

NEWS



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

NOTICES

Trick or Treat

Thursday, Oct. 31st from 6 to 8 PM

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

Road Foreman's Report

John Cypher read the report submitted by road foreman, Bill Foertsch. Three pipe crossings have been completed on Alwine Road; awaiting invoice from McCrea Excavating. Oak Drive tail ditching and rip-rap addition to the outlet of the 60-inch culvert has been completed. A "thank you" was expressed to Clinton Township for help with their excavator. Hannahstown Rd. crack-sealing was completed today (10/14/19.) Some concrete repairs and drainage extensions have been done to the West Jefferson Rd. bridge by the road crew. The new Mack truck had side boards built by the road crew and was sent to Neilly Canvas for a tarp installation so it can be used for the leaf vac. Snow fence installation should begin around Oct. 20th, depending on the weather and the crops being harvested. A list of roads that need tree trimming was provided to the board. After some discussion the Supervisors voted to solicit bids for select roads (for safety and pre-paving). Golden City Road had some extensive repairs done to the section bonded by PennEnergy (damages due to heavy 'gas well' hauling. More repairs still need to be addressed before winter. The foreman and manager will be contacting their representative, Amy Gonzalez, as suggested by Supervisors Rankin. The 99 International 530 truck had to be taken to Keystone Spring due to broken rear axle U-bolts. The 2015 Ford F550 check engine light came on; Butler Co. Ford said it was a emissions problem with the regen. system and DPF filter plugging up. Repairs have been done; any further issues will be addressed by the Township.

Recreation Committee

Recreation Committee Chairman, Brian Patten could not be present this evening. Chairman John Cypher reported on the Oct. 3, 2019 Recreation meeting. The Baseball Association is still reviewing the need for new plumbing fixtures in the upper concession stand bathrooms. Items needed: rebuild the toilets (seats, plumbing, handles); new sink faucets and drains, and possible addition of bathroom fans. They have asked that the road crew winterize the concession stand/water well at any point beginning Nov. 4. Leo Rosenbauer said the road crew was planning to do this around Oct. 28th or 29th...it will depend on the weather. The Pool Association is gathering information on replacing the heater next spring. They also need to get quotes for repairs on the bottom of the pool. The Softball Association's 'fall ball' continues until Oct. 26th. They had a one-day tournament on Oct. 12th with 8 teams participating. They are reviewing plans for rehabilitating the area between Fields #5 and #6. They are also planning some maintenance on the drains between Fields #4 and #5. The Soccer Association's season ends Oct. 26th. Commissioner Boozel is donating work at their fields; replacing soffit/facia boards on the concession stand, painting concession stand and tables & chairs, and

repairing the stairs. They will be holding a “Soctoberfest” on Sat., Oct. 26th. It will be during their normal playing times. They will host some local area clubs. They plan on an Octoberfest-style menu along with raffles, prizes, games, etc. for fund raising. Park Projects: The committee is discussing location and contents of proposed kiosks. Ideas discussed: park map, park rules, contact info. for each organization; addresses for 9-1-1 calls, township office info/phone number, pavilion rental information, park hours, historical info., etc. Misc. Business: Viki Nulph resigned last month, effective at the end of this year. Lois Rankin *moved* to send a thank you card for her service on the Committee. *Seconded* by John Cypher. All agreed and *motion carried*. Park gates need locked around Nov. 4th. Both Baseball and Softball asked that the original locks be used, so that their volunteers can continue some maintenance work into late fall.

Baseball: www.saxonburgbaseball.com Pool: www.sebcopool.com

Softball: www.sagsa.info. Soccer: www.knochsoccer.org

There is no Recreation meeting in November., December or January.

Planning Commission

Planning Chairman, Leo Rosenbauer, reported on the Sept. 16, 2019 Planning Commission meeting. The P.C. reviewed and approved a Lot-Line Revision Plan #2 for James and Denise Foertsch. Previously 8.43 acres was being conveyed from Harold W. Foertsch to James and Denise. Due to ‘farm preservation regulations’ this had to be reversed, combining the 8.43 acres back with Tract 1 (farm with 100 acres). Revised Parcel B returns to 1 acre. The Supervisors voted to approve the James E. and Denise A. Foertsch Lot Line Revision #2 on West Jefferson Rd.

The P. C. reviewed and approved the Ralph Bachman Estate Lot Line Revision on Simon Drive. The house at 103 Simon Drive (190-1F153-3D3 of 0.486 acre) has been demolished; this parcel is being conveyed to existing 1.119 acres Tract A to make it 1.605 acres. In return, the Bachman Estate (farm 1F153-3) is conveying 0.500 acre (increased from P.C. presentation on 9/16/19) to tax parcel 1F153-3E making it 1.500 acres total. The Residual (farm) will be approximately 51.43 acres (not field verified). The wells and approximate septic locations have been indicated. A mylar was submitted for this evening. The Supervisors voted to approve the Ralph Bachman Estate Lot Line Revision as presented.

The P.C. reviewed and recommended approval of the Evelyn Gallagher Sewage Planning Module for a small flow treatment facility needed to remedy a malfunctioning system at 693 Mushrush Rd. The SEO reviewed and signed the DEP Module. After some discussion, the Supervisors voted to approve the ‘revised’ Small Flow Treatment Facility Maintenance Agreement. The revision requires a bond or cash escrow in the amount of 10% of the system’s cost or \$1,000, whichever is greater. The Supervisors voted to approve the sewage module and adopt Resolution #440 (“Resolution for Plan Revision for New Land Development” under DEP Act 537, for Evelyn Gallagher, for the single residence sewage treatment plant.)

October 14, 2019 Unfinished Business

John Cypher noted that the Spaulding’s new septic system was permitted, installed, approved and is functioning.

John Cypher noted that the Township received a letter from the DCED stating that the “Greenways, Trails and Recreation” Grant Funding was denied. A new application may be prepared for submission in 2020, hopefully with an ‘updated park master plan’ and letter of support from the new Senator (Joe Pittman.)

October 14, 2019 New Business

The proposed 2020 Budget was introduced to the Board of Supervisors. The Supervisors will review it and determine individually if they want a ‘budget workshop’ or not; if so, perhaps it can be scheduled before the next regular meeting on Nov. 11, 2019. Otherwise, they will discuss the budget on Nov. 11th and then authorize advertisement.

The Supervisors voted to approve attendance/registration to the PSATS Boot Camp (for Supervisors and/or the Manager).

The Supervisors voted to ratify the decision to hire Rick Etzel to replace the road crew worker who resigned in August. This was a result of the executive sessions held last month.

Miscellaneous Business - October 14, 2019

- Received NOTICE from Endeavor Professional Services that PennEnergy Resources is applying for a permit from DEP to Drill and Operate an Unconventional Gas Well on Bricker Rd., Cabot (Winfield Twp) – PER W45 3H Well.

- Received NOTICE from Gateway Engineers that PennEnergy Resources is applying for a permit from DEP to Drill and Operate an Unconventional Well in Winfield Twp. (Cornplanter Rd.) PER 246 3H Well.

- Received NOTICE from CEC, Inc. that PennEnergy is applying to DEP for renewal of coverage to Drill and Operate an Unconventional Well PER W71 on Dinnerbell Rd.

Trick or Treat has been set up for Thurs., Oct. 31st from 6 to 8 PM

The Fall Convention of the Butler County Association of Township Officials is on Tues. Oct. 22, 2019 at 6 PM at the Slippery Rock Township Bldg. Registration is \$20. *Motion* by Lois Rankin to authorize payment of registration and usual expenses for township officials to attend. *Seconded* by John Cypher. All agreed and motion carried. We have 7 registrations so far.

Notice: A 211 and BERI (Butler Emergency Relief Initiative, a United Way sponsored program) informational session will be Oct. 24 at 10 AM here, at the Jefferson Township Building. It is open to the public. The Township will provide coffee and tea.

Manager Rosenbauer reported that PAGE+E, a gas and electric supplier, will be in the area for a week or two, for solicitation. The Township does not have an ordinance for such, but they were asked to provide information and were asked if they had ‘company’ ID to show.

The Manager suggested several items for consideration by the Board: 1) mobile home parks annual license fee; 2) timbering ordinance and 3) vacancy to fill on the Recreation Board.

Major Expenditures since the Sept. 9th meeting through Oct. 14, 2019

Suit-Kote Corp. – berm application	\$ 16,099.11
Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc. – paving (Gen. Fund)	\$575,864.01
Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc. – paving (State Fund)	\$280,000.00
Teamsters #261 Health & Welfare – health ins. – Nov.	\$ 3,696.47
Code.sys Code Consulting – bldg. permit inspections (Aug.)	\$ 1,567.44
Code.sys Code Consulting – bldg. permit inspections (Sep.)	\$ 2,948.80
HEI-WAY, LLC – coldpatch	\$ 2,412.86
Herbert, Rowland, & Grubic – engineering services	\$ 4,296.99
McClymonds Supply and Transit – anti-skid	\$ 1,933.50
PA State Assn. of Boroughs – Pension payment (+transfer of State Aid)	\$ 17,262.00
Saxonburg Borough – share of volunteers fire/ambulance W/C	\$ 11,450.74
Saxonburg Volunteer Fire & Relief Assn. – pay over ‘foreign fire tax’	\$ 30,604.88
TJB Consulting – computer hardware & software	\$ 1,079.79
Williams and Willman Line Painting – road line painting	\$ 8,839.62

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

Recreation Board – 1st 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!!!!

⇒ Butler County's Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collections:

2019: Saturdays - Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 14

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

⇒ 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.

⇒ **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.

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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
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