

NEWS



# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER

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

## Road Foreman's Report

Chairman Cypher read the road report submitted. The second berm-mowing has been completed. There were several 'call outs' for trees down (storms on June 19, July 7, & July 11.)

Bonniebrook driveway adjustments haven been completed. Bonniebrook shoulder backup is scheduled for the last week in July. Road will be closed in sections; work is being done in conjunction with the Summit Township Road Department. There have been many complaints from residents and the road crew about speeders and over-weight vehicles on Bonniebrook Rd. and cars passing on a double yellow line in a work zone while road work was in progress!

The 99 International passed inspection this summer, however, it will NOT pass in July 2022. The frame rails are separating and the rear cab mounts are rusting out, according to Dinnerbell Garage. There is an urgency to plan for replacement (cost of at least \$200,000). This truck is 23 years old and is one of our 3 main plow trucks. The 2015 Ford F550 needs be taken to Keystone Spring for rear broken springs on each side and to replace damage wheel studs on the front right wheel. The 2019 Ford F550 will need taken to Super City in Somerset to get the new tailgate fitted. The road foremen reported this evening that the JD boom mower was just serviced and now the water pump needs replaced.

There is a water issue along O'Hara Road. Landowners, township manager and road foremen are working on a plan of action. There is also a drainage issue along Hannahstown Rd. on which they are contemplating a plan of action. They will look at possible drainage issue on Whitaker Rd.

The road crew will be assisting with the removal of two (2) trees along Becker Rd. on July 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>; the road will be closed in the morning for the work to be done.

The road foreman, manager, and LTAP representative will be meeting on July 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 AM at the township to get information on a new product called "reclamite", which is supposed to help preserve hot and warm mix asphalt. Supervisors are invited to attend if they desire.

Park maintenance is continuing as needed.

## Recreation Committee

Brian Patten reported on the July 7, 2021 Recreation meeting. BASEBALL season is over for the younger groups; Pony and Colt teams are still playing. Some tournaments are coming up. Fall Ball registration is open and proposed season dates are Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> through the end of October.

[www.saxonburgbaseball.com](http://www.saxonburgbaseball.com) POOL memberships are up this year and business has been good. SEBCO will be hosing the 8U Swim Club Championships on July 10<sup>th</sup> from 8 to 10 AM. [www.sebcopool.com](http://www.sebcopool.com) SOFTBALL's regular season is over. 14U and 18U playoffs are week of July 12<sup>th</sup>. They are planning to host a summer tournament, August 6 – 8; they expect 20 to 22 teams to participate. Fall Ball registration will open after the tournaments (Ages 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, and 19U) [www.sagsa.org](http://www.sagsa.org) SOCCER's Fall registration is open. They will be holding a day camp for U10 and older players August 2<sup>nd</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup>. [www.knochsoccer.org](http://www.knochsoccer.org) One Action Item: Soccer wants to repaint the bollards at the soccer field entrance. The Township Road Dept. does not have any paint left (safety yellow), but Soccer could buy a gallon for about \$50. It was understood they will have volunteers do the painting.

## Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer (Planning Chairman) reported on the June 21, 2021 P.C. meeting.

The P.C. reviewed the Marlen Lang Subdivision on Bonniebrook Rd. The property is partly in Summit Township. The Township received the application, drawings, septic walk-around report from the SEO, the Butler County review letter, a non-building waiver form (signed by the owner and the SEO) and a modification request. Lot 1 with the house will be 2.77 acres. The residual (on both sides of Sheetz) will be 43.06 acres (190-1F153-13 originally 45.83 acres less Lot 1 of 2.77). Chairman Rosenbauer suggested four (4) contingencies: 1) water well location needs to be indicated on the plan; 2) submission of a letter of waiver for requirements in Chapter 5 and 7 of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance for a minor subdivision (which includes topography, wetlands, streams, etc.); 3) the Stormwater Clause needs to be inserted onto the plan; and 4) deletion the items 'removed' since the drawing preparation by Graff Surveying (such as the arena and fencing). The P.C. voted to approve the modification request for the drawing scale to be less than 1" = 100 ft. and then voted to approve the Marlen Lang Subdivision with the 4 contingencies listed. The Supervisors viewed the plan on July 12, 2021 and voted to approve the drawing scale modification, then voted to approve the Marlen Lang Subdivision as presented (with contingencies met).

The P.C. reviewed the J. Hutterer Lot-Line Revision on Jones Rd. The Township received the application, drawing, the Butler County review letter, and a DEP Planning Module. Lot 1 will be 1.51 acre (190-1F155-27A originally 4.03 acres plus 1F155-10BA of .21 acre less Tract A of 2.73 acres.) Lot 2 will be 3.72 acres (1F155-27B of .99 acre plus Tract A of 2.73 acres). The P.C. voted to approve the DEP module subject to final review the manager and the SEO and then voted to approve the J. Hutterer Lot-Line Revision contingent upon submission of a letter of waiver for requirements in Chapter 5 and 7 of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance for a minor subdivision (which includes topography, wetlands, streams, etc.) The Supervisors reviewed the plan on July 12, 2021 and voted to approve the J. Hutterer Lot-Line Revision contingent upon satisfactory review of the DEP module by the manager and the SEO (and approval by DEP.)

The P.C. reviewed the Floyd W. & Pearl E. Lauer Lot-Line Revision on Trempus Lane. The Township received the application, drawing, and the Butler County review letter. Lot 1(190-1F96-16 originally 0.903 acre plus Parcel A of 1.202 acre) will be 2.13 acres. Lot 2 (190-1F96-19 originally 4.310 acres less Parcel A of 1.202 acre) will be 3.108 acres. Chairman Rosenbauer suggested two (2) contingencies: 1) submission of a letter of waiver for requirements in Chapter 5 and 7 of the Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance for a minor subdivision (which includes topography, wetlands, streams, etc.) and 2) a notation on both Lots 1 and 2 stating they cannot be subdivided. The P.C. voted to approve the Floyd W. & Pearl E. Lauer Lot-Line Revision with the 2 contingencies. The Supervisors reviewed the plan on July 12, 2021 and voted to approve the Floyd W. & Pearl E. Lauer Lot-Line Revision as presented (contingencies met.)

The P.C. reviewed the Robert Pettigrew modification request on Fisher Rd. He originally proposed to build a shed only 10 ft from the rear property line (a 15' modification). A notarized letter of permission was submitted from the neighbor Marilyn Simmons. As suggested, the P.C. voted to approve a 15 ft. set-back (a 10' modification) which should keep the shed off the leach field. Mr. Pettigrew agreed to the 15 ft. set-back following a brief discussion. The Supervisors reviewed the modification request on July 12, 2021 and voted to approve a 15 ft. set-back (a 10 ft. modification) for Robert Pettigrew at 308 Fisher Rd.

The P.C. reviewed the Mitchell Thrower modification request at his property on Saxonburg Rd. He does not live at the house which was converted into 3 apartments (sometime between 1972 and today) so it must be deemed 'commercial' and a land development should be submitted. He proposes to build a 30' x 40' pole building with a side set-back of 25 feet (should be 40 ft. for commercial.) Chairman Rosenbauer noted that he has 3 adjacent odd-shaped lots and there is not a full, clear picture of what is going on. There was more discussion on the requirements for 'commercial' under the PA Uniform Construction Code. The P.C. voted to deny the Mitchell Thrower modification request as presented and the proposed incomplete lot-line revision. There was significant discussion at the July 12, 2012 meeting. Mr. Rosenbauer noted that Mr. Thrower needs to consider: 1) combining the lots; 2) submitting a formal land development; and 3) *then* submit a set-back modification request. The Supervisors voted to deny the Mitchel Thrower modification as requested and the proposed incomplete lot-line revision.

Lloyd and Luke Brewer were present to discuss with the P.C. a possible subdivision of the Neupert Road property. A hand sketch from the Township's SEO was reviewed along with a print from county mapping showing the property. They *proposed* a 50 ft. right-of-way with a cul-de-sac for four (4) lots, however, the P.C. members explained that 4 lots would kick in a 'public road' requirement. Chairman

Rosenbauer presented a possible scenario with 3 lots (one owned by a neighbor, plus two additional lots on the proposed private lane.) The private lane would need to be built to township specs short of paving and will NOT become a public (adopted) road. Lloyd Brewer said his two lots would be roughly 12 acres each and one will be a 'non-building' lot. The original house will be divided on a separate lot which will have its own frontage (cannot have use of the private road) and this lot will not be able to be subdivided. Discussion included: One parcel must own the driveway; they must have a recorded maintenance agreement; and they must have a recorded Operations and Maintenance Agreement for the stormwater. The Brewers will contact their surveyor to begin the process. No action for the Supervisors to take this evening.

P.C. Chairman Rosenbauer reported to the P.C. that Kevin Miller presented a 'letter of withdrawal' of the Stoneybrook Phase II Land Development in lieu of a time extension to avoid having the Supervisors vote to deny the plan as recommended by the P.C. and accepted by the Supervisors on 6/14/21.

P.C. Chairman Rosenbauer showed the P.C. a sketch for property owned by Mr. Rennick near the corner of Great Belt and Bonniebrook Roads. He requested an address for Lot C, which has 125' frontage, but also asked if he could use his brother's driveway (the pole of flag lot -Parcel B). The P.C. agreed that he must have his own driveway onto Great Belt Rd.

P.C. Chairman Rosenbauer asked for comments as to whether to require a 'fee' submission for modifications. The P.C. members had mixed opinions. John Cypher said we need to look at the entire fee resolution for possible revisions besides the proposed fee for modification applications. Evie Gross suggested looking at the ordinances in regard to site distance and road access.

### **July 12, 2021 Unfinished Business**

Jefferson Township owes Summit Township \$389,808.98 for the binder course and inlet adjustment + rebuilding on Bonniebrook Rd. (Multimodal Grant project). Manager Rosenbauer reported a 675.94-ton overage. The Supervisors voted to authorize payment subject to final review and correction some drainage issues by the contractor.

Only one RFP (request for proposal) was received. It was from HRG, Inc. for \$32,425.00. This would be paid from CDBG Admin. Funds from prior years. The Supervisors voted to award the contract to HRG, Inc. contingent upon proper rating/review to satisfy CDBG criteria.

An email was received from Wendy Leslie, Butler Co. CDBG Coordinator, regarding the COVID-19 CDBG funds. There have been NO qualified 'rent/mortgage/utility assistance' applicants, so we need to think about reallocating, but uses are very restrictive and must be used 'to respond to, to prevent, and/or to prepare for COVID-19.'

### **July 12, 2021 New Business**

The Act 13 Impact Fee Distribution of \$113,561.84 was received. It is \$13,561.84 more than budgeted for 2021. Also, we received the first half of the American Rescue Plan Allocation (ARPA) of \$274,338.00. A Supplemental Budget Resolution (#471) needs to be adopted for these 'additional funds' for possible use in 2021. The Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #471.

Manager Rosenbauer reported that since fuel prices have increased in the last year (up \$.75 cents for diesel and \$.975 for e-gas), we should consider 'bidding' fuel out for the next year. The Supervisors voted to authorize advertisement of diesel fuel, regular gasoline and no-ethanol gas. Bids to be opened at the Aug. 9, 2021 meeting.

The PSATS Centennial Celebration Dinner is Thurs., Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> and the Business Meeting is Friday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. Registration begins on Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lois Rankin is interested in attending. The Supervisors voted to authorize Lois Rankin to attend (and pay the usual expenses such as registration, mileage, meals, etc.) and voted to appoint her as voting member for Jefferson Township.

Senate Bill 554 (Act 65 of 2021) was approved and becomes effective Sunday, August 29, 2021. It requires posting of the 'agenda' 24 hours in advance of a public meeting ...other regs apply, such as posting on the door and website, and when/if items can be added to the agenda after posting.

## Miscellaneous Business – July 12, 2021

Notice was received from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. that PennEnergy Resources is applying to DEP for coverage for a Permit to Drill & Operate an Unconventional Well (W76) located off Ekastown Rd. in Buffalo Township.

An update was received from the South Butler Community Library on summer activities and a summary of their Trustees virtual meeting on 6/9/21. They also sent a request for an item or a basket for this year's Booktoberfest (needed July 23<sup>rd</sup>) (or a donation.) Lois Rankin agreed to do a basket to donate, as was done in 2018 and 2019. The Supervisors voted to reimburse Lois Rankin for costs (up to \$50.00 for the basket.) For more information go to: [www.southbutlerlibrary.org](http://www.southbutlerlibrary.org)

### Major Expenditures since the June 14th meeting through July 12, 2021

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| General Code, LLC – codification of ordinances & resolutions | \$1,860.00 |
| Stephenson Equipment – repairs to boom mower                 | \$1,905.98 |
| Teamsters #261 & Employee Benefits – Sept. premium           | \$5,849.56 |

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**E-Code 360 is up and running, so you can now view township ordinances via our website:**  
[www.jeffersonbutler.com](http://www.jeffersonbutler.com) – under “home” click ‘find out more’.

### 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.), Evelyn Gross (Secretary), Kathryn Foertsch, James Jones, Brian Noah (Vice-Chair.), Martha Fleming, Robert Williams, Dan Driscoll, and Bernie Shulik. Alternate member: Robert Wetzel.

#### **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 (Soccer – to be determined)

*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

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 ↓↓

⇒ **Butler County's Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collections - 2021 Saturdays - Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 13, and Dec. 18.**

**By Appointment Only (pre-registration required)**

**CALL 1-866-815-0016** Location: 129 Ash Stop Rd., Evans City, PA 16033

Butler County Department of Recycling & Waste Management

Sheryl Kelly, Environmental Specialist, Recycling & Waste Mgt. Coordinator (PROP-Certified Recycling Professional)

124 West Diamond St. PO Box 1208, Butler, PA 16003 Phone 724.284.5305

Email [skelly@co.butler.pa.us](mailto:skelly@co.butler.pa.us)

Web Site [www.recyclebutler.us](http://www.recyclebutler.us)

A copy of the 2021 “Hard to Recycle Guide” provided annually by Butler County, can be found on the Township website.

⇒ **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 also not legal for property owners to place any storm/rain/wind debris from their property along the township road rights-of-way.

⇒ **THIS SEASON, when MOWING** your grass, PLEASE do not allow the cut grass to accumulate on the roadway. It is a safety issue - especially if the grass becomes wet. It could cause a vehicle to lose traction and 'you' could be held responsible.

⇒ **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.**

**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



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