

NEWS



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER

Road Foreman's Report

Chairman Cypher read the report submitted by Road Foreman William Foertsch. Snow fence is down and stored as of March 14, 2019. Cunningham & Son's Tree Care completed the tree trimming on Alwine and Rennick Roads. The road crew have 2 trees to fall on Smith Road and then they will be done with that road's trimming. The road crew picked up and chipped all down limbs and sticks at the park and leaf removal was completed as well. A 'job well done' to the road crew!

The Ferris IS 3200 was picked up on March 15, 2019 and has worked very well at the park. Mr. Foertsch asked what the Board would like to do with the old mower. The Supervisors voted to bid it out on Municibid at a 'reserve price' to be determined by the road foreman.

All of the Township's main roads and intersections have been swept. The housing plans are scheduled for sweeping on April 10th and it should take about 3 days. The road crew completed a repair on a disintegrated concrete catch basin riser on Mushrush Rd. Thank you to the resident who called it in. The road crew is preparing to install a new drainage pipe and catch basin on Bullcreek Rd. The old concrete pipe was totally plugged and too deep in the ground. Bullcreek Rd. will be closed to through traffic on April 9th and 10th. The Cat pay loader and all trucks have been steam cleaned, washed and cabs were cleaned out. Salt spreaders will come off soon...hoping the snow and ice are done until December!

The road foreman has gone over Frazier Rd. and part of Bullcreek Rd. with the XTO representative and they marked out areas for some mill and fill base repair. The work is to be done around June 1, 2019 at no cost to Jefferson Township.

The road foreman's projected paving project for 2019 is as follows: Hannahstown Rd. "mill and fill" almost full length both sides 4 ft. wide and 5 inches deep. Caldwell, Frazier and Bullcreek (from Frazier to Mushrush) Roads with 1/2 inch scratch and level and 1+ 1/2 inches wearing surface - all Superpave. Cost estimate is \$856,410. He is hoping to get approval from XTO for contribution for bonded roads...about \$195,776.50 and hopes to use \$198,489.00 from our impact fee funds. The balance of \$471,144.50 will be from the General and State Funds 'road maintenance/construction' budgets. Chairman Cypher noted that something must be done with Hannahstown Rd. and there is no way of knowing actual prices without bidding. The Board voted to get bids, carefully noting that any or all bids may be rejected or any portion thereof.

The Supervisors voted to ratify authorization for Bill Foertsch and Austin Taylor from the road crew to attend two PA One Call classes - April 17 (am/breakfast) and April 18 (afternoon/lunch included) in New Castle. There is no registration fee.

The LTAP study on O'Hara Rd. possible guide rail was received. Section 2 and 3 are okay as is; Section 1 has about 310' of possible guide rail which could be installed. The only other option would be to move the road could cost 10 times as much. The Supervisors decided to review the report and consider what action to take at the next meeting.

Recreation Committee

Recreation Committee Chairman, Brian Patten, reported on the April 3rd. Recreation Meeting.
Baseball: www.saxonburgbaseball.com Pool: www.sebcopool.com Softball: www.sagsa.org Soccer: www.knochsoccer.org

Action Items: 1) request the Township road crew pick up the pool cover for summer storage...around April 11th and 2) request that the Township investigate repairs to the bathrooms at the upper concession stand.

Mr. Patten noted that the Softball Association will be performing some ground maintenance to the area between Fields #5 and #6 to rehabilitate the softball pitchers warm-up area. This area was previously used and they have found it necessary to resume using the area.

Misc. Business: The Recreation Committee reviewed the Revised Park Rules and Regulations and had one additional revision: to #10. Walking Trail ...add 'and Sidewalks'...'are for 'walking only'. NO bicycles.....etc. John Cypher noted that under 'Hours of Operation', October, March and April need to be removed and Mr. Patten agreed. The Supervisors voted to authorize advertisement of the Revised Parks and Regs. Ordinance as revised.

Chairman Cypher reported that the YMCA inquired about using the Ladies' Aux. Pavilion for a 'day camp' from June through August from 7 AM to 6 PM 'week days only.' The Supervisors were contacted individually for approvals; they voted this evening to ratify the YMCA's use at a reduced rate of \$60 per day and approved the installation of two (2) separate waterproof screens on the pavilion at the cost and peril of the YMCA.

Chairman Cypher noted receipt of a quote for Wain Landscaping submitted by Supervisor Rankin this evening, for installation of flowering bushes and mulch boarder around the perimeter of the gazebo. The Supervisors voted to approve the cost of \$1,720.63 for this work.

Planning Commission

Planning Secretary, Evelyn Gross, and acting chair. for the March 18, 2019 P.C. meeting, reported on their meeting. The P.C. reviewed a side set-back modification request for a proposed garage at 318 Hunter Lane. A notarized letter of permission was submitted from the neighbor. The hardship: the property 'drops off' in the back and the water well is 47' from property line, so they plan to build between the well and the line. The P.C. recommended approval. The Supervisors voted to approve the 10 ft. set-back (a 15' modification) for the proposed garage for David Snyder.

The P.C. reviewed a side set-back modification request for a proposed garage at 103 Rancindin Rd. A notarized letter of permission was submitted from the neighbor. The hardship: property drops off in the back and they must leave room between house and septic tank with sand mound for maintenance. The P.C. recommended approval. The Supervisors voted to approve the 10 ft. set-back request (a 15' modification) for the proposed garage for Angela Parisi.

The P.C. reviewed a side set-back modification request for a carport at 205 Bullcreek Rd. The hardship: the property zigzags through his father's farm and this is the only 'flat' area close to the other structures. The proposed carport will be constructed on an existing asphalt pad behind his existing garage. The P.C. recommended approval contingent upon the receipt of the notarized letter of permission from the neighbor, which has been received. The Supervisors voted to approve the 8 ft. set-back (17' modification) for the proposed carport for Bill and Mandi Foertsch.

Mr. and Mrs. "Doc" Wise from O'Hara Rd. came to talk to the P.C. about their existing barn with existing business on the ground level and a remodeled second floor, which to date has been used by family and friends for receptions and events. The upper level has two bathrooms and no kitchen. They wanted to know what they need to do to get the 'hall' (upper level) okayed as a business for public use (rental.) They were advised to first check with Code.sys Code Construction (PA Uniform Construction plan reviewers and building inspectors) to find out what they will require under the PAUCC and then contact an engineer to prepare a 'certified' drawing showing the existing improvements and needed improvements on the lot per the Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. They were given a 'land development application' and were told they would need Township approval for a land development as well as PAUCC approval (via Code.sys Code Consulting.) They were also told to contact the current sewage officer to discover if the current system is adequate for the proposed business.

The P.C. reviewed revised drawings from AT&T which indicate the 40 ft. set-back already approved at prior P.C. and Supervisor meetings. As requested by the permit officer, they voted to 'confirm' that the drawings are acceptable and that the building permit for the generator and pad can be released.

The P.C. reviewed a 'new' (revised) driveway application from Pine Run Midstream for Golden City Road access. This 'revised' driveway application for Golden City Road access has no modification request connected to it. The P.C recommended approval contingent upon the Codes Officer's review and approval,

and subsequent review and approval by the Supervisors. Danielle Sedlak did review the submitted application papers and recommended approval if they provided items listed in a note she left in the file. Scott Sweder is in the process of getting those to the Township. The Supervisors voted to approve the Pine Run Midstream driveway application for Golden City Rd. contingent upon the permit officer's final satisfactory review.

April 8, 2019 Unfinished Business

As follow-up on the resignation of the codes officer, Danielle Sedlak. Chairman Cypher reported that Supervisor Rankin talked to Clinton Bonetti from Penn Township. He helped Clinton Township during their transition. He agreed to help Jefferson Township as temporary 'permits officer' (for several months.) The Supervisors voted to ratify hiring of Clinton Bonetti until we hire someone for the position.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Spaulding and their neighbors, Ray and Judith Wise (and son) were present regarding the failed septic system on the Spaulding property. It was explained that a gas line was replaced for Wise's, then the Spaulding's system started leaching out. They both agreed that there is no dispute on the location of the property line and the septic line appears to run right on it. Mr. Spaulding would like to get an easement from the Wises for a 'small flow treatment facility' which discharges 'clean, treated water' into the stream. DEP would have to approve the permit. The Wises agreed to talk to the Spauldings about the easement.

April 8, 2019 New Business

Wendy Leslie, County CDBG Coordinator, was present for the "1st Public Hearing on the 2019 CDBG Grant Entitlement" advertised by Butler County at 6:50 P.M. this evening. She reported that the purpose of the public hearing is to take public comment on the 2019 CDBG Entitlement Funds. No calls or letters have been received. The grant for 2019 is expected to be close to that of 2018, which was \$102,944 (\$84,476 projects and \$18,468 admin.) She reminded the Supervisors that CDBG funds could be targeted again for elimination by the Federal government for 2020. She was asked to forward information on the current income guidelines and number of applicants currently on the waiting list for 'housing rehab.' At the next meeting, the Board needs to vote to designate the funds for an eligible project (if one is determined) or for housing rehab. again.

A letter was received from South Butler School District Superintendent Dr. David Foley requesting authorization to temporarily close Knoch Rd. for Commencement on Friday evening June 7 from 6:30 PM to 9 PM (or for rain Sat., June 8 from 9:30 AM to 12 Noon.) Chairman Cypher noted that we have previously authorized temporary closing for other functions/events at the school. The Supervisors voted authorize the temporary closing of Knoch Road for the '2019 Commencement' as described in the letter on the condition that the school provides traffic control and signs to notify and re-direct traffic, notifies the State Police of the temporary closing, and gets separate approval from Clinton Township for their side of Knoch Rd.

Chairman Cypher explained that the Supervisors have been discussing during executive session about losing Danielle Sedlak (as the Codes and Permit Officer) and what to do next. The Board agreed that it appears to be time to consider hiring a full-time manager. This person will basically run the township business from day to day with authority given by the Board of Supervisors by 'ordinance.' Once an ordinance is passed, which could take some time, then sufficient time is needed for training and transition of duties. The Supervisors voted to proceed in preparation of the ordinance to create the manager position. The Attorney will draft an ordinance (with options for the Board to decide on that will 'fit' this township) and which will state duties (as required by law) by the next meeting.

Public Business and Miscellaneous Business - April 8, 2019

Received NOTICE from XTO - Galan A Unit Wells 1H, 3H, 7H, and 11H on Rhodaberger Rd. in Clearfield Township.

Received NOTICE from Gateway Engineers for Penn Energy Resources - Per W44 Well 1H on

Leasureville Rd. in Winfield Township.

Received NOTICE from Moody & Associates for Penn Energy Resources regarding intention to withdraw approx. 1.5 million gallons of water per day from Thorn Creek. Evie Gross commented earlier in the meeting that this amount is unbelievable. Brief discussion at this point noted that DEP regulates such stream-water withdrawal.

Received NOTICE from Penn United Technology - application made for plan approval permit for installation of a thermal oxidizer to control VOC emissions from a proposed coating operation in the electroplating process - at 795 North Pike Rd. existing facility.

Butler County Tourism sent an invitation to the "Toast of Tourism" on Thursday, May 9th. Cost is \$40 per person. No interest indicated.

PennDOT sent an invitation to the one-hour "Community Outreach Presentation" on May 13th from 10 to 11 AM at the Cranberry Township Public Safety Training Center. No interest indicated.

A notice was received from PennDOT stating that they plan to collect traffic counts on locally owned roads within our township this year.

Lois Rankin noted this evening that she would like to be registered for the NIMS classes at Penn Township on May 2, 2019 for PSATS "Township Role in Emergency Management " & "NIMS and the Incident Command System." The Board voted last month to authorize registration and mileage for township officials wanting to attend.

Residents from the Victory Road area noted that it appears the junkyard is 'cleaning up at bit' since the last meeting.

Major Expenditures since the March 11th meeting through April 8, 2019

Cunningham & Sons Tree Care - Alwine & Rennick Roads	\$ 13,200.00
Chemung Supply Corp. - sign posts	\$ 1,872.50
Herbert, Rowland & Grubic - engineering (park master plan/March)	\$ 8,517.23
Merge & Hill, P.C. - 2018 Audit	\$ 3,350.00
Teamsters Employee Health & Welfare Fund - health ins. for June	\$ 3,334.23
Vogel Disposal Service - March fees (incl. dumpster delivery)	\$ 1,266.14

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 7:00 P.M.

Members: Leo Rosenbauer (Chair.), Danielle Sedlak, (Vice-Chair), Evelyn Gross (Secretary), Kathryn Foertsch, James Jones, Brian Noah, Robert Wetzal, Robert Williams and Dan Driscoll.

Recreation Board – 1st Wednesday at 8 P.M. Feb. to Oct. (rescheduled July's to 7/11/18) (no meetings Nov., Dec. & Jan.)

Members: Brian Patten (Chair.), Roger Cypher, Viki Nulph,
Greg Bauer (Pool), Scott Kriley (Baseball), James C. Jones (Softball), and Shane Huffman (Soccer)

Location for all meetings listed: 157 Great Belt Rd., Butler, PA 16002

Any changes are advertised and posted.

TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS

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

Office phone #724-352-2324 Fax #724-352-8850

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

TAX COLLECTOR

Nadine Grabe, 245 Heller Rd., Butler, PA 16002 - 352-3288 - Pay by mail or call for an appointment.

NEVER leave unstamped envelopes in the Tax Collector's mailbox.

The Tax Collector is NOT responsible for envelopes left there by individuals other than the Mail Carrier.

MAIL your taxes, or bring them 'in person' or put them in the 'Drop Box' in front of the house!!!!

Discount and Face hours as follows: April 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25 and 30...all
from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. **at** 245 Heller Rd., Butler, PA. Other times call for an appointment.

She will not be available the week of May 24-June 2.

⇒ **Butler County's Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collections:**

2019: Saturdays - Apr. 27, May 4, 11 and 18,
Jun. 15, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 14, Oct. 5 and 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 14

By Appointment (pre-registration required) CALL 1-866-815-0016; Location: 129 Ash Stop Rd., Evans City, PA 16033

Butler County Department of Recycling & Waste Management

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Jefferson Township Burning Ordinance

The Township Burning Ordinance limits burning of 'ordinary' (domestic) waste materials (paper, cartons, boxes, leaves, wood and other similar items) by residents to between the hours of 6 AM to 6 PM from Monday through Saturday. Items intended to be 'excluded' from burning are: sewage, all putrescible animal & vegetable matter resulting from handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food, rags, old clothes, leather, rubber, carpets, furniture, tin cans, glass, crockery, masonry, metals, chemicals, tires, shingles and petroleum products such as (but not limited to) paint, grease, oil and plastic products. PLEASE use common sense! Many items that cannot be burned can be recycled. All fires are to be completely extinguished no later than 6 P.M. PLEASE be considerate of your neighbors and do NOT permit leaves and other 'allowed' materials to be left smoldering after 6 PM.

BUSINESSES/COMMERCIAL (ALL non-residential) and MULTI-FAMILY, according to the PA Dept. of Environmental Protection, are PROHIBITED from ANY burning at ANY time.

TIRES are NEVER to be burned by ANYONE. Dumping of Tires is ILLEGAL and subject to fines.

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