Township resident that maybe interested as well. The Supervisors voted to accept sharing the cost of the restroom supplies at the park.

Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – March 9, 2026

No forms were submitted this evening, C.J Burns (EMS Coordinator) provides information to the Board of Supervisors about the EMS Bootcamp. He said that you can declare an emergency prior to the storm doesn't have to be during the storm.

Manager Leo Rosenbauer spoke to the Board about a notice was received from Moody and Assoc. that PennEnergy Resources is applying to DEP for permit to drill and operate an unconventional gas well in Middlesex Township (well pad location is 450 Glade Mill Rd.)

Manager Leo Rosenbauer spoke about the will Penn Dot Emergency Salt Supply program. This is an option for municipalities to get salt in the future, if need be.

Manager Leo Rosenbauer spoke to the Board about a Penn Dot Traffic Count on municipal roads notice. Alana and Frazier Roads in Jefferson Township.

The first public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) advertised by Butler County was held prior to this meeting (at 6:45 PM). CDBG Coordinator, Wendy Leslie, noted that the purpose of the hearing is to give the public an opportunity to comment on the 2026 CDBG uses. It was confirmed by the Manager, Sec/Treas., and the Board of Supervisors that no public (written or verbal) was received prior to the hearing. The 2026 Allocation has not been announced yet but is expected to be close to the 2025 Allocation of \$106,485 (\$87,700 for projects and \$18,000 for administration.) The board is to think about possible projects for use of the 2026 funds.

Major Expenditures between the Feb 10th meeting and March 9, 2026

Compass Mineral – salt	\$32,026.13
Dearborn Life – quarterly life and disability	\$961.31
Purvis Bros – gasoline and diesel	\$2,025.27
Herbert Rowlands & Grubic – engineer	\$2,137.50
Teamster's 261 Employers – health insurance	\$10,749.12
Dillion, McCandless, King, Coulter, and Graham – February legal	\$2,357.50

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 Hrbison
(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: jefftwbutlerpa2@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-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 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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