

NEWS



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Report

John Cypher read the Road Report as submitted. Inlet and storm pipe have been installed on Bullcreek Rd. The road crew provided road signage for traffic control on Bonniebrook Rd. Several matters were discussed: The manager authorized purchase of about 220 tons of 2A limestone and 40 tons of #8 limestone 'leftover' from BOVA Construction. It has been stockpiled and will NOT be used until the invoice is received with no discrepancy. The manager reported that the invoice for our portion of Bonniebrook Rd. has not yet been received; it will be reviewed in detail with the road foreman when it becomes available. The rough fill at Waddingham's and a section of Schnur's property along Bonniebrook Rd. has been completed.

The second berm mowing is in progress as the schedule allows. There was a complaint on visibility exiting Nittany Lane, the road foremen will speak to the property owner at the corner of Neupert and Nittany.

Berming on Alwine and Riemer Roads is in progress now. The paving was completed July 2, 2020. The manager reported that the 'request for payment' from Shields Asphalt was received. He and the foremen have reviewed the roads and will review the invoice in detail before payment is made.

The road crew has and will apply stone to chip & sealed roads as needed during hot weather.

The Ford 550 truck is at the Ford garage for emissions (replace knock censor); cost will be over \$600.

Parts have been orders for the Sweepster broom for the skid loader.

The 1999 International 530 was inspected; it has a separating frame.

The road crew removed a tree that fell on Frazier Rd. over the July 4th weekend. The property owners cleaned the rest of the area up by Monday 7/6. The road foreman plans to order 150 tons of salt to meet the 19/20 Co-stars contract minimum. He also plans to order 100-150 tons of antiskid.

The road foreman suggested considering purchase of the Gerst house up for sale at the end of Great Belt Rd. (at Hannahstown.) It is a small lot, in the floodplain, and there are likely septic issues. It would have to be torn down, but the lot could be used to widen the intersection.

Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer, P.C. Chairman, reported on the Planning Commission meeting on June 15, 2020.

The P.C. reviewed and approved a modification request from Tom Essary, 149 Hannahstown Rd., to build a 12x16 ft. shed 11 ft. closer to the property line of Doug Hilliard. A letter of permission was submitted.

The Supervisors voted to approve the 11 ft. modification (a 14 ft. set-back) for the proposed 12'x16' shed for Tom Essary.

The P.C. previously approved the Faust Plan No. 2 on Bullcreek Rd. (owned by James & June Faust Trust – James Faust, Jr.) with five contingencies at the Jan. 20, 2020 meeting. The septic walk-around failed and subsequent dye test failed on proposed Lot 2 (of 1.50 acres.) They have submitted a revised plan to the P.C. to encompass a sewage repair site within Lot 2. A 'Non-Building Waiver' was approved for the remnant. All contingencies were met. The Supervisors voted to approve the Faust Plan No. 2 as presented.

The P.C. reviewed the Jeffries/Kelley Plan located at the corner of Riemer Rd. and Winfield Rd. Tract A of 0.30 acre is being added to existing Lot 2 (1F94-14A with 1.02 acre owned by Rick and Karen Kelley.) The house on Lot 2 was demolished last year. The residual lot (Tax Parcel 1F94-14) is reduced by Tract A of 0.30 acre to 83.66 acres. The house on the residual lot is no longer in use as a dwelling; no walk-around or dye test could be completed. All structures on the remnant are designated for Agricultural Storage and a 'Non-

Building Waiver' was approved for the remnant. All contingencies have been met. The Supervisors voted to approve the Jeffries/Kelley Plan as presented.

The P.C. reviewed the E. W. Waechter Estate Plan on Saxonburg Rd. and Old Farm Lane (owned by Mary Ann Paulet. Lot 2 of 7.73 acres and Lot 1 of 19.12 acres are proposed. Wetlands and a 20 ft. easement for the water course are shown. The PennDOT highway notation is indicated (for Saxonburg Rd.) The P.C. voted to approve the Component 1 sewage planning module for submission to DEP and to approve the E. W. Waechter Estate Plan contingent upon that the tail (pole) from Lot 2 ending at the Old Farm Lane be 'satisfactorily' labeled to prohibit vehicular use as access to Old Farm Lane. All contingencies have been met. This approval is subject to DEP sewage planning approval. The Supervisors voted to approve the E. W. Waechter Estate Plan as presented.

Due to the old ordinance needing clarified insofar as commercial burning and due to the letters received from DEP about burning, the Township Supervisors indicated over a year ago that the burning ordinance needed revised. The draft prepared by the manager was discussed by the P. C. They suggested some minor changes and voted to approve the draft contingent upon the changes discussed. At the July 13th meeting, the Supervisors discussed the proposed revised Burning Ordinance. Chairman Cypher expressed his concern that the ordinance should 'allow burning' on residential sites with single family dwellings or duplexes, but should prohibit all other (commercial, industrial, multi-family, etc.) per DEP regulations. The other two Supervisors had no objections to the proposed draft presented. The Supervisors will continue their review; no decision made this evening.

Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee report for the July 1, 2020 meeting was read by Supervisor John Cypher as Brian Patten could not be present.

- The Recreation Committee recommended that any positive Covid-19 cases known of or found within any of the associations (softball, baseball, pool, and soccer) be reported to the Township Manager as soon as possible.
- All associations have reported implementation and adherence to applicable guidelines from the CDC and other authorities in an effort to minimize Covid-19 risks.

Baseball plans to host an 11U tournament on 7/17-7/19/20. www.saxonburgbaseball.com

The Pool opened July 1, 2020. They have cancelled swim teams for 2020. They received a nice amount of season pass signups on opening day. www.sebcopool.com

Softball plans to bring back their large tournament for 2020, to be held August 21, 22, and 23 (this was moved from the usual week-end in July (17, 18 + 19) www.saga.org

Soccer is planning a Fall season with registration to open soon. See website: www.knochsoccer.org

Park Projects: None Action Items: None. Next meeting is August 5, 2020 at 8 P.M.

John Cypher noted that CDBG cannot be used for matching funds on the proposed trail paving. They may use CDBG funding on the restroom renovation proposed at an estimated cost of \$100,000...the Board will need to vote to 'use prior year funding' (change order.)

July 13, 2020 Unfinished Business

The CDBG-CV funding (Covid-19) 'needs assessment' has not been 'prepared.' No action this evening. The manager noted that Wendy Leslie (County CDBG Coordinator) is still waiting for HUD waiver guidelines.

A letter from C. W. Howard Insurance Agency was received giving us the estimated premium for the workmen's comp. insurance for 8/1/20 to 8/1/21, which is \$11,625.00. The Supervisors voted to pay the invoice (projected \$11,625) when it is received.

July 13, 2020 New Business

The ACT 13 Impact Fee Distribution for Jefferson Township was \$170,994.58. Because this is \$70,994.58 more than budgeted (adopted 12/9/19), the Township needs to adopt a Supplemental Budget Resolution for these additional funds. The Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #453.

Miscellaneous Business – July 13, 2020

Notice received from II-VI, Inc. AFTER the June meeting – siren test on 6/26 and 6/27. A notice was sent to the newsletter recipient list.

Leo Rosenbauer reported that the fall safe surface was installed at the playgrounds. He purchased 2 new beveled edged mats from Snider Recreation to replace one old mat at the bottom of the slide and added one to the playground by the pool.

Leo Rosenbauer reported that E & E Salvage has not submitted a bond for the junkyard license renewal. The paperwork he submitted was NOT sufficient. The Board voted to give them another 10 days to comply.

Major Expenditures since the June 8th meeting through July 13, 2020

Teamsters #261 Health & Welfare – August health ins.	\$4,387.17
Hampton Concrete Products – pipe, grates, etc. Bullcreek, Bonniebrook, etc.	\$4,015.55
Purvis Brothers, Inc. – gas and diesel	\$1,407.27
Summit Township – reimburse for electronic sign & ‘inspector’ (Bonniebrook)	\$3,184.42

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

Recreation Board – 1st Wednesday at 8 P.M. Feb. to Oct. (no meetings Nov., Dec. & Jan.)

Members: Brian Patten (Chair.), Roger Cypher, Kristi Wise (newly appointed for 2020), 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.

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.

WE ASK THAT IF YOU HAVE BUSINESS AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE TO PLEASE CALL AHEAD, SO WE KNOW YOU ARE COMING -724-352-2324. Masks required.

The Township is endeavoring at public meetings to limit attendance to protect

Township residents and the possible spreading of the virus.

We urge you to take precautions attending any event or 'scheduled' meeting.

We hope you will limit exposure to others, including at the township building.

Practice social distancing, such as no longer shaking hands and staying six feet apart,

No more than ten (10) people at a meeting place and washing hands often or using hand sanitizer!

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

STAY at HOME applies, especially if you are sick!

REAL ESTATE /PER CAPITA TAX COLLECTOR

Nadine Grabe, 245 Heller Rd., Butler, PA 16002 - 352-3288 - Pay by mail or call for an appointment. Posted changes due to the Coronavirus Pandemic: She will NOT be collecting taxes during the advertised hours of collection listed on the tax cards for the discount period of the 2020 County/Local Taxes. For now, the discount date-schedule is unchanged. **She urges using a payment method that does NOT require you to appear in person (i.e. by mail; NO credit cards) because “Stay at Home” may apply. IF you insist on paying in cash, arrangements will be made that you can drop your payment in a drop box at her home (BUT ONLY WHEN SHE IS AT HOME - it is not secure to leave cash any other time!!)** If you wish to have a receipt, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope for her to mail back to you. Her phone number and address are on your tax cards! **NOTE: Resolution #452 was presented and approved by the Board of Supervisors to extend the 2020 Real Estate ‘at face’ due date through and until November 30, 2020. No penalties, fees, or interest if the real estate tax is paid in full before Nov. 30, 2020.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS ↓↓

⇒ **Butler County's Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collections - 2020:**
Saturdays- July 18, Aug. 22, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 14 and Dec. 19

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

124 West Diamond St. PO Box 1208

Sheryl Kelly, Environmental Specialist, Recycling & Waste Mgt. Coordinator

Butler, PA 16003

PROP-Certified Recycling Professional

Phone 724.284.5305

Email skelly@co.butler.pa.us

Web Site www.recyclebutler.us

⇒ **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 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:**

You can contact (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, 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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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