



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

JUNE 2020

NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Report

John Cypher read the Road Report as submitted. Traffic control and other issues on Bonniebrook Rd. drainage project will be on-going. Manager Rosenbauer reported that the new 'inspector' is doing a good job and reiterated that it was a good move to hire someone to keep an eye on the project. The Supervisors voted to ratify the hiring (via Summit Township) of the inspector (Jim Michael) for the project.

The first berm mowing should be completed this week. The 2019 F550 needed a front-end alignment. The Sweepster broom has not been repaired yet...due to other work scheduled, etc. The track loader (Bobcat) finally arrived. Pipe was purchased for the project on Bullcreek; installation of the inlet and storm pipe is scheduled for this week. The manager will be researching to determine what size pipe 'replacement' would be best for O'Hara Rd.

The road crew cleaned up at the park and pavilion for summer rentals. The 2017 Mack was inspected and the 1999 IH is now in for inspection. The road crew returned the 'digital rented sign' for the Bonniebrook Rd. closure notice (other signage will be placed during the work in Jefferson Township.) The manager will contact Penn Township about seeing a demo of their 'turbine blower' being considered for 'our' park. Paving is rescheduled for June 25th start; chip seal to begin July 1st.

Manager Rosenbauer reported that additional milling and fill is needed on Riemer Rd., Nursery Lane and in the salt storage building area; estimate at \$11,709. However, the manager discussed with the Supervisors regarding use of 'fiber material', which would be an additional cost. Manager Rosenbauer said rather than do it all with fiber material, perhaps a portion of Riemer could be done to see how well it holds up under 'overweight vehicle use'. The manager and the foreman are to meet with Shields Paving this week to discuss the matter. The Supervisors said to do what he thinks is best.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission did not meet on May 18, 2020, therefore no report.

Recreation Committee

Leo Rosenbauer, Township Manager, reported that he met with Wendy Leslie, Lance Welliver and Dan Sell (Widmer Engineering) to consider use of CDBG funding for a possible addition to the restrooms with ADA compliancy. He noted that we need: 1) a general cost estimate; 2) an architect (noting that Widmer will 'consider' hiring as a sub-consultant; 3) depending on the estimated cost; the use of 2-years CDBG project funding may be needed; engineer/architect can be paid from the Admin. Funds. The Supervisors will have to vote to designate the funds for use on this proposed project. It was suggested that volunteers from the ball association might do painting and landscaping to complete the project if we proceed. Leo would like to include lockable storage for restroom supplies (summer) and possible changing table(s). Leo has been in contact with Code.sys Code Consulting about building code issues. If the project proceeds with the project, it will likely be done late 2021.

The Recreation Committee met on June 3, 2020. Brian Patten was present to give the report. Baseball plans to re-open season with practices beginning June 5th and games starting June 15th. The season is expected to last through July. They hope to host a couple of tournaments, 12U 6/19-6/21/20 and other dates to be determined. www.saxonburgbaseball.com

The Pool will open on July 1st, following State and CDC guidelines (which are not completely known yet, but *could* include limited attendance and time limits for attendees.) There will be no group lessons; parties (i.e. birthday) will have an attendance limit. Attendees need to bring their own chairs; the township will store the pool's chairs for the time being. www.sebcopool.com

Softball plans to re-start with practices beginning June 6th and games starting July 6th. The season is expected to last through August. They hope to have their 'large tournament' on July 17, 18 and 19...status to be determined. www.saga.org

Soccer has cancelled their spring season and refunds were issued to registrants...due to the COVID 19 lockdown. They are planning a Fall season with registration to open soon. See website: www.knochsoccer.org

Park Projects: Residents Cale and Dara Patten completed the annual rehab of the mulch and flowers at the park entrance signs. Chairman Cypher said they did a 'wonderful job' and *moved* to send a letter of thanks to them. Lois Rankin *seconded* the motion. All agreed and *motion carried*.

Action Items: Road crew was asked to pick-up the pool chairs for storage at the township building this summer.

June 8, 2020 Unfinished Business

The CDBG-CV funding (Covid-19) 'needs assessment' was discussed. We were encouraged to 'think out of the box' but it feels like 'creating a new reason to spend money'. The one item Wendy Leslie suggested, hand sanitizers throughout the park, was not agreed to by Supervisors Cypher and Rankin. HUD still has not given Wendy the waiver 'guidelines' to determine possible use of the funds. The Township had proposed using some for volunteer fire and ambulance, but the CDBG will not allow it. No further discussion on the 'needs assessment'. The CDBG 2019 'Cooperation Agreement' was signed this evening by the chairman. The Board had already voted/designated the 2019 funding for housing rehab.

June 8, 2020 New Business

There was no 'New Business' at the June 8, 2020 meeting.

Miscellaneous Business – June 8, 2020

Notice received from Endeavor Professional Services re: PennEnergy Resources application to DEP for a permit to Drill and Operate Unconventional Gas Wells at 458 North Pike Rd., Sarver, PA 16055 in Winfield Township.

NOTED: The Spring PSATS Conference was cancelled. They will not have a conference this year; but plan on having 'on-line' classes this summer. Supervisors were not interested in these.

The Spring BCATO Convention was cancelled. It is now being planned for Oct. 29th as a full day "Fall Convention" at the Butler Country Club. Lois Rankin noted that the Safety Seminar is still being planned for Oct. 14th at Roebing Park Hall in Saxonburg. Proceeding with these two events depends on State COVID-19 restrictions this fall and Butler County remaining in 'the green'.

Ann Coleman from State Representative Marci Mustello's office reported that Marci's office is open; tax rebate forms are available from their office; they have received a lot of calls on the unemployment benefits issues, but her office cannot intervene and inquiries need to go directly to the Bureau of Employment Security; they will be sending out a 'schedule of events' for the summer. In particular, she noted that there is a Veteran's Luncheon on Nov. 6 (Friday before Veteran's Day) at the American Legion in Lyndora.

Major Expenditures since the May 11th meeting through June 8, 2020

Teamsters #261 Health & Welfare – July health ins.	\$4,387.17
Peter's Refrigeration, Heating – 50% deposit for work on heater	\$1,900.00
Clark Equipment Co. – new Bobcat track loader	\$61,650.46
Interstate Pipe and Supply Co. – pipe	\$1,030.00

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: jefftwpbutlerpa@zoominternet.net – 724-352-2324

STAY at HOME applies, especially if you are sick!

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.

TAX COLLECTOR

Nadine Grabe, 245 Heller Rd., Butler, PA 16002 - 352-3288 - Pay by mail or call for an appointment.

Real Estate Tax Collector, Nadine Grabe, has 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 ↓↓

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BONNIEBROOK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED
for extensive repairs from Route 422 to S.R. 356
May 18 thru July 3, 2020 - Monday-Friday 6 AM to 6 PM.

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Butler County's Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collections - 2020:
Saturdays- Jun. 20, 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.

⇒ **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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NOTE: The previous month's approved minutes are available ON LINE 'only' at www.jeffersonbutler.com after being approved by the Supervisors.

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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