



# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

## NOTICES

It was announced that Viki Nulph is resigning her position on the Recreation Committee effective at the end of 2019. This is a volunteer position from the 'at large' population of Jefferson Township. Meetings are February to October on the 1st Wednesday beginning at 8 PM. Any interested persons should contact the Township Manager at 724-352-2324 or stop by the office at 157 Great Belt Rd., Butler, PA

## Remember!

**During the upcoming winter months, as per the Township Ordinances, NO ONE is to park on the cul-de-sacs or any public road so that the road can easily be cleaned of snow. Please DO NOT PUSH SNOW ONTO THE ROADS when plowing your driveway. Should this cause an accident, you could be named in a claim or lawsuit. In addition, this is a reminder that the Township is NOT responsible for replacing or repairing mailboxes damaged during the plowing/salting process.**

**Also, residents living along the Butler-Freeport Community Trail are asked to be considerate when plowing snow from their property. Some residents are plowing snow onto the trail and in front of the gates, which blocks emergency vehicle access. If there would be an emergency, Emergency Services / First Responders would have difficulty getting to the scene.**

## Road Foreman's Report

John Cypher read the road report. Emergency efforts were made during the Oct. 31, 2019 storm and clean-up in the following days.

The foreman, manager and Chairman Cypher attended a meeting on Nov. 5th with PennDOT Municipal Service Reps. Allen Williams and Cory Shaffer and the Summit Township Supervisors at the Summit Township building regarding the Multimodal Grant/Bonniebrook Road bids, which are to be advertised for Jan. 21, 2020 opening. Chairman Cypher interjected that in 'year one' (2020) the drainage bids are planned and in 'year two' (2021) the paving, line painting, tree trimming, etc. will be bid out. With the timing of the bid (Jan) and award (possibly February or early March) it is hoped to get a good number of competitive bids. Bidder MUST be PennDOT approved contractors and MUST attend the pre-bid meeting to be considered qualified. The Supervisors voted to affirm that Chairman Cypher be the ongoing 'authorized signer' for any paperwork resulting from the bid award via Summit Township (lead township in this joint venture.)

The leak in the CAT's front right tire was repaired on site by Skander Tire (after three phone quotes were acquired.) All road crew employees attended the 8-1-1 (PA One Call) Excavator Safety Training on Oct. 31, 2019. The trucks have been changed over for winter maintenance. The Park has been winterized and leaf removal is underway. Most of the snow fence has been installed except for some areas where crops have not been removed.

## Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee does not meet in November, December, and January, therefore, there was no regular report. Chairman Cypher reported that the updated park master plan is nearly ready for public introduction, after HRG's meetings with the four organization representatives and subsequently the Supervisors and Township Manager (on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.) It is hoped that this update looking at immediate and future needs/wants at the park will be leverage for possible grant applications. Baseball: [www.saxonburgbaseball.com](http://www.saxonburgbaseball.com) Pool: [www.sebcopool.com](http://www.sebcopool.com) Softball: [www.sagsa.info](http://www.sagsa.info). Soccer: [www.knochsoccer.org](http://www.knochsoccer.org)

## Planning Commission

Planning Chairman, Leo Rosenbauer, reported on the Oct. 21, 2019 Planning Commission meeting. The P.C. reviewed and approved a modification request from Michael Reen, 165 Dreher Rd. to build a 14' x 24' shed only 15 ft. from the side property line of Randy & Sandra Barlett. The modification hardship is due to the topography and location of the well. A notarized letter of permission was submitted. The Supervisors voted to approve the 10 ft. modification for the proposed shed.

The P.C. discussed the following items with Attorney Marshall at the Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> meeting:

- 1) Durham/Rodden possible property changes regarding an inquiry about a different access/drive to the business. After some discussion, it appears a re-subdivision and/or property purchase from neighboring property owner(s) may be a solution.
- 2) Godfrey right-of-way discussion to consider if lots he owns on Dusty Lane can use his other lot's 'private driveway' onto Caldwell Dr. The Attorney said: No address should be issued for a lot unless the lot has a legal right to access that street.
- 3) Pizza Joes (now the Handle Bar) proposed use of the basement area: The new owner (or lessee) wants to use the basement for a 'wine outlet'. The township manager was contacted by the LCB about it and he told them that the basement may not meet PAUCC regulations. The LCB said they do not concern themselves with that. The Planning Secretary said the land development approved for Mr. Frascetti (Pizza Joes) indicated the basement for storage only. There are issues with occupancy, parking, sewage, etc. and the new owner would have to present a new land development and meet current PAUCC regulations

The Supervisors had few comments on these three matters and will anticipate further report as matters are resolved.

## November 11, 2019 Unfinished Business

The 2020 Budget was introduced to the Board of Supervisors last month. No workshop was planned; discussion held for this evening. All three Supervisors indicated that they have reviewed the proposed 2020 budget. The Supervisors voted to authorize advertisement of the 2020 Budget final review/discussion and adoption at the Dec. 9, 2019 meeting.

John Cypher noted two items that were introduced last month and tabled for consideration.

- 1) A timbering ordinance should be considered because companies often do a poor job of clean-up, drainage and road care; the Supervisors directed the manager to get a draft and/or sample ordinance to the Board for review.
- 2) A mobile home parks annual license fee addition (already provided for in the ordinance); the Supervisors voted to authorize the manager to get a proposal ready for the Board for the December or January meeting to set the fee(s).

Mrs. Wise was present about the investigation the Township Manager did regarding her claims about the neighbor's 'now abandoned' septic system that has been replaced. The Chairman noted that the neighbor's new septic system was permitted, installed, approved and is functioning and that the Township therefore has completed this enforcement matter.

## November 11, 2019 New Business

The Supervisors voted to authorize advertisement of the intent of the Supervisors to appoint a CPA (or accounting firm) at their Jan. 6, 2020 meeting 'to examine all of the accounts of the Township for the fiscal year 2019'. It was noted that: *Elected auditors should meet on Tues., Jan. 7, 2020 to set the pay for any working supervisors. The Township will check with the Election Bureau to find out if there are any successful 'write-ins' from the Nov. election. If not, then PSATS will be contacted about making 'appointments' for the open positions (at least two are needed to set the working Supervisors' pay) at the December meeting instead of waiting until the Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> re-organization meeting.*

## Miscellaneous Business – November 11, 2019

There was no miscellaneous business presented at the Nov. 11, 2019 meeting. The next meeting is Dec. 9, 2019 at 7 PM. The re-organization and regular meeting in January will be the FIRST Monday (Jan. 6, 2020) at 7 PM.

### Major Expenditures since the Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> meeting through Oct. 14, 2019

Teamsters #261 Health & Welfare – Dec. health ins. (w/new employee)	\$ 7,030.70
Chase Card Services – misc. charges on VISA card	\$ 1,129.33
Herbert, Rowland, & Grubic – engineering services	\$ 3,769.75
C. W. Howard Ins. Agency – public officials ins. Renewal	\$ 6,010.00
U.S. Municipal Supply, Inc. – wire ties/snow fence	\$ 1,457.00

## 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.), Danielle Sedlak, (Vice-Chair), Evelyn Gross (Secretary), Kathryn Foertsch, James Jones, Brian Noah, Robert Wetzal, Robert Williams and Dan Driscoll.

### 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, Viki Nulph,

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.

## TOWNSHIP OFFICE 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 and noted on the answering machine.

## TAX COLLECTOR

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

**NEVER leave unstamped envelopes in the Tax Collector's mailbox.**

**The Tax Collector is NOT responsible for envelopes left there by individuals other than the Mail Carrier.**

**MAIL your taxes or bring them 'in person' or put them in the 'Drop Box' in front of the house!!!!**



## 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.*



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**Redevelopment Authority County of Butler  
114 Woody Drive □ Butler, PA 16001**



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