



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER

THIS SUMMER, 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.

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.

Road Foreman's Report

Chairman Cypher read the report submitted by Road Foreman William Foertsch. Under-drain on Great Belt Rd. was installed to correct a wet spot (due to all the wet weather.) The road crew lost about 8 work days cleaning up after the storms and heavy rain. The road crew wants to know what the Township's responsibility is during clean up after these storms because a few residents were very upset that the road crew did not go onto their private property to clean up; and asked that a notice be placed in the newsletter. Chairman Cypher said the Township's responsibility is to clear and protect the Township rights-of-way and it is NOT authorized (nor would the Board order) to clean-up any private property, with the exception for 9-1-1 Emergency access. It also not legal for property owners to place any debris along the township road rights-of-way. A notice will be placed in the newsletter!

XTO has finished base repairs to Bullcreek and Frazier Roads. We received about 700 ton of millings. The 2019 paving project is projected to proceed in the month of July.

Alwine Road will be closed on June 10, 11 and 12 for 2 'smaller' cross pipes and catch basin replacement. Squash pipe and two other 'larger' pipes (48" and 36") are to be done in July. The road crew needs either a rental excavator and attachments (cost for 2 weeks is \$7,678 or 1 month is \$10,648 depending on weather and availability) OR hire an outside contractor with operator, machine and attachments for \$140 per hour (estimated 56 hours to complete the 3 crossings will cost \$7,840.) The Supervisors voted to proceed to hire an independent contractor.

The O'Hara Road guide rail quotes came in, but the road foreman has a few things to clarify before he reports...he should have all the information for the July meeting.

John Cypher thanked the road crew for everything they have done during the stormy wet weather!

Recreation Committee

Recreation Committee Chairman, Brian Patten, reported on the May 1, 2019 Recreation Meeting.
Action Items: The Recreation Board asked that the set of bleachers for the Pony Baseball Field (in storage at the township) be delivered to the empty concrete pad at the field by the road crew by Friday, June 14th. They plan to have volunteers gather to help with the assembly on Sat., June 15th at 5:00 P.M. They plan to continue

to review the bathrooms at the baseball upper concession stand as needed. New fixtures are being considered. They asked that the road crew investigate the large broken branch hanging over the fence & walking trail at Field #5. Chairman Cypher said the road foreman will get a price for someone to climb and trim...due to the space being too tight and the ground too wet for equipment to be pulled in there.

Baseball: Tournaments 9U July 5 - 8; 10U and 11U June 27-30. www.saxonburgbaseball.com

Pool: Pool will open at 12 noon daily beginning June 10th. www.sebcopool.com

Softball: They are considering a younger age tournament around the end of June and an 18/19U tournament mid-July...no definite dates yet. www.sagsa.org Soccer: No new business. www.knochsoccer.org

John Cypher said that due to the 60 kids attending the YMCA Summer Camp at the park and use of the Ladies' Pavilion, that it is necessary to dump trash cans into the dumpsters and restock the bathroom and cleaning of the bathroom facilities at least twice a week. He proposes to pay \$20 per trip (one trip, two evenings (Tues. & Fri. per week) for the YMCA rental weekdays and two trips for a Saturday or Sunday Pavilion rental (to stock and clean before and after the event.) He asked the other Supervisors to consider using Roger Cypher to be contracted on a 'per trip basis' for this work. Roger Cypher told the Supervisors this evening that he is willing to do this. The Supervisors voted to approve this (motion carried 2 to 0, with one abstention by John Cypher.) Lois Rankin noted that the landscaping at the gazebo has been completed. John Cypher thanked the Recreation Committee for all their efforts at the park.

Planning Commission

Planning Chairman, Leo Rosenbauer, reported on the May 20, 2019 P.C. meeting. Keith Graham from the Butler Eagle explained to them what the Butler Eagle plans to do with the existing billboards located at 725 Freeport Rd. (Phil Riemer & William Kriess properties.) The P.C. had no problem with the plans, noting that an electrical inspection should be done and that he can contact Dave McGuigan at Code.sys. No action for the Supervisors to take on June 10, 2019.

The P.C. reviewed and approved two (2) modifications requests submitted by Mr. and Mrs. James Robinson. The hardship is the long narrow lot and placement of the septic (front) and well (back) making it difficult to place the house. Notarized letters of permission were submitted from both Robert Damico and James P. Lawson. The Supervisors voted to approve both side set-back modifications: 10 ft. modification (relief) for the 15 ft. set-back for the garage on the north side of 388 Bullcreek Rd. and 10 ft. modification (relief) for the 15 ft. set-back for the proposed house on the south side of 388 Bullcreek Rd.

The P.C. reviewed and approved the modification request submitted by Mr. Brian S. Ekas of 132 Great Belt Rd. subsequent to discussion at the last month's P.C. meeting. He plans to construct a proposed addition (single garage, bedroom and bathroom) next to his parent's property. A notarized letter of permission was submitted. The SEO, Doug Duncan, has reviewed the existing Eco-flow septic system installed in 1999 and it is adequate for an additional bedroom and bath. A letter was submitted from Mr. Ekas indicating that the addition is actually the 4th bedroom, since the master bedroom and adjacent room were combined (wall removed) and up to this point the house has always been 3-bedroom with office space. The Supervisors voted to approve the 13 ft. modification (relief) for a 12 ft. set-back for the proposed addition at 132 Great Belt Rd.

The P.C. reviewed and approved a modification request submitted by Mrs. Kathy (Wahl) Rasely (Wilbert C. Rasely) of 237 Green Manor Dr., for a proposed garage addition. A notarized letter of permission was submitted, allowing an 8 ft. modification for a 17 ft. set-back. The addition will actually be set-back 2 ft. more than their existing garage. The Supervisors voted to approve the 8 ft. modification (relief) for the 17 ft. set-back for the proposed garage addition at 237 Green Manor Dr.

The P.C. reviewed and approved a modification request submitted by Mr. Albert Godfrey for a proposed 'pole barn' at 162 Dusty Lane with existing dwelling. The hardship: the property drops off to a stream and he would like to keep it back on higher ground. He owns the adjacent property and submitted a notarized letter giving himself permission to build closer than the required 25 ft. The Supervisors voted to approve the 15 ft. modification (relief) for a 10 ft. set-back for the proposed pole barn at 162 Dusty Lane.

The P.C. reviewed and approve a modification request submitted by Mr. Larry Letzelter of 120 Keck Rd. He originally requested a 5 ft. set-back for a proposed shed, however, the P.C. explained that 5 ft. is very restricting (blocking good access to the backyard) and asked him to consider a smaller 'modification'. He agreed to increasing that to a 10 ft. set-back (15 ft. modification). A notarized letter of permission was submitted from his neighbor, James McCabe. The Supervisors voted to approve the revised request for a 15 ft. modification (relief) for a 10 ft. set-back for the proposed shed at 120 Keck Rd.

Mr. Godfrey was asked to attend the P.C. meeting to discuss the building permit requested for a large pole building (40 x 80 ft.) at 160 Caldwell Dr. P.C. Chair., Leo Rosenbauer, asked the Township Attorney at the May 13th Supervisors' meeting about the application for an accessory structure on a vacant lot (no dwelling.) The Attorney and Supervisors agreed that since there is no existing 'dwelling', the proposed storage building is considered 'non-residential' and would require submission of a land development plan. The P.C. recommended that he attend the Supervisors' meeting for clarification, but Mr. Godfrey said that he would apply for a building permit for BOTH the new house and the storage building at the same time. Mr. Godfrey was present at the June 10th Supervisors' meeting. Chairman Cypher clarified that the house must be built and occupied before a building permit can be issued for the 'proposed' pole building, unless Mr. Godfrey submits a land development for the 3200 sq. ft. pole building.

The P.C. reviewed and approved the 'new' Harbison Lot-Line Revision submitted by Stan Graff. First, note on the plan refers to a 'grey area' next to Lots 3 and 4 previously acquired by Jefferson Township during Bonniebrook Road relocation in May 2001, so it shows that Lot 4 owns a narrow strip of land (Tract F) of 0.75 acre on the other side of Bonniebrook Rd. The Lot-Line Revision: Lot 1 of 1.308 acres is revised by addition of Tract A (0.438 ac.) to make Revised Lot 1 equal 1.732 acres. Lot 2 of 1.135 acres is revised by addition of Tract B (0.617) to make Revised Lot 2 equal 1.752 acres. Lot 3 of 0.961 acre is revised by addition of Tract C (0.309 ac.) to make Revised Lot 3 equal 1.270 acres. Tract E of 0.850 acre is revised by addition of Tract F (0.75 ac.) and Tract D (0.200 ac.) to make Revised Lot 4 equal 1.125 acres. The residual, owned by L.A. Harbison is reduced to revised total of 14.779 acres. The Supervisors voted approve the Harbison Plan No. 2 as prepared by S.D. Graff Surveying as presented.

The P.C. reviewed and approved the Thomas Ferraro Plan No. 2 submitted by Stan Graff for Thomas M. Ferraro located on the north side of Great Belt Rd. (next to the Township and Anderson property.) At tonight's Supervisors' meeting, June 10, 2019, a letter of 'withdrawal' was submitted by Stan Graff. The Supervisors voted to accept the 'withdrawal' and deny the original submission (thus stopping the 90 day review process).

June 10, 2019 Unfinished Business

Ordinance #433, which creates the position of "Manager" was advertised for adoption this evening. Chairman Cypher asked for any comments. There being none, the Supervisors voted to adopt Ordinance #433 as prepared by the attorney and advertised.

Chairman Cypher reported that Mr. Spaulding is making some progress and 'has a plan' to remedy the failing septic system. We should have more information by next month's meeting.

The DCED Grant cost estimate was less than anticipated and discussed at the May meeting; it is \$177,508.80 instead of \$250,000.00. Therefore the commitment letter and Resolution #432 needed to be revised and signed for submission with the grant application on May 31, 2019. The Supervisors voted to ratify the revised commitment letter and revised Resolution #432.

Final approval and executed "Multimodal Grant Agreement" was received from PennDOT for the joint Summit/Jefferson Bonniebrook Rd. project. Officials from both townships met with Allen Williams (PennDOT Municipal Services) on Monday, 6/3/19 to try and finalize bid specs for the 'drainage' portion of the project. Summit Township Supervisor, Larry Osche, brought a copy of the 'cost estimate' over early this morning (6/10/19) and due to some inaccuracies, our foreman, Bill Foertsch met with Mr. Osche to discuss, change and left message for Allen Williams to get back to them about the needed changes.

The permits officer received, from Pine Run Midstream, four temporary driveway permit applications: (HOP 1) Victory Road, Stasiak property, across from existing one to 300 Victory Rd. AND Golden City Rd. Frndak property; (HOP 2) Golden City Rd., Stasiak property; (HOP 3) Victory Rd., Frndak property. All appear to be within the PennEnergy Resources 'bonded 1 mile' of Victory Rd. and Golden City Rd. bond. The road foreman Bill has reviewed them, plus the TWO road occupancy permits for installing waterline UNDER Victory Rd. and under Golden City Rd. The Supervisors voted to approve the 4 temporary driveway applications subject to satisfactory review by the permits officer.

June 10, 2019 New Business

Resolutions and Ordinances passed Feb. 2018 to May 2019 were sent to General Code by e-mail on 5/29/19 for a 'codification estimate.' Generally we codify once per year, but submission was delayed because the Multimodal Agreement was not executed (for the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Ordinance #422). The Supervisors voted to authorize proceeding with the codification.(between \$2,405 and \$3,080).

Public Business and Miscellaneous Business - June 10, 2019

NOTICE was received from Gateway Engineers that PennEnergy Resources is making application to DEP for permit to drill and operate an unconventional well - Well PER W44 6H & 7H - in Winfield Township off Leasureville Rd.

NOTICE was received from the Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) that three "Water Management Plan - Amendment Applications" dated 2/28/19, 4/25/19 and 4/26/19 were reviewed and the DEP 'finds' that the applications demonstrate that PennEnergy Resources proposed withdrawals or use of water in accordance with the Plan Amendments will satisfy the requirements under the 2012 Oil and Gas Act and have approved the three amendments.

Major Expenditures since the May 13th through June 10, 2019

Lois Rankin - reimburse expenses/PSATS Conference/April	\$ 1,027.04
Chemung Supply - pipe/bands/etc.	\$ 6,886.50
HEI-WAY - coldpatch	\$ 5,290.18
Purvis Brothers, Inc. - diesel and gasoline	\$ 1,369.24
Teamsters #261 & Employers Welfare Fund - health ins.	\$ 3,334.23

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. (July's will be 7/3/19, no delay) (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!!!!

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

2019: Saturdays - 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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