



# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

**"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!**

## Road Report at April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting

Chairman Cypher read the road report. Hopefully, the last snow fall event for the spring of 2022 was on March 26 -27. The blue truck had a sensor replaced under warranty again; and it had gaskets replaced on the air intake. Grass cutting around the building started today. Another half a day is needed to remove the rest of the snow fence and post removal will be scheduled when weather allows. Broom sweeping started today and will continue when weather allows. The boom mower has been ordered. Modifications (extensions) to the thumb for the backhoe have been completed. The salt contract for 2022 and 2023 for 1300 tons has been submitted. Trucks have been pressure washed and cleaned. A new battery has been installed in the boom mower. Garage clean-up and organization has been on going. The annual road check was completed on April 7, 2022. Recommendations from the road foreman and manager will follow. The radios and mics have arrived and are working properly. A tree on Smith Road was cleaned up.

## Recreation Committee at April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting

Brian Patten, Recreation Committee Chairman, was present to report on the April 6, 2022 Recreation meeting. All but the Pool Association were able to have their 'clean-up days' last month. Due to the weather the pool association was unable to remove the cover, but plan to do this when time and weather allow and will notify the road crew to pick it up for storage. Pool: [www.sebcopool.com](http://www.sebcopool.com) Baseball: Registration for 2022 season is open now for Colt & Legion Leagues only! Season Opener/Picture Day is scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup>. Farm through Minor leagues end around June 17<sup>th</sup>. [www.saxonburgbaseball.com](http://www.saxonburgbaseball.com) Softball: Jim Jones thanked the road crew for promptly clearing the partially fallen tree near one of their fields. They are planning their annual tournament August 5 – 7 with 20-25 teams participating. [www.sagsa.org](http://www.sagsa.org) Soccer: Season opening pushed back by one week (April 9<sup>th</sup>) and the last games will be June 12<sup>th</sup>. [www.knochsoccer.org](http://www.knochsoccer.org) Old Business: They asked for an update on the park road name and numbering (request for "Doerr Park Drive"). The manager said he is still waiting for '911' response and approval. Park Projects: Cale Patten is working on the Kiosks/Signs at the two park entrances. The goal is to complete the project by late spring 2022.

Leo Rosenbauer reported: Jim Feath from HRG, Inc. will hold an informational meeting with the township officials on the feasibility study data to present time. He is getting quotes to trim the trees overhanging the walking path. The county was to submit the DCNR grant for which we applied for the pool renovations. Lois Rankin inquired, and Leo reported that he spoke with Mike Slupe (Butler County Sheriff) about the 'Can-Am Games' coming to the county in 2024 via Butler County Tourism. They are looking for two 'official' size softball fields.

## Planning Commission at April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting

Leo Rosenbauer reported on the P.C.'s review of the Liberty Point Land Development and Mr. Mat Schmidt introduced himself to the Board and summarized the following:

One modification, allowing for sidewalks on only one side of the proposed street (relief from Chap. 22-1006.4) was approved by the Supervisors at their March meeting

Two modifications were recommended for approved by the P.C. on March 21, 2022: Modification #2 requesting slopes of 2:1 instead of 3:1 along the entrance road through the wetlands (relief from Chap. 22,

Attachment 12-Exhibit #3) and Modification #3 requesting a temporary cul-de-sac at the dead-end roadway with a length of 1433.00 (approx..) for Phase I (relief from Chap 22-903).

The P.C. after further review proceeded to recommend for approval the 'preliminary land development' for Liberty Point with 12 contingencies. Leo Rosenbauer read some of these, but Attorney Marshall revised those contingencies plus added to the list for the Supervisors to consider and read them aloud.

Attorney Marshall advised that the Board consider action on the two modifications first. After considerable discussion, the Board voted. The Board voted to approve Modification #2 requesting slopes of 2:1 instead of 3:1 along the entrance road through the wetlands (relief from Chap. 22, Attachment 12-Exhibit #3). The Board voted to approve Modification #3 requesting a temporary cul-de-sac at the dead-end roadway with a length of 1433.00 (approx..) for Phase I (relief from Chap 22-903). The Board voted approve to the Preliminary Land Development for Liberty Point (Liberty Point Partners, LLC) contingent upon the fourteen (14) items read earlier by Attorney Marshall and listed here as follows:

- 1) Receipt of the approved NPDES permit.
- 2) A completed Developer's Agreement satisfactory to the Township Solicitor.
- 3) The Condominium Declaration satisfactory to the Township Solicitor.
- 4) An HOA Agreement for ownership of the stream crossing culvert satisfactory to the Township Solicitor.
- 5) Cost estimate for site improvements approved by the Township Engineer for Phase I.
- 6) Financial Security for site development (bonding) satisfactory (approved by) to the Township.
- 7) Recording of Stormwater Management Operations and Maintenance Agreement satisfactory to the Township.
- 8) Serviceability letter from Pennsylvania American Water for all proposed units.
- 9) Recording Agreement for connection to Stoneybrook Plan, in a form satisfactory to the Township for Phase 2.
- 10) Bonding amounts to be approved by the Township Engineer and to include escalation clause to cover construction costs (bonding.)
- 11) Deeded rights-of-way for all proposed public streets.
- 12) Applicant shall comply with comments in the HRG review letter dated March 17, 2022.
- 13) Performance Bond per "phase".
- 14) Applicant shall comply with all conditions of the Planning Commission recommendation for approval of the Application.

A modification request for a second driveway was submitted at 141 Keck Rd. The lot is narrow (100 ft. frontage) and over 700 ft. in length and he would like to build a garage behind the house, but he cannot get access to the rear of the property except on the left side of the house. (The existing driveway to the existing attached garage is on the right side of the house.) Discussion included the following: well and septic location; stormwater; width of the driveway; site distance; and 'signature' from the neighbor on the left. It was noted that it cannot be further divided (as long as it is well/septic) and no electric is indicated for the proposed garage building permit application. The P.C. voted to recommend approval of the modification for a second driveway as requested by Raymond Voller with four (4) contingencies: 1) water well and septic location must be indicated on the drawing; the maximum width of the driveway to be installed is 10 ft. with a 5 ft. radii; 3) site distance for the proposed driveway is adequate and the existing driveway does not appear to meet sight distance requirements; and 4) the neighbor on the left must sign approval. The Supervisors reviewed the application this evening (4-11-22) and after some discussion, voted to approve the modification for a second driveway as requested by Raymond Voller with the same four contingencies (listed above.)

### **April 11, 2022 Unfinished Business**

Lois Rankin inquired, and the manager noted that the mower was ordered and is available, but the boom mower attachment requires fabrication. It will be a while before it is ready for delivery.

## April 11, 2022 New Business

The Board voted to adopt Resolution #490 setting the compensation (retroactive to hiring of and to current year) of the Township Manager, Leo J. Rosenbauer.

The Board voted to authorize signing of the agreement with the County of Butler for the professional design services for the restroom renovations for the CDBG grant which was subcontracted by Widmer Engineering.

The Supervisors decided to table any action to designate 2022 CDBG funding.

## Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – April 11, 2022

Chairman John Cypher noted that the Supervisors went with the road foreman on a road check on April 7, 2022 from about 8 AM to approx. 11 AM. Recommendations from the foreman and the manager will follow. The CDBG Public Hearing was held just prior to this meeting (at 6:45 P.M.)

The allocation for 2022 CDBG has not been announced yet but should be roughly the same as in 2021. The County CDBG Coordinator reported: 2018 Admin. funds left \$2,881.02 (after reimbursement of current HRG invoice presented this evening). All of the 2019 Admin. Funds (\$18,128.00) plus the 2020 Admin. Funds (\$19,373.00) and the 2021 Admin. Funds (\$19,659.00). Some of these funds will be used for the design of the restroom renovations. The remaining project (activity) funds are: 2019 \$9,925.46 (housing rehab.); 2020 \$88,640.00 (designated for the park restroom project) and 2021 \$89,924.00 (housing rehab.) There is also remaining 2020-COVID Admin. of \$7,023.23 and COVID Activity Funds of \$53,130.00 (designated for housing rehab.) The manager asked about funding uses for qualified low to moderate income households. The hearing lasted until approximately 6:55 PM.

Monica Rummel, the Jefferson Township representative to the South Butler Community Library, offered a thank you to Jefferson Township for their support of the library. She noted that they are planning to repave the parking lot adding a few more spaces. They are planning an ‘in-person’ children’s’ program this summer. They will have an 18-hole mini golf installed in the library for a fund raiser on Fri., April 22<sup>nd</sup> (cost is \$25, includes food and one alcoholic beverage if desired) and the ‘kids’ event is Sat. April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10 to 4 (cost is \$5). They are in need of two personnel with computer skills. Go to their website to find out more - [www.southbutlerlibrary.org](http://www.southbutlerlibrary.org) .

Bill Broman was present regarding a list of comments submitted after the last meeting. John Cypher said he appreciates Mr. Broman’s comments and offered the following responses: #1 The Township has considered and determined that Jefferson Township’s office hours are flexible, appointments can be made for off hours/times, and many townships in Butler County have fewer weekly hours. #2 Completion of building permits is the responsibility of the applicant/homeowner. The ‘completion fee’ is hoped to be an impetus for them to call for the final inspection (and Occupancy Certificate, if applicable.) #3 The Supervisors and Manager have agreed that ‘the manager’ is an at-will employee, therefore no contract. Ord. #433 was adopted creating the position of manager, and it is true that the fee resolution was missed. Resolution #490 is planned for adoption this evening correcting that.

The manager said there is a ‘Celebration Parade of Life’ being planned for April 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3 P.M. for Harold Foertsch. The family hopes to have three or more tractors travel several roads in the Township. No roads will be closed. The Supervisors had no objection.

The manager mentioned that the prior dog officer, Dennis Sybert, may be willing to come back. The Board agreed to put this on the May 9, 2022 agenda.

### Major Expenditures since the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting through April 11, 2022

Stephenson’s Tree & Landscaping – trimming at park	\$1,210.00
Teamsters #261 & Employer (Health Insurance) – May 2022	\$4,738.14
County of Butler Assessment – 2022 local tax processing	\$2,344.23
Vogel Disposal Service -park trash pick-up	\$1,177.88
Herbert, Rowland, & Grubic, Inc. – engineering reviews	\$6,112.50
Air-Vac, Inc. – polyflex	\$6,055.00
Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham – legal March 2022	\$2,156.50
Herbert, Rowland, & Grubic, Inc. – SEBCO pool study (Feb-Mar.)	\$9,403.25
Lauttamus Communications – radios/programming, etc.	\$1,419.48

Bills paid, cont.:

Merge & Hill, P.C. – 2021 Audit	\$3,250.00
Old Dominion Brush Co. – poly wafer	\$1,367.94
Purvis Brothers, Inc. – diesel & gas	\$2,525.06

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

#### **Board of Supervisors – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. (except Jan.)**

L. John Cypher, Chairman      Lois Rankin, Vice-Chair.      Braden Beblo, Supervisor

#### **Planning Commission – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7:00 P.M.**

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

#### **Recreation Board – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 8 P.M. Feb. to Oct.** (No meetings Nov., Dec. & Jan.)

Members: Brian Patten (Chair.), Roger Cypher, Kristi Wise, Greg Bauer (Pool), Scott Kriley (Baseball), James C. Jones (Softball), and Chris Tully (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

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

ANY QUESTIONS: email or call: [jefftwpbutlerpa@zoominternet.net](mailto: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

**TAX DISCOUNT HOURS:** April 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 hours are 4:30 - 7:30 PM

OR Pay By Mail or call for an appointment. Never leave unstamped envelopes in the Tax Collector's personal mailbox. There is a secure payment drop box located on the porch.

## 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.

⇒ **NEED HELP during COVID19:** 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>





## 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 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.**



## PA AMERICAN WATER – 'WaterSource'

LIHWAP – Low Income Household Water Assistance Program – contact [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://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).



## DON Housing Department

USDA Access & Rehabilitation Program for Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Lawrence, Mercer & Westmoreland Counties.

This grant provides needed repairs and renovations for homeowners with very low to low income whose primary residences are located in a USDA eligible area. Funds awarded through an application process on a first come, first served basis. To find out more, go to [www.doninc.org/HPP](http://www.doninc.org/HPP) or phone 724-652-5144 (for hearing impaired TTY/VP: 724-652-5152). *The Township has NO involvement in the grants or processing of the applications!*



**NOTICE:** First Energy will be trimming vegetation during May and June and then applying 'herbicide' on certain properties from June to Sept. 2022. The First Energy representative has indicated that affected property owners have received notice directly from First Energy.

**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](http://www.housingauthority.com)


