



# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER

**"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!**

## Road Report

John Cypher read the Road Report as submitted. The road crew installed a culvert on Riemer Rd. They provided traffic control for tree removal and trimming on Green Manor Dr. and Fisher Road (work done by Stephenson's Tree Service). They bermed the south end of Great Belt Rd., Alwine Rd., Neupert Rd., Riemer Rd., and Rennick Rd. and did leaf removal in the road ditch lines. Underdrain was installed on West Jefferson Road. They delivered millings to the Park. The road crew has adapted all skid-steer attachments for the Bobcat track loader. Berm mowing is scheduled to begin May 18<sup>th</sup>. The Sweepster broom for the skid steer is broken; they will try to repair the drum, however it may still need to be replaced. The roof above the fuel tanks will be replaced with tin roofing. The paving project (*Riemer Rd. and Alwine Rd.*) should begin around June 1<sup>st</sup> and the seal coat project (*Hannahstown Rd., Fisher Rd., Great Belt Rd., and Nursery Lane*) should begin around July 1<sup>st</sup>. There was a pre-construction meeting with Bova Excavating on April 20<sup>th</sup> regarding the Bonniebrook Rd. project and subsequently, on May 4<sup>th</sup>, Bova representatives met with the township manager and road foreman to mark inlets before Bova Excavating places the order for boxes and pipes. The 'Bonniebrook Road 'CLOSED' sign for the Jefferson Township side was picked up and placed. The manager will talk to the road foreman and/or property owners about changing its location. The manager, Leo Rosenbauer, is researching pipe/drainage on Great Belt Rd. and storm system (drainage) at Rt. 356 and Hannahstown Rd. intersection.

## Planning Commission

The Planning Commission did not meet on April 20, 2020, therefore no report.

## Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee met on May 7, 2020. Supervisor John Cypher and Recreation Committee member Roger Cypher reported that ALL SEASON ACTIVITIES ARE SUSPENDED as designated by the STATE guidelines. The Jefferson Township Supervisors agree to following the restrictions placed on parks by the State. Baseball: [www.saxonburgbaseball.com](http://www.saxonburgbaseball.com) Pool: [www.sebcopool.com](http://www.sebcopool.com) Softball: [www.sagsa.org](http://www.sagsa.org) Soccer: [www.knochsoccer.org](http://www.knochsoccer.org) PLEASE check with these organizations for closings/openings during the COVID19 restrictions. The POOL opening is TENTATIVELY July 1<sup>st</sup> if the County goes 'green.'

John Cypher reported that Jefferson Township was awarded a \$9,760.80 Butler County Parks Renovation Grant this year to resurface two playgrounds. (This is a 75% match by the County, with the Township paying 25%). The road crew will pressure wash the playgrounds and install a temporary boundary fence prior to installation of the fall safe surface in early June. Supervisor Lois Rankin suggested hiring Steve Antoszyk to re-mulch and trim (groom) the perimeter of the park gazebo. The Supervisors voted to hire Steve Antoszyk. It was noted that Cale and Dara Patten have volunteered to complete the annual rehab of the mulch and flowers at the park entrance signs...to be done after the current lockdown is lifted.

## May 11, 2020 Unfinished Business

It was reported that the NEC Copier was sold via Municibid for \$200. It was picked up and paid for. A letter was received from Chuck Lewis, Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Co. regarding the development of an ordinance to provide Earned Income Tax 'credit/tax relief' for first responders. They will review and

provide input. He noted that Saxonburg Borough enacted similar legislation for first responders living in the Borough.

The revised burning ordinance ‘draft’ was presented to the Board of Supervisors to begin review. It was sent to all the Planning Commission members for their review and comment for probable discussion at their June meeting.

Work on Bonniebrook Rd. is to begin May 18 and the road will be closed from May 18<sup>th</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup>., Monday through Friday from 6 AM to 6 PM. Electronic signs were rented by Summit Township (one for each township – the \$1200 cost split by the townships.) The manager will look into moving Jefferson Township’s sign closer to Rt. 356. There was significant discussion on doing inspections during the project. It was ‘agreed unanimously’ by the Board of Supervisors to have a joint effort using the Manager, the Road Foreman, and others to ‘spot check’ the storm sewer placement and compaction, etc.

A letter was received from the Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery requesting an extension for approval of their Land Development (currently due to expire June 8, 2020) to a new date of August 10, 2020. The Supervisors voted to grant the extension as requested.

## May 11, 2020 New Business

The Township Attorney recommended that Resolution #451 “Establishing the Position of Township Code Enforcement Officer and providing for other Misc. Matters” be adopted. Chapter 10, Chapter 13, and Chapter 22 require appointment of ‘enforcement officer/inspector’. The Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #451 as presented; then they voted to appoint the current Township Manager, Leo J. Rosenbauer, III, as Code Enforcement Officer of Jefferson Township as set forth in Resolution No. 451.

In conjunction with Senate Bill 841/Act 15 of 2020 and as adopted by the County of Butler, Resolution #452 was presented to extend 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. The Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #452 as presented.

The road foreman, Bill Foertsch, proposed road edge repair and filling of berm slope on Bonniebrook Rd. in the area of the Schnur and Waddingham properties (south of Emery’s). Manager Rosenbauer said this is a ‘very, good idea’. Bill proposed using soil taken out by Bova Excavating to reinforce the road berm with a 3:1 slope. Schnur’s property survey shows a 25 ft. right-of-way from the center line of the road. Mr. Waddingham is agreeable to dedicating a right-of-way to the township. Mr. Rosenbauer will prepare the description and other documents needed for recording (with the attorney’s satisfactory review.) All three Supervisors agreed to proceeding as proposed.

The first public hearing (zoom on-line meeting) is scheduled for May 14, 2020 at 10 AM to discuss the CDBG-Covid-19 Grant offered by the State. Wendy Leslie, the County CDBG Coordinator, urged the municipalities to ‘think outside the box’ and try to find a project for use of these funds. Lois Rankin and perhaps John Cypher will join the on-line meeting at the township office on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Miscellaneous Business – May 11, 2020

Notice received re: Mountain Gathering, LLC – submitting a DEP Permit Renewal Application for a State Operating Permit.

UPDATE - South Butler Community Library: 24/7 Electronic Resources @ [www.southbutlerlibrary.com](http://www.southbutlerlibrary.com) while closed due to Covid19.

### Major Expenditures since the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting through May 11, 2020

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| Teamsters #261 Health & Welfare – April health ins.           | \$4,387.17 |
| Stephenson’s Tree Service – Green Manor and Fisher Roads      | \$3,000.00 |
| Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Co. – 2020 donation                  | \$8,000.00 |
| South Butler Community Library – 2020 donation                | \$7,500.00 |
| Butler County Humane Society – 2020 donation                  | \$ 500.00  |
| Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham – April legal fees | \$1,341.00 |

### 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](mailto:jefftwpbutlerpa@zoominternet.net) – 724-352-2324

STAY at HOME applies, especially if you are sick!

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

**Board of Supervisors – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. (except Jan.)**

L. John Cypher, Chairman      Lois Rankin, Vice-Chair.      Braden Beblo, Supervisor

**Planning Commission – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7:00 P.M.**

Members: Leo Rosenbauer (Chair.), Evelyn Gross (Secretary), Kathryn Foertsch, James Jones, Brian Noah (Vice-Chair.), Robert Wetzell, Robert Williams, Dan Driscoll, and Bernie Shulik.

**Recreation Board – 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### 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 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    ⇒

⇒      **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.**

⇒      **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.

⇒      **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

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

PROP-Certified Recycling Professional

Email [skelly@co.butler.pa.us](mailto:skelly@co.butler.pa.us)

Web Site [www.recyclebutler.us](http://www.recyclebutler.us)

124 West Diamond St. PO Box 1208

Butler, PA 16003

Phone 724.284.5305



### 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](http://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!*



**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




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