



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

SEPTEMBER 2020

NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Report

John Cypher read the Road Report as submitted. The double seal coat has been completed; road swept and all signage (fresh oil/travel at own risk) have been removed. Road edges were patched along Great Belt, Rennick and O'Hara Roads. Edges of Bonniebrook Rd. will be patched before the end of September. Several repairs on Bonniebrook were made by the road crew (BOVA clean-up) included adjusting water flow to catch basins, installing rip rap, and debris clean-up, etc. Topsoil and seed placed on Waddingham and a portion of Schnur road edge; this topsoil was reclaimed from berming this year. The Sweepster broom parts are in and the road crew will install and reassemble. The 3rd berm mowing has been completed and all the boom mowing done. There were several callouts at the end of August due downed trees from recent storms. Six dead and dying trees need to be removed at the park between the Deaner Gazebo and Hannahstown Rd. this fall or possible winter. Down trees had to be removed from the walking trail; several minor wash outs will be repaired on the trail in the next couple of weeks. PennEnergy placed 2" of Superpave on Golden City Rd. from Victory Rd. to the well pad. They also backed shoulders up with 2A limestone. Some wash outs will be corrected in Sept. by the road crew. The road crew hopes to do some crack sealing and work on some drainage issues in the next two months. The leaf blower was delivered and ready for fall. The road crew will continue equipment maintenance as needed. Leo Rosenbauer noted that 24" concrete pipe needs replaced on O'Hara Rd. It will be increased to at least 36" but would cost \$1,100 more to go up to 48" pipe. The decision does not have to be made until early 2021 after more research and discussion. The road crew continues to receive compliments on the road maintenance! Thank you, road crew, for all you do!

Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer, P.C. Chairman, reported on the August 17, 2020 Planning Commission meeting. Stan Graff submitted the G.E. Waechter Estate Plan Subdivision plan on Heller Rd. The property is 88.41 acres. The County asked for a subdivision because although each parcel is 'separate' they are currently on the same tax card. Parcel A is 24.90 acres; Parcel B is 51.56 acres; and Parcel C is 11.95 acres. All presented with 'non-building' waiver. All three are vacant with frontage on Heller Rd. The P.C. voted to recommend approval of the G. E. Waechter Subdivision Plan with a waiver for Chap. 22 Parts 5 and 7 to 'not' have to include contours, topography, watercourses and rights-of-way on the plan and contingent upon County Planning Review. The waiver letter and County review letter were submitted. The Supervisors reviewed the plan and voted to approve the G. E. Waechter Estate Plan Subdivision.

Stan Graff submitted the Thoma's Meat Market Land Development for Brian and Timothy Thoma for a proposed addition to the commercial structure. After some discussion, Brian agreed that he would like the shelter from the 2008 land development to be included on this land development 'for renewal' (since the 2008 land development expired in 2013.) The P.C. voted to recommend approval of the Thoma's Meat Market No. 2 Land Development contingent upon 1) County planning approval; 2) addition of utilities and rights-of-way to the plan; and 3) identifying existing impervious areas and 4) clarification (re-labeling) of previously proposed shelter addition. These contingencies have been met. The Supervisors reviewed the plan and voted to approve the Thoma's Meat Market No. 2 Land Development as revised and contingent upon the roof drain lines being shown on the plan (prior to it being signed and recorded).

Chairman Rosenbauer noted that NO other information has been received on the requested

modification for a proposed garage at 144 Blakely Rd. by Michael and Barbara Kesler. In July, the P.C. had tabled the decision until the property line is established. At the Aug. 17th meeting, the P.C. voted to deny the modification request for the proposed garage due to possible inadequate access to the rear of the property and failure to submit clarification on the property line location. At the Supervisors' Sept. 14th meeting, the Supervisors voted to reject the Kesler's incomplete submission of the modification request for the proposed garage, thus denying the modification request.

Michael & Melissa Walewski, 664 Mushrush Rd. submitted a side set-back modification request to build a proposed carport/shed only 3 ft. from the property line. A notarized letter of permission from Matt & Brittany Prentice was attached. They are replacing an old lean-to storage/shed. The 'elevated' 24' x 35' carport/shed is proposed to be in the same location. The P.C. discussed with them the need to increase the set-back since the slope and possible future fill will infringe into the neighbor's property. After some discussion, the P.C. voted to recommend approval of a conditional 12 ft. set-back (or 13 ft. modification) only, pending revision of the modification form to be signed or initialed by the applicant. The Supervisors reviewed the application. The Supervisors voted to approve the 13 ft. modification (for a 12 ft. side set-back) for the Walewski's proposed carport/shed.

C. J. (Charleton) Namachar, 106 Ginger Lane (off Saxonburg Rd.) submitted a modification request for the front set-back for a proposed garage to be 40 ft. (instead of the required 50 ft.). This is a flag lot; a notarized letter of permission was attached from the neighbor (Lauster). Chairman Rosenbauer said Mr. Namachar had asked for a larger modification, but in order to provide for the 'minimum modification necessary' per the ordinance, the request was changed to 10 ft. It cannot be located on the other side of the house due to the location of septic and well. The P.C. voted to recommend approval of a 10 ft. modification (for a 40' front set-back). After some discussion, the Supervisors voted to approve the 10 ft. modification (for a 40 ft. front set-back) for C. J. Namachar's proposed garage.

The P.C. reviewed the modification request submitted by Michael Hook and his mother Aleta Hook (Hook's Garage) at 738 North Pike Rd. A 'lean-to' has already been built (and nearly completed) without a building permit. It is 20' x 53' and the wall is not attached to the existing building, but the roof is proposed to extend over attaching the roof from the new section to the old building. It is proposed at 5 ft. 6" from James Hollobaugh property; a notarized letter of permission was attached. It was reported to the P.C. that Attorney Marshall recommended that a land development be presented in conjunction with the modification request and noted several other issues: **a)** built without a permit; **b)** it is 'commercial' (per PAUCC); **c)** the set-backs increase to 40' side and 60' back property lines for 'other than single family or duplex' construction'; **d)** the Township has the right to ask for removal of the non-permitted structure. Mr. Hook was informed to cease construction and submit a Land Development including all corresponding requirements. Mr. Hook indicated that he was willing to go through the land development process. The P.C. voted to recommend denial of the modification request as presented due to not conforming with township ordinances. Mr. Rosenbauer reported that Mr. Hook has **not** presented any plans for land development. The Supervisors voted to deny the Hooks' modification request as presented without prejudice. A land development would be required should Michael and Aleta Hook decide to proceed. Mr. Alex Whisler, 231 Hannahstown Rd. submitted a modification request to build a 12' x 16' shed, which was already installed without a permit; this unpermitted shed was discovered by Mr. Rosenbauer when Mr. Whisler applied for a deck permit. The shed is 'on skids' and located only 15 ft. from the side property line. A notarized letter of permission from Daniel Nowicki was attached. The P.C. voted to recommend denial of the modification because the shed ('on skids') could be moved to abide by the 25 ft. set-back (plus there appeared to be no real hardship). The Supervisors voted to deny the modification request from Alex Whisler for the shed set-back.

The P.C. reviewed the revised Burning Ordinance subsequent to corrections made by Supervisor Cypher. The P.C. discussed and agreed to request that wording be inserted to require residents to 'notify' the fire department if 'open burning' is planned. Mr. Rosenbauer informed the Supervisors that the fire company said the procedure was to notify 9-1-1 and Steve Bicehouse (911-Emergency Services) confirmed this procedure. Supervisor Cypher has some editorial corrections to make before having the attorney review it.

Supervisor Rankin commented that, as discussed at the Aug. 17th P.C. meeting, 'strict adherence to the two-week submission deadline (prior to the Planning Meeting) for plans and modifications' is a good idea and this should be noted in the 'newsletter'.

**REMINDER: Subdivision Plans, Land Development Plans, and Modification Requests
are REQUIRED to be submitted 2 weeks prior to the Planning Commission meeting!**

Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee Chairman reported on the Sept. 2, 2020 Recreation Committee. The Recreation Committee chairman, Brian Patten, reported on their meeting on Sept. 2, 2020. All of the associations (Baseball, Softball, and Soccer) have Fall Ball planned. The Pool is being used by the YMCA for the month of September.

Action Items: Dumpster removals should be schedules per dates provided. The pool cover and chairs should be returned to the pool from storage at the township on or about 10/1/20.

September 14, 2020 Unfinished Business

The Supervisors voted to authorize and sign the 2020 Cooperation Agreement between the County of Butler and Jefferson Township for the County to administer the 2020 CDBG funding and to sign the contract with the County.

September 14, 2020

After some discussion, the Supervisors voted to adopt the revised Right to Know Policy Resolution #460 (old #284) to state that ‘anonymous right to know requests are unacceptable’ and to remove language that we ‘assign tracking numbers.’

Trick or Treat

Manager Rosenbauer noted that Summit Township contacted him about Trick or Treat. After some discussion, **the Supervisors voted to set the date for TRICK OR TREAT as Oct. 31st from 6 PM to 8 PM at residents' own discretion.**

Miscellaneous Business – September 14, 2020

Supervisor Rankin reported that the Butler County Association of Township Officials has cancelled the 2020 Safety Day and the Fall Convention due the COVID19 restrictions.

Major Expenditures since the July 13th meeting through Aug. 10, 2020

Code.sys Code Consulting – July	\$ 1,823.10
Russell Standard Corp. – seal coat project	158,164.90
Teamsters #261 Health & Welfare – Sept. health ins.	4,387.17
Bova Excavating – excess stone purchased	3,209.76
Summit Township – share of BOVA invoice for drainage work/Bonniebrook	361,821.22
Kriger & Company – new twin turbine leaf blower	12,641.39
Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham – legal fees July	1,458.00
HEI-WAY – coldpatch	1,044.59
Peter's Refrigeration – bal. due on parts/labor – install part	1,900.00
County of Butler Assessment Office – county/local tax processing	1,519.70
Code.sys Code Consulting – Aug.	2,975.74

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.

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!

REAL ESTATE /PER CAPITA TAX COLLECTOR

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

Posted changes due to the Coronavirus Pandemic: **She WILL be collecting taxes at 245 Heller Rd., Butler, PA 16002 on August 11, 2020 from 4:30 to 7:30 P.M.; Sept. 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 28th, 29th and 30th from 4:30 to 7:30 P.M. for the 2020 School Taxes.** Otherwise, if you wish to ‘drop-off’ your payment, there is a ‘locked drop box’ located on her porch. By MAIL anytime. Whether dropping off or mailing, if you wish to have a receipt, please include the entire tax bill with your payment (no cash or credit cards) and a self-addressed stamped envelope for her to mail back to you. It is NOT secure to leave cash at any time!! 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 ↓↓

⇒ **Butler County's Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collections - 2020:
Saturdays- 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
PROP-Certified Recycling Professional

Butler, PA 16003

Phone 724.284.5305

Email skelly@co.butler.pa.us Web Site www.recyclebutler.us

⇒ **THE NEWSLETTER** is only available On-line OR via e-mailing OR can be picked up at the Township Office.
Our Web Site is: www.jeffersonbutler.com If you want to have the newsletter e-mailed to you or if you have not received your e-copy, please contact the Township Secretary: jefftwpbutlerpa@zoominternet.net - 352-2324.

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

⇒ **TRICK OR TREAT** is set for Oct. 31st from 6 PM to 8 PM
at residents' own discretion; please follow CDC's Covid guidelines.

⇒ **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.

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
www.housingauthority.com

