



# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP FEBRUARY 2019 Newsletter

## Road Foreman's Report

Chairman Cypher read the report submitted by Road Foreman William Foertsch. The Ferris 0-Turn mower has been ordered. Delivery is expected late February or in March 2019. In regards to the tree trimming bids expected tonight, each road was to be listed separately in case the cost was too much, giving the Supervisors the option to eliminate a road. West Jefferson and Golden City Road Bridges are due for safety inspections in July 2019. Davey Tree Service will be trimming trees for 1st Energy along various roads in Jefferson Township. They will NOT be cutting along the roads we have requested for tree trimming bids. The Supervisors approved for the road foreman to attend an LTAP course on "Project Oversight" on Feb. 21st in Allegheny Co.

John Cypher noted that he, Braden Beblo and the road crew will attend flagger training in Saxonburg on Feb. 14th. Supervisors, road foreman, and sec/treas. will attend an informational meeting on Feb. 13th with Allen Williams at Summit Township regarding the Bonniebrook Road project.

## Recreation Committee

Brian Patten reported on the Feb. 6, 2019 Recreation Committee meeting.

Baseball: Walk-in registration is at Knoch Cafeteria on Sat., Feb. 16th from 9 AM to 12 Noon. Field cleanup day is March 16, with a rain date of 3/20/19 Baseball: [www.saxonburgbaseball.com](http://www.saxonburgbaseball.com)

Pool: The 2019 entrance fees and pass costs will remain the same as in 2018. The 2019 "Community Day Celebration" is being planned for the 1st weekend in August. Pool: [www.sebcopool.com](http://www.sebcopool.com)

Softball: Registration is now open, see their website for details. Clean-up day is March 23rd. They have a new 'president', Corey Purcell, who is taking over from Jim Jones. Jim will continue on the Recreation Board. Softball: [www.sagsa.org](http://www.sagsa.org)

Soccer: Spring registration is open for In-House recreation program until Feb. 28th; Travel registration has closed. [www.knochsoccer.org](http://www.knochsoccer.org)

Action Items: 1) Request the Township remove the gate locks by March 1st. *This will be done.* 2) Soccer requests assistance in increasing the upper parking lot. *This to be looked into.* 3) Request for the Township purchase additional security cameras. *Supervisor Cypher responded at 2/11/19 meeting that additional electronic security monitoring is in the process of scheduled installation.* 4) Request the Supervisors continue their review of the "Park Rules and Regs" so that revisions can be posted this spring or summer. 5) *Supervisor Cypher noted that for 9-1-1 compliance we need to consider location ID's within the park. He suggested this may be by 'area' rather than by building or site.*

## Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer reported on the January 21, 2019 Planning Commission (PC) meeting. They held their Election of Officers. The current slate of officers was 'retained': Leo Rosenbauer, Chair., Danielle Sedlak, Vice-Chair., and Evelyn Gross, Secretary.

The P.C. reviewed and approved the revised Donald E. Toth Plan (Subdivision) on Rennick Rd. Leo reported that all of the outstanding matters had been addressed satisfactorily. The Supervisors voted on Feb. 11, 2019 to adopt Resolution #428 (Plan Revision for New Land Development for this Donald E. Toth Plan) as required by DEP and to approve the Donald E. Toth Plan of Subdivision as revised and with modification allowing them to NOT provide contours (topography) map.

Chairman, Leo Rosenbauer reported that the P.C. had to deny the Harbison Lots Plan (a lot line revision) due to the 90 day review window expiring soon and due to outstanding matters needed on the plan. Revisions to the "Owners' Acknowledgement" and to the lot labeling as requested in the P.C.'s letter to Mr. Harbison and Mr. Tezik (his engineer) dated 1/8/19. No revisions had been received for review Jan. 21, 2019

and none have been received as of this evening. The Supervisors subsequently voted to deny the Harbison Lots Plan due to it being incomplete and due to the expiring 90 day review window.

The P.C. talked Mr. Dean from Summit Presbyterian Church about their property located on Caldwell Dr. at Saxonburg Road. After some discussion, it appeared that the last plan, a lot-line revision to combine the 'church/parking lot/dwelling with 4.84 acres with Parcel A of 18.93 acres (in April 2001) was **not** recorded! Mr. Dean will be confirming this with Butler County Mapping. They want to divide off a lot between their two areas (1 story brick dwelling, septic system, alt. test site, garage and existing driveway) and still keep a strip of land which will 'connect' the two (even if they do not combine the acreage). He was advised to seek advice from a surveyor or engineer to determine best way to divide off the parcel. The P.C. talked to them about keeping an 'easement' over the existing gravel drive for possible future use.

The P.C. approved a driveway permit application submitted by Civil and Environmental Consultants for Pine Run Midstream (for two driveway cuts on Riemer Rd.) with some contingencies. They have satisfied those contingencies per the Codes Officer, Danielle Sedlak. The Supervisors voted on Feb. 11, 2019 to approve the CEC/Pine Run Midstream driveway application as revised and the codes officer can proceed.

## **February 11, 2019 Unfinished Business**

The Tree Trimming bids were advertised for this evening. Only one bid, from Olar's Tree Service and Shaping, was received. The total bid was \$22,000, which includes Alwine Rd. - \$8,000; Rennick Rd. - \$8,000 and Smith Rd. - \$6,000. The Supervisors voted to reject this only bid because the Board would like to see some cost comparisons. Then, they voted to obtain quotes on Alwine and Rennick Roads only.

## **February 11, 2019 New Business**

Notice was received from PennDOT District 10-0 states that work to be done in our area May 4 to Oct. 31, 2019. State Route # 2010/2005 (Jefferson & Saxonburg Borough - 3" bituminous overlay - 7.53 miles). John Cypher contacted them because the work on Saxonburg Rd. was indicated as 'Jefferson Township', but it actually spans Butler Township, Summit Township, Jefferson Township and Saxonburg Borough. When he called the PennDOT official to explain that, he was told they would not be doing that work this year after all.

PennDOT 's Butler County Inspection Notification was received. Our two bridges Golden City and West Jefferson are listed for inspections in July 2019.

Butler County Parks Renovation Grant is available for application. The county will pay 75%/local match 25% up to \$2500 for projects up to \$10,000. We propose to recap fall safe surface on two playgrounds (as done last year on the one beside the ladies' pavilion). Total \$9,234.96 (our local match will be \$2,308.74 or 25%) The Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #429 authorizing application for this grant.

The Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #430 authorizing Disposition of Records (as listed) per the PA Municipal Records Manual adopted by the Township in December 2008 (Res. #285).

The Supervisors voted to accept the renewal proposal for the Selective Insurance package for the period: March 2019 to March 2020. This included liability and automotive insurance. Total is \$19,153.00.

## **Public Business and Miscellaneous Business - February 11, 2019**

NOTICE was received from HRG, Inc. that PennEnergy Resources is applying to DEP for a permit to drill and operate an unconventional gas well - West Pad 69, Well 7H - 300 Victory Rd. in Jefferson & Clinton Townships.

The Supervisors voted to authorize the 2018 Delinquent Per Capita list (prepared by the Tax Collector, Nadine Grabe) to be submitted to Sharp Collections, Inc.

The Real Estate Tax Collector spring discount and face hours are: March 19, 20, 21, 26, 27 & 28 and April 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25 and 30...all from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Other times call for an appointment. Office closed May 24-June 2.

The South Butler Community Library update 'summary' for municipalities. Here are some highlights: They have a new representative from Penn Township and from Winfield Township. They are recruiting candidates for two positions: Youth Program Leader and Library Assistant. They did not receive the AARP grant to make their rear door ADA accessible. They are submitting grant applications for "Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces" and "Thinking Money for Kids" traveling exhibit.

Chairman Cypher commented that 9-1-1 had asked the Township to 'name lanes' that have multiple residences/structures. The Codes Officer has sent letters, received responses, made inquiries to the County and

9-1-1, viewed the properties/lanes in questions with Supervisor Cypher, and compiled a report. Chairman Cypher asked the Board to review her report this month prior to further discussion at the March meeting.

**"Statement of the Township Address"** presented 2/11/19 by Chairman Cypher

We are finishing another decade of history this year. The Township of Jefferson, the County of Butler, the State of Pennsylvania, the United States of America, and the World move on! Each day brings another challenge and opportunity for all.

In Jefferson Township, all is well. We have been able to move forward, again, without any property tax increase. The frugal efforts of prior Supervisors and our current Supervisors have allowed fiscal responsibility to prevail. No deficit spending and no borrowing of funds have resulted in a 'no-nonsense' balanced budget year after year.

Of note, the Supervisors, the paid employees and the volunteer staff have been able to 'leverage' funds of the Township via grants and contributions. Examples this past year are: 1) Creek Road re-vamp and creek bank stabilization via Butler County Conservation District Grant (Dirt & Gravel Road/Low Volume Road) funding; 2) fall safe surface re-cap at the Township park via Butler County Parks Renovation Grant program; 3) receipt of funding through the PennDOT Multimodal Grant program for Bonniebrook Road rehab (2019 and 2020); and 4) contributions from Marcellus developers for infrastructure and paving improvements.

This year your Supervisors hope to apply for grants for: 1) additional fall safe re-capping at two township park playgrounds; 2) walking trail paving and drainage; and 3) park master plan update for 2019 and beyond. These funds are being sought through funding via County and State programs.

The Jefferson Township Board of Supervisors request that every resident please consider volunteering services to the Township cause: of future continued success! Needed are Township positions on the 1) Planning Commission Board and 2) Park/Recreation Committee Board. Also, please financially support or volunteer for the local Volunteer Fire Departments, South Butler Community Library or the Butler County Humane Society.

**Major Expenditures since the Jan. 7th meeting through Feb. 11, 2019**

2019 Donation to South Butler Community Library	\$ 7,500.00
2019 Donation to Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Dept.	\$ 8,000.00
American Rock Salt - road salt	\$ 18,481.91
Teamsters Employee Health & Welfare Fund - April 2019	\$ 3,334.23

**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 Wetzels, Robert Williams and Dan Driscoll.

**Recreation Board – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 8 P.M. Feb. to Oct. (rescheduled July's to 7/11/18) (no meetings Nov., Dec. & Jan.)**

Members: Brian Patter (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

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!!!!

**Discount and Face hours as follows:** March 19, 20, 21, 26, 27 & 28 and April 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25 and 30...

**all from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. at 245 Heller Rd., Butler, PA. Other times call for an appointment.**

She will not be available the week of May 24-June 2.

⇒ During the winter months, as per the Township Ordinances, NO ONE is to park on the cul-de-sacs 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. Residents living along the Butler-Freeport Community Trail are being 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.

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

2019: Saturdays- Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 16, Apr. 27, May 4, 11 and 18,  
Jun. 15, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 14, Oct. 5 and 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](mailto:skelly@co.butler.pa.us)

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

⇒ **Jefferson Township Burning Ordinance**

The Township Burning Ordinance limits burning of 'ordinary' (domestic) 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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