



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

JUNE 2024

NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Foreman's Report

The township manager noted that the road foreman has worked 6 AM to 6 PM since June 4th to be on-site with the Wiest Asphalt pavers. Therefore, no written report was presented to the Supervisors, and Leo Rosenbauer reported on the following items.

- Becker Road maintenance: catch basins and pipe replacement.
- Victory/Golden City Rd. and Alwine Rd.: down trees.
- Alwine Rd.: down tree that caused undermining the headwall.
- Golding City Rd., Sheetz Rd., Keck Rd. and Cooper Rd.: berming.

Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee met on June 5, 2024. Brian Patten was not available, so Chairman Cypher read the report. The Baseball Association – no report. The new website address name is listed below. The Pool Association reported that the pool is open. The pool heater has failed and cannot be fixed; the pool will not be heated this season. The fund-raising dinner event held at the Field House Restaurant was a success! A 'thank you' was expressed to them for their participation and support. They also expressed a 'thank you' to Jefferson Township for repairing the fence. They are leaving the lights on overnight to help with security. They are expecting the electric company to reroute the electric supply in the next few weeks (waiting for West Penn Power). They are still looking for a new maintenance person. If interested, please go to their website. They are holding a basket raffle fund raiser...tickets will go on sale on opening day and will be sold until winners are drawn at their 'to-be- scheduled Christmas in July' event. The Lifeguard/Pool Org. Swim-A-Thon will be held on June 29th (rain date of June 30th). Anyone interested in sponsoring a team can contact the pool organization for details. The Softball Association reported that the regular season is underway and will continue through the end of June. Their annual tournament will be held on Aug. 2, 3, and 4 this year. Concerns about traffic interaction with pedestrians in the parking lot when crossing Doerr Park Drive were reiterated. The Supervisors asked the township manager to write a letter to the Softball Association (cc: Brian Patten, Chair. of Recreation Committee) regarding the matter. It was also reported that the area between field #5 and the baseball field is still wet. The township manager reported that he and the road foreman were out twice. The Supervisors said this has been a 'wet spring' and the swale between the fields is functioning. The Soccer Association reported by email that the spring season ended on June 2nd. Open enrollment for the fall season will close on August 18th. The fall season will begin Sept. 7th. Register on their website. They will have a work weekend June 21-23. They will be doing grading and infill on their field...to address drainage issues.

New Business: Dara Patten has completed the planting of flowers at the park entrance signs. John Cypher wrote a 'thank you' letter to Dara and the Supervisors voted to authorize the letter and signed it this evening.

Baseball: Website: www.knochyouthbaseball.com

Pool: Website: www.sebcopool.com

Softball: Website: www.sagsa.org

Soccer: Website: www.knochsoccer.org

Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer, P.C. Chair., reported that the Supervisors must act on the JMAG, LLC Plan on Heller Rd. At the Jan. 15, 2024 P.C. meeting, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of two modifications (re: lot size for Lot 1 and for Lot 2); and then voted to recommend approval of the JMAG, LLC Plan on Heller Rd. with 4 contingencies. The matter was tabled at the February Supervisors' meeting, and subsequently accepted a 90-day extension letter for the plan at their April meeting. Due to the 90-day clock expiring soon, a decision had to be made this evening. Leo Rosenbauer said Mr. Leicher is asking for the two modifications for 'lot size' and then approval of the plan. The one contingency would be that although the driveways would be separate, the culvert solution would be a 'modified catch basin' with a maintenance agreement between the two lot property owners. After some discussion, the Supervisors voted to approve Modification #1 for Lot 1's lot size to be 1.26 acres instead of the required 1.50 acres by ordinance. The Supervisors voted to approve Modification #2 for Lot 2's lot size to be 1.52 acres which would include the 'pole portion' of the flag lot (which is not per the ordinance). Approving these two Modifications will satisfy Ordinance Chapter 4, Part 1, 4-101.2 allowing only one residential dwelling per lot. Then, the Supervisors voted to approve the JMAG, LLC Plan with a contingency for a modified catch basin with a shared maintenance agreement as approved by the solicitor and the work must be completed in the 90 days prior to recording deadline. The driveways will still be separate.

Leo Rosenbauer, P.C. Chair., reported on the May 20, 2024 P.C. meeting. They reviewed the Lot-Line Consolidation Plan for Robert M. Wolf, III, 117 Rancindin Rd. He is combining Lot 19 of 0.73 acres with the existing house and the adjacent Lot 17 of 0.73 vacant acres in order to build a garage and meet the township setbacks. The P.C. recommended approval. It was noted that the Township cannot relinquish the utility easement located between the two lots. After some discussion by the Board of Supervisors this evening, the Supervisors voted to approve the Robert M. Wolf, II Lot-Line Consolidation Plan.

The P.C. reviewed the Lot-Line Consolidation Plan for Kenneth Walz, 348 Fisher Rd., Cabot. He is combining the front Lot #2 of 0.74 acres with existing house, well, public sewer with the flag Lot #3 of 1.08 vacant acres and a 20' width section of the drainage easement that also runs through the neighbor's (Lot 1) and through the corner of Lot 2 in order to build a building and meet the township setbacks. Revised Lot 2 will be 1.81 acres. After some discussion this evening, the Supervisors voted to approve the Kenneth Walz Lot-Line Consolidation Plan.

Grant Williams and Steve Graff from Graff Surveying were present to talk to the Planning Commission about the subdivision of the old Hansotte property on West Jefferson Rd. at Reay Lane purchased by Mr. Williams. It is about 88 acres. Out of the 12 comments on the engineer's review letter, Mr. Williams and Mr. Graff questioned #2: a 20-foot access easement for the existing concrete driveway through the proposed residual is not permitted; and #6: it appears portions of the existing cartway of Reay Lane encroaching onto the proposed residual lot. The matter was tabled by the P.C. until after the opinion/determination of the township attorney regarding comments #2 and #6 have been reviewed by the P.C. The Supervisors agreed and voted to table the matter until July. Mr. Rosenbauer reported that Steve Graff called and said they may add another lot and was told they would have to submit a revised plan.

At the April P.C. meeting, Alex Lefever's Modification Request for the set-back of *a non-permitted shed placed on the property* at 503 Saxonburg Rd. (left corner only approx. 18 inches from the fence and the right corner may be only approx. 5 ft. from the fence) was discussed and tabled to give Mr. Lefever time to recalculate and to decide whether to have the lot surveyed to determine the property line. He returned to the May 20, 2024 P.C. meeting with a copy of the survey he had done. The left rear (northwest) corner of the shed is about 4 ft. from the property line. The P.C. voted to recommend approval of a 10 ft. modification (not a 4 ft.) due to the size of the lot and the irregular shape of the lot. The shed will need to be moved or rotated so that the closest corner is 15 ft. from the property line. After some discussion, the Supervisors voted to approve the 10 ft. modification as recommended by the P.C.

Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinance is being amended (using the word.doc we obtained.) Draft wording for 'alleviating excessive grass being blown onto the roadways' will be added and the Revised Chapter 15 will be presented to the P.C. and Supervisors for review.

The P.C. did not review Chap. 3 and 4 of the Code due to the length of the May meeting but did briefly discuss the possibility of regulations to prevent developers of 'solar farms' from abandoning the sites after their life span. Summit and Penn Township are currently working on ordinances. The P.C. and Supervisors are in agreement to look into this.

June 10, 2024 Unfinished Business

As reported last month, the Supervisors must pass a resolution if they choose to increase the hourly rate for elected auditors from the \$10.00 per hour under the township code to up to \$18.00 per hour for incoming elected auditors (or incumbents starting a new term). The resolution has been prepared for vote and signature this evening. The Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #527 to increase the elected auditor pay to \$18.00 per hour for incoming elected or re-elected auditors, or appointments to the elected auditor position.

June 10, 2024 New Business

Jeff Howard called the township office on June 4, 2024. The workmen's compensation insurance renewal quote is \$18,621.00 which is a less than last year's premium. We should soon receive the renewal policy and the invoice for payment for 8/1/24 to 7/31/25.

Reapplication for the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) grant of \$212,500.00 with a \$37,500 Township of Jefferson match to be used for the Laura J. Doerr Community Pool Renovation, requires adoption of a new Resolution. The Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #528 as presented.

Phase I bond release #3 for Liberty Pointe (reviewed by HRG, Inc.) was presented for approval by the Board of Supervisors. The Supervisors voted to approve the reduction of the Letter of Credit by the amount of \$131,519.40 for excavation/embankment work and storm water collection/detention work. The Letter of Credit ending balance will now be \$972,322.70.

Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – June 10, 2024

Notification was received from Mountain Gathering, LLC regarding application to DEP for Plan Approval Minor Modification to their Air Quality Program at the compressor station. No action required.

An email from the South Butler Community Library directory, Michelle Lesniak, asking for use of one of our pavilions for use in their "Storytime in the Park" activity. The manager will contact them about possible openings (dates and availability of pavilion or gazebo.)

The township manager noted the following:

- He is trying to schedule a pre-construction meeting on Janice & O'Hara Culvert Project via Rob Arnold (HRG, Inc.)
- The seal coat and line painting has been completed on Bonniebrook Rd. Summit Township will be reimbursing us for their share of the seal coat done by Russell Standard. The line painting was billed by Williams and Willman to each township separately. At least 4 vehicles flew through the Great Belt Rd./Bonniebrook intersection during this work.
- A woman was attacked at the park by the same dog twice. The police were called.
- Neighbors adjacent to the park were shooting into the park and the State Police were notified.
- The grant for Creek Rd. through the Dirt and Gravel Road program must include the cost of permitting/engineering with the cost of actual construction to be fully funded.

Major Expenditures since the May 13th meeting through June 10, 2024

Code.sys Code Consulting – inspections in April	\$2,534.33
Teamsters #251 & Employer –health insurance premium	\$6,949.72
Vogel Disposal – park trash service	\$1,202.44
Hampton Concrete Products, Inc. – CBB & grate / Becker Rd.	\$1,707.00
Herbert, Rowland, & Grubic (HRG) – engineering services	\$1,322.50
Williams & Willman Line Painting – Bonniebrook Rd. (Jefferson Twp. only)	\$6,154.85
Code.sys Code Consulting – inspections in May	\$37,334.00
Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham – legal May 2024	\$1,580.00
Russell Standard – Bonniebrook Rd. sealcoat * Rt. 356 to Herman Rd.	\$77,803.20

(*Summit Twp. to reimb. us \$24,406.40 - our share is \$53,396.80)

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 6:00 P.M.

Members: Leo Rosenbauer (Chair.), Evelyn Gross, Mike Gaston, James Jones,
Brian Noah (Vice-Chair.), Martha Fleming (Secretary), 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), Justin Demek (Baseball Assn. President
or *alternate* representative Justin Thompson (new Baseball Vice-Pres.),
James C. Jones (Softball), and Kody Durrett (New Soccer representative)

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 – 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.

By mail anytime, other times call for an appointment. Secure Drop box located on the porch.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ↓↓

⇒ **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.

⇒ **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.



Butler County Recycling Events

2024 Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection Events

Butler County received DEP collection permit approval to hold its 2024 Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics collection events for our county residents as follows:

Sept 7 157 East Airport Rd, Butler, PA 16002

Nov 9 690 Valencia Road, Mars, PA 16046

Residents will be required to pre-register to attend these events and are scheduled for an approximate arrival time which helps to keep attendees from waiting in long lines. The Noble Environmental web site can be found here: <https://nobleenviro.com/> or they can call 412-567-6566. At the top of the web page, click on "Ewaste and HHW Collections" to find the registration page and details about attending an event. Please note that only credit cards are accepted for payment. Cash and checks are not accepted.



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.

⇒ **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>



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).

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



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