

# NEWS



# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP September 2023 NEWSLETTER

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

## Road Foreman's Report

Chairman Cypher read the road report as follows:

- The third berm mowing and blowing of debris off the roads was completed before Labor Day.
- The large parking area at the park had some excavation work done due to water run-off and speeding traffic. The road foreman asked the Supervisors to discuss the proposal offered by Braden Beblo. Braden said the work so far appears to be working. He, the manager, and the road foreman would like to pave and paint the road 'around the parking lot'. After significant discussion about doing the work in-house and purchasing the materials, the Supervisors agreed that this parking lot area should be done as soon as possible. The Supervisors voted to proceed with the paving and painting of the driveway around the parking lot up to \$26,000.00.
- A catch basin with risers was installed at a culvert inlet along Bullcreek Rd. at box #245. This improved the drop-off at the edge of the cartway and the existing underdrain was adapted into the catch basin.
- The International 530 truck is now out of commission. Tear-down was needed to meet the grant requirements. Before and after pictures were taken and the work was finished on Friday, 9/8/23. The manager will work on completion of the paperwork for the grant reimbursement.
- The 2023-2024 Salt Contract through Co-Stars indicates that the Butler County price has gone up by \$6.73 to \$85.78 per ton. Thankfully, we filled the salt shed under the old contract in July.
- The Vac truck rental from A & H Equipment began today, 9/11/23. The road crew will work to get all the catch basins cleaned out within the 1-month rental of \$10,500.
- The manager requested the road foreman get quotes on a new trailer to haul equipment and pipe. They plan to sell the old trailer on Municibid; but Summit Township has shown interest in buying it directly from Jefferson Township. The three lowest quotes were: \$15,424 from Smouse Trailers; \$17,073 from Leonard Trailers; \$17,474 from Tom's Trailers. A new trailer will have multiple uses, including future use when an excavator is purchased which will be included in next year's budget.
- The printer in the maintenance garage is no longer printing color correctly. There was a bit of discussion and a request for a price quote. The manager agreed to look at an old printer to be donated by Mr. Veselich.

## Recreation Committee

Brian Patten, Recreation Board Chairman, reported on the Sept. 6, 2023 Recreation meeting.

Baseball: There was no report from the Baseball Association. Jamie McSwaney is stepping down as baseball representative; a replacement representative has not been approved by the Recreation Board yet.

Pool: The pool is now closed for the season. They asked that the road crew deliver the pool cover on or about 9/21 as they plan to cover the pool on 9/23/23.

Softball: The fall season is now underway and will end in late October.

Soccer: The fall season is underway and will continue until about the end of October. They inquired about the township's response regarding the park perimeter fence on the western side of the fields and the possibility of handicapped-accessible parking in the overflow parking area.

New Business: The last pick-up dates for the trash dumpsters are: Pool – 9/25; Softball – 11/6; Baseball – 11/6 and Soccer – 11/6. The next meeting is Oct. 4, 2023 at 8 P.M.

Action Items: 1) Deliver of the pool cover on or about 9/21. The road crew will be notified.

2) The park perimeter fence next to the western border of the soccer fields was installed by the soccer association and the Supervisors agreed that repairs to this fence are the soccer association's responsibility.

3) The inquiry about possible ADA accessible parking on soccer's overflow parking area was discussed by the Supervisors this evening, 9/11/23. John Cypher said that adding ADA accessible parking is not fundable by the CDBG grant and there is currently handicapped parking on site. The expense for this venture would be unacceptable.

**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)

## Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer reported on the Aug. 14, 2023 Planning Commission meeting. Note that since they met on 8/14, there was no meeting on 8/21/23. The remainder of the P.C. meetings in 2023 will be the third Monday at 6 PM.

Graff Surveying submitted a planning module for Kenneth Beattie for Lot 3 of the Leslie Plan on Saxonburg Rd. Lot 3 of 2.187 acres is an existing 'non-building lot' and now they want to sell/convey it as a 'building lot'; therefore, a DEP Planning Module is required. The P.C. voted to recommend approval of the Kenneth Beattie planning module. The Supervisors voted to approve the Kenneth Beattie Planning Module (DEP Component 1).

The members present discussed adding 'parking' limits to Chap. 15, Part 4 – 15-401 (regarding parking along a right-of-way for periods of time.) Leo Rosenbauer was to prepare a revised proposal for the P.C. for continued discussion. John Cypher commented that parking on the edge of the road is covered under the Vehicle Code, and he does not feel that we need to put anything in the ordinance.

## September 11, 2023 Unfinished Business

Counsel for Concordia was to be present this evening to discuss their failure to submit a land development and apply for a building permit for a 'shade pavilion' for the Concordia Child Care. The manager reported following discussions with Attorney Marshall, that Concordia will follow conditions set at the 10/2022 meeting and has emailed a request for an extension to submit the land development within 60 days. After some discussion regarding the meeting dates and submission requirements, The Supervisors voted to require submission of the land development by Monday, Nov. 6, 2023 (*about a 55-day extension*) to meet the requirement to submit (must be received by the Township) 15 days prior to the Planning Commission meeting.

It was noted that the revision of Chapter 15 (speed limit and other changes needed) is still being worked on. Also, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Winfield Township is still outstanding and in the hands of the attorneys.

The Supervisors voted to adopt a new Resolution (#515) for the DCED Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program grant application to correct the total amount of the grant requested at \$250,000.00 with \$17,500 match.

Two quotes were received for the 2023 audit (in early 2024.) They were contacted because we understood they are both familiar with the RA Services Accounting. After some discussion, the matter was tabled until next month, so that the manager can investigate further.

The Emulsified Asphalt Sealer/Binder (GSB88) was advertised for opening today. Only one bid was received which was from Russell Standard as follows:

Item 1: 33,373 S.Y. Emulsified Asphalt Sealer/Binder (Jefferson Twp.) Unit \$1.60 / \$53,396.80

Item 2: 15,254 S.Y. Emulsified Asphalt Sealer/Binder (Summit Twp.) Unit \$1.60 / \$24,406.40

A bid bond was enclosed. The Supervisors voted to award the Emulsified Asphalt Sealer/Binder bid to Russell Standard for the total of \$77,803.20 for both items. The seal coat is to be applied before 7/12/24.

## September 11, 2023 New Business - None

### Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – September 11, 2023

Millie Zier was present to ask about replacing the Crosswinds Alliance church sign. She was told that under the PAUCC there would be inspections for electric (for a lighted sign) and the foundation. Since they are located on a state road (Rt. 356) they need to check with PennDOT about the set-back and proposed change in size (which is not regulated by the township.) The township does not require 'event permittis.'

A notice was received from ARM Group, LLC that PennEnergy is applying for coverage under the Erosion & Sediment Control General Permit for Earth Disurbance associated with Oil and Gas exploration: waterline project in Middlesex, Clinton, and Jefferson Townships.

The Supervisors voted to confirm that **Trick or Treat will be scheduled for Tues., Oct 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 to 8 PM** in Jefferson Township.

BCATO Safety Day is Wed., Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> at the Herman Volunteer Fire Hall. The Supervisors voted to pay the \$20 registration for the road crew, office personnel, and any Supervisor wanting to attend. The Supervisors have no problem with the road crew assisting for about an hour with set-up the day before.

### Major Expenditures since the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting through Sept. 11, 2023

NTR Excavation – culvert excavation at Oak Drive	\$ 1,950.00
Teamsters #261 & Health & Welfare – Oct. 2023 premium	\$ 6,043.24
Purvis Brothers, Inc. – diesel and 87- gasoline	\$ 2,195.01

### 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.  
ANY QUESTIONS: email or call: [jefftwbutlerpa@zoominternet.net](mailto:jefftwbutlerpa@zoominternet.net) – 724-352-2324

### 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 6:00 P.M. (Change beginning Sept. 2023)**

Members: Leo Rosenbauer (Chair.), Evelyn Gross, Michael Gaston, James Jones, Brian Noah (Vice-Chair.), Martha Fleming (Secretary), Robert Williams, Dan Driscoll, and Bernie Shulik.  
Robert Wetzel is alternate P.C. member.

#### **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, Greg Bauer (Pool), (new rep. to be appointed for Baseball), James C. Jones (Softball), and Brad Emsurak (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.*

### REAL ESTATE /PER CAPITA TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collector Nadine Grabe, 245 Heller Rd, Butler, PA 16002 - 724-352-3288  
Pay by mail or call for an appointment. Never leave unstamped envelopes in the Tax Collector's personal mailbox. There is a secure payment drop box located on the porch.

#### **COLLECTION HOURS for School Taxes this year are:**

**Sept. 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, & 28 from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM.**



### The 2023 Butler County Recycling Guide

is available on-line at [www.butlercountypa.gov](http://www.butlercountypa.gov) then type in "Hard to Recycle Guide 2023"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS ↓↓

⇒ **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 is also not legal for property owners to place any storm/rain/wind debris from their property along the township road rights-of-way.

⇒ **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: 2023 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONICS "recycling events"** Butler County has just received DEP collection permit approval to hold its 2023 Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics collection events for our county residents as follows:

- September 2 at 157 Airport Road, Butler (Penn Township)
- November 11 at 690 Valencia Road, Mars (Adams Township)

Residents will be required to pre-register to attend these events and are scheduled for an approximate arrival time which helps to keep attendees from waiting in long lines. The Noble Environmental web site can be found here: <https://nobleenviro.com/> or they can call 412-567-6566. At the top of the web page, click on "Ewaste and HHW Collections" to find the registration page and details about attending an event. Please note that only cards are accepted for payment. Cash and checks are not accepted.

### ⇒ **Jefferson Township Burning Ordinance**

The Township Burning Ordinance limits burning of 'ordinary' (domestic) waste materials (paper, cartons, boxes, yard waste, wood, and other similar items) by residents to 'dawn to dusk'; see *on-line ordinance for excluded items*.

PLEASE use common sense! Many items that cannot be burned can be recycled. All fires are to be completely extinguished before being left unattended. Recreational fires are permitted by Ordinance #459 (Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances.) PLEASE be considerate of your neighbors and do NOT permit leaves and other 'allowed' materials to be left smoldering after dusk.

**ALL COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL BUSINESSES, NON-RESIDENTIAL and MULTI-FAMILY are PROHIBITED from ANY burning at ANY time per the Dept. of Environmental Protection.**

**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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