



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Report – June 13th meeting

John Cypher read the road report. The first shoulder mowing was completed using the side deck mower. The boom mowing will be finished in a couple of days. They plan for the second shoulder mowing to be finished before the July 4th weekend. The road foreman walked and marked areas on Bonniebrook Rd. that needed sealed before the warranty is up and Shields Asphalt has completed the sealing. Crack sealing is scheduled to start this week and will continue as weather and personnel allows. The goal is to have it completed on the roads to be chipped and fog sealed this summer. The particulate filter is still on back order for the 2015 F550; the truck is still in use. The 1999 International Truck passed recent inspection, so it should be usable through winter until the new Mack comes in. The road crew replaced a deteriorating brick riser at the intersection of Douglas & May Drive with a new 4-inch concrete riser. The road crew did base repair and paved the area on Great Belt across from the township buildings that was damaged by a garbage truck that keeps stopping there to 'dump back'. The retainment wall along Jones Rd. was reset; stone and rip rap were added. May 22 – 7:28 AM call-out for tree on Oak Drive. May 17 – Election Day call-out for emergency (pole down) at township facility. June 2 – 7:32 PM call-out for tree on Victory Rd. Catch basin at 263 Green Manor is deteriorating and will be repaired in near future.

Recreation Committee – June 13th meeting

Brian Patten, Recreation Committee Chair., reported on their June 1, 2022 meeting.
Pool: Hosting the Swim Club Championships on July 10, 2022. Website: www.sebcopool.com
Baseball: No report.. Website: www.saxonburgbaseball.com
Softball: Annual Tournament scheduled for August 5 – 7. Website: www.sagsa.org
Soccer: Spring season is over. Fall registration is now open. Website: www.knochsoccer.org
Action Requests: The Soccer Association has asked that the road crew review the condition of the soccer parking lot, which needs attention as the ruts and potholes have gotten worse. The Committee has asked that the Supervisors approve the Kiosk design (or concept) submitted by Cale Patten. The Supervisors voted to approve the kiosk design and thanked Cale for the excellent planning so far. They understand that the location of the kiosk as well as some of the construction materials still need to be determined. The Committee has asked that the 'street name signs' be ordered and installed for the two ends of Doerr Park Drive (at Hannahstown and Rt. 356.)

Planning Commission

Brian Noah, P.C. Chair., reported on the May 16, 2022 Planning Commission meeting.
Luke and Lloyd Brewer came in to inquire about a possible subdivision and their options of access for 117 Neupert Road last month (4/18/22.) The P.C. reviewed and took the following action:
- After significant discussion, the P.C. voted to recommend approval of the modification for the two (2) non-conforming lots (Lot #1 and Lot #2) contingent that Flag Lot #2 is created with a 50 ft. width pole and the lot line between Lots 1 & 2 is created to be perpendicular to the road right-of-way (Neupert Rd.) and the length of the 'pole' must be long enough (to north) to get the required 125 ft. width.

- The P.C. then voted to require withdrawal of the second modification request (for the pole of Proposed Lot 2 to be 40 ft. instead of 50 ft. width.
- The P.C. then voted to recommend approval of (and require formal submission) of new modification form) a modification to alter the front building setback for Lot 2 contingent upon satisfactory review by P.C. Chair., Leo Rosenbauer.
- The P.C. then voted to recommend approval of the L. Brewer Subdivision Plan contingent upon:
 - 1) Submission of the new modification request; 2) Submission of letter requesting waiver of Part 5 & 7 of Chapter 21; 3) The required walk-around is completed by the SEO for the existing house on Lot 1; 4) No further division of either Lot 1 or Lot 2; and 5) Satisfactory review of the sewage module by the SEO and subsequent approval by DEP.

During continued review by the P.C. Chairman, it was discovered that there are some outstanding items: 1. Modification requests are NOT notarized. 2. The existing auxiliary building on proposed Lot 2, existing since about 2017, was issued for a residential out-building and not a dwelling. According to the township ordinances, it requires submission of a land development. After some discussion, the Supervisors voted (on 6/13/22) to table decision on the L. Brewer Subdivision due to outstanding matters and further review needed.

June 13, 2022 Unfinished Business

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Goodlin withdrew their land development at the March meeting and a compliance date (re-submission of new land dev.) of June 6, 2022 was set by the Supervisors. The Goodlins failed to meet that deadline and they are in violation. They planned to come to talk to the Supervisors again this evening regarding the violation only! Mr. Goodlin said they felt they submitted the ‘new drawing’ and met the deadline, and they feel there is ‘no help’ from the township. However, the P.C. and Board of Supervisors understood that a ‘new complete application’ was and is required, since the prior submissions were withdrawn (and are not applicable.) After hearing from Mr. Goodlin and from Rich Craft (Olsen Craft), the Supervisors reiterated that the Goodlins are not in compliance and voted to extend compliance deadline for 30 days; a full new completed application with plans needs to be submitted before the 4th of July for review by the Planning Commission.

The seal coat and paving bids that were submitted, were opened as advertised at 2 P.M. today, 6/13/22 by the township secretary, Supervisor Rankin and Supervisor Beblo. There were no other attendees.

There was one bid received for the seal coat (chipping) and fog seal, from Russell Standard Corp. A bid bond was included. The total project for various roads and applications totaled \$211,516.75.

There were two bids received for the Rennick Road paving project. Wiest Asphalt Products and Paving’s project totaled \$468,339.30. A bid bond was included. Shields Asphalt Paving’s project totaled \$410,277.16. A bid bond was included.

After a brief discussion, the Supervisors voted to award the Rennick Road Paving project to the apparent lowest bidder, Shields Asphalt Paving, for the total of \$410,277.16.

Then, the Supervisors voted to award the Seal Coat/Fog Seal Bid (for various roads) to the only Bidder, Russell Standard Corp. for the total of \$211,516.75.

June 13, 2022 New Business

Wendy Leslie, CDBG Coordinator, sent an email requesting the Supervisors to consider increasing the CDBG ‘limit’ for housing rehab. projects to \$24,000 (from \$17,000) due to increasing costs for materials, etc.) The Supervisors voted to approve the limit increase to \$24,000 for housing rehab. projects.

It was noted that the 2022 CDBG Allocation figures have been announced: \$19,377 for admin. and \$88,635 for activity (projects) for a total of \$108,102.00. The Supervisors need to be thinking about designation of the 2022 funds and adopting the usual resolutions (in July or August.)

The manager reported to the Supervisors that after speaking with Jeff Howard and accepting his advice, he has opted to switch the workmen’s comp. policy from Selective to Encova for the new policy year (8/1/22 to 7/21/22), at a several hundred dollars savings.

Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – June 13, 2022

An email was received from Michelle Lesniak, South Butler Community Library Director, with a brief report on ‘current outdoor projects’ underway at the library (i.e. parking lot expansion, expanded pollinator garden, and a series of ‘backyard learning workshops. Also, the Rotary has partnered with them to build a pavilion for outdoor programs, educational activities, and community use... in the library’s back yard! Go to their website to find out more - www.southbutlerlibrary.org.

George Deines from the firm of Counsil-Hunsaker and Jim Feath from HRG, Inc. presented information on the ‘pool feasibility study’ recently completed. The Supervisors had received copies. They look at the pool’s function, physical condition, mechanics, deck, surface of pool and consider three options:

- 1) Repair - This would require a new pool liner installation to stop leaks and smooth the surface of the pool to prevent injuries. This would also replace mechanics, the pool deck, and include new water slide. The cost estimate is around \$100,000.
- 2) Renovation - This would require placement of stainless panels and PVC membrane in the pool and would include a spray-ground area and new slide, new deck, shade structures, restroom renovations. The cost estimate is \$4.8 million.
- 3) Replacement - This would require demolition of the old pool; installation of a new ‘body of water with recreational and lap pool, with new drainage pipes and mechanics, etc.’; keeping all existing structures. Cost estimate is \$5.6 million. A second option for replacement includes the zero entry and ‘moving water’ component. Cost estimate is \$6.9 million. This second ‘replacement’ option increases the size to 8,000 sq. ft. (from 5,700 sq. ft. current size.

Overall, the community survey showed strong support for the ‘community pool’. They looked at operations: prices, hours, overhead expenses, etc. It appears Option 2 (renovation) gives the community more amenities and users are more likely to drive further distance and use the facility more often...helping the township and pool association to recover more of the renovation costs.

It was noted that the manager met virtually with Lance Welliver and DCNR officials about the recent grant application.

John Cypher thanked them for the presentation and hard work on this study, commenting that now the Supervisors must consider which option is best for the township.

Ms. Sharon Graham from 197 Bonniebrook Rd. spoke to the Supervisors about the berms and road safety in front of her house. She expressed concern about the safety of drivers that could drop off on the side of road. Chairman Cypher said he knows where her house is located but needs to investigate in person.

Major Expenditures since the May 9th meeting through June 13, 2022

Code.sys Code Consulting - April inspections	\$1,364.60
McClymonds Supply & Transit – reclaim delivered	\$2,750.00
Teamsters #261 & Employer (Health Insurance) – July 2022	\$3,158.70
Vogel Disposal Service – park service June	\$1,010.00
Code.sys Code Consulting – May inspections	\$ 30,299.57
Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham – legal May 2022	\$1,254.00
Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Dept. – 2022 Donation	\$ 10,000.00
South Butler Community Library – 2022 Donation	\$8,000.00

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.), 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 – 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), Jamie McSwaney (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. **CLOSED Mon., July 4, 2022.**

ANY QUESTIONS: email or call: jefftwbutlerpa@zoominternet.net – 724-352-2324

REAL ESTATE /PER CAPITA TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collector Nadine Grabe, 245 Heller Rd, Butler, PA 16002 - 724-352-3288

SCHOOL Real Estate Tax hours from 4:30 to 7:30 PM on the following dates:

Tues., Aug. 9th, then Sept. 20, 21, and 22 and Sept. 27, 28, and 29.

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 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 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.

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