



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Foreman's Report

Braden Beblo read the report as follows:

- Winter maintenance, approximately 432 tons of salt was used for the month of January.
- 338 tons of salt was delivered.
- Stockpile blade for CAT payloader completed, built for the purpose of piling up material \$3,291.12.
- Road crew has been maintaining equipment and street signs, and mailboxes.
- Second stop sign on Bonniebrook at Great Belt was raised 18 inches for better visibility.
- We received 3 pallets of crack sealing material from Seal master. \$5,760.00
- On Jan 25th snow accumulated 16 inches.
- Fuel ordered as needed.

Recreation Committee

The Recreation Board met on Wed., February 4, 2026. Brian Patten gave the report

BASEBALL ASSN.: www.knochyouthbaseball.com Josh Harbison – Justin Thompson – Absent – No report

POOL ASSN.: www.sebcopool.com The pool will not open this year due to pending renovations. They will not need a dumpster for this year.

SOFTBALL ASSN.: www.sagsa.org

- Season Registration is currently open until February 15th. See their website for details.
- Jim advised that the softball dumpster can be delivered by March 9th.
- Jim asked that the park gates be unlocked prior to March 9th (weather permitting) to allow delivery of their dumpster and for them to prepare the fields for Knoch High School games in March.
- SASGA's tournament will be July 31st to August 1st.

SOCCER ASSN.: www.knochsoccer.org Kody Durrett – Absent – No Report

PARK PROJECTS:

Jim raised the question of how the Recreation Committee can assist the Twp. in the oversight of the park for the areas like routine maintenance for the grounds and facilities, or other tasks. Since the Twp. does not have a park manager, specifically the upkeep and planning for necessary routine tasks falls only to the Twp. to manage, the question is whether is there's an opportunity for the Rec. Comm. to assist in these tasks. Further discussion between the Rec. Comm. and the Supervisors is needed.

Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer reported on the P.C. meeting of 1/19/26. They held their 'election of officers prior to the following business.

A Request for Modification from Alexander Lefever was submitted on 12/2/25 for placement of a shed 10 feet from the rear property line. Leo Rosenbauer and Brian Noah stated that the P.C. recommended approval, which was granted by the board of supervisors on 6/10/24, which reflected a modification of 15 feet from the rear property line; the shed was moved but not to the 15-foot distance of the granted modification.

After discussion with P.C. members and Mr. Lefever, Mr. Rosenbauer moved to deny the most recent request because it does not meet current setbacks nor the setbacks granted in the Approved Modification (6/10/24). The motion was seconded by Brian Noah. Evie Gross, Dan Driscoll, and Mike Gaston voted nay. The vote was 4 approved and 3 against. The Modification for a 10-foot rear setback was DENIED and will move to the Board of Supervisors. The Supervisors discussed the matter briefly. The shed is 10' x 24' and Mr. Lefever did receive permission from the neighbor (Dr. Dittman) both times. The shed was moved and now the setback is 13.25' from the rear property line, which makes the modification 11.75 ft. The board cited no reason for approval.

The P.C. members discussed the Benzinger Solar Land Development with two representatives from CVE USPA and reviewed the technical review letter of the Land Development Plan provided by HRG, Inc. (Township Engineer), dated 1/5/26, with CVE USPA. Leo Rosenbauer moved to table the plan until the developer resubmits the plan addressing the items listed in HRG's letter dated 1/5/26. Bernie Shulik seconded the motion. All agreed and motion carried. The Township is awaiting a revised submission.

Under 'unfinished business' the P.C. tabled the Toth Subdivision Plan No. 2 until a new plan is submitted for review: motion by Leo Rosenbauer, second by Evie Gross and all agreed. No action for the Supervisors to take this evening.

Ford Stepp attended the P.C. meeting to introduce himself.

Feb. 9, 2026, Unfinished Business

Markus property pin issue- no response from the owner to date. Motion to approve or deny Jefferson Township to expend funds for a property survey of the Joseph and Deritch Markus property located at 193 Creek Road in order to have the northwestern most property pin set as requested by owner. Braden Beblo noted still no response from the owner to date.

Complaint of non-compliant setbacks for two sheds at 682 Saxonburg Road. Summary hearing is postponed.

The Manager authorized the award of the 2026 Tree Trimming Project including Bullcreek Rd. from Fraizer Rd. Northeast 0.8 miles, Cooper Rd., Great Belt Rd. from the Summit Township Line to Hannahstown Rd., Neupert Rd., Nursery Lane per the November 10, 2025 Supervisors meeting minutes to J.Z. Tree with a Quote in the Sum of \$16,450.00, upon receipt of a current Insurance Certificate and W-9. It was noted that J.Z. Tree would be a new vendor. Their quote was about \$3,000 less than the next quote. They will be asked to provide an insurance certificate (including worker's comp.) and a W-9. The Supervisors voted to award the job to J. Z. Tress for \$16,450.00.

Resolution #555 setting the 2026 compensation for the township manager was on the agenda for adoption; however, the Supervisors voted to table the decision until a future time agreed upon by the Board of Supervisors.

A Motion to accept the SEBCO Pool Renovation Project Bid from Mainline Commercial Pools in the amount of \$2,701,080.00 was on the agenda again for a decision. Due to an announcement by Ford Stepp that Phillips-Lynch Family Trust will meet on February 11, 2026, and will consider a possible donation toward the pool project, the Supervisors *moved to table the decision*. Then the Supervisors *moved to hold a special meeting* on Monday, Feb. 16, 2026, at 7:30 P.M. (following the P.C. meeting) to take a vote (which needs to be done prior to the Butler County Commissioners meeting on Feb. 25, 2026, for their approval/vote to meet the deadline of March 4, 2026).

Supervisors will review the LTAP study from Sept 16, 2024, on the Great Belt Rd. and Bonniebrook Rd. Intersection. Two stop signs have been raised. LTAP (PennDOT) said we are prohibited from making the 'opposing traffic does not stop' as questioned by Evie Gross. It was suggested that we contact Butler Township about their 'LED lit stop sign(s) at Greenwood Drive & South Benbrook Rd.

Feb. 9, 2026, New Business

A thank you letter was received from Butler County Humane Society for the \$500 donation for 2026 (approved in the budget in Dec. 2025) A thank you letter was also received from Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Company for the \$15,000 donation for budgeted (Dec. 2025) for 2026.

Sam Riemer is requesting to add 51.43 acres associated with Butler County tax Map Parcel # 190-1F153-36 into agricultural security area. The process previously used by Jefferson Township and used by other municipalities is to table the decision and wait 180 days for it to be ‘deemed approved’, and then the Supervisors will adopt the Resolution after the 180 days to add the parcels into to the Ag. Security Area. (this would be the August 10, 2026, meeting.) This is less time-consuming and costly to the municipality than other procedural options. The Supervisors voted to table the decision.

Statement from Thomas J. Anderson & Associates, Inc for the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan. We will be receiving a refund of \$976.91 from PSAB Municipal Retirement Trust.

Application for Butler Co. Parks Renovation Grant for 2026 to repaint (11) eleven handicap parking spaces. Adopt Resolution # 558.
Application is due Feb. 20, 2026 – 4 PM. The Supervisors voted to adopted Resolution #558.

The ‘State of County’ which is put on by the Butler Chamber of Commerce at the Atrium in Prospect is scheduled for April 19th at 7:00 A.M. Lois Rankin said the Supervisors and office personnel can attend and the township will pay the registration and reimbursement for mileage. The Supervisors voted to pay for the registration fee and mileage reimbursement.

Report on three County bridges in our township was presented by Lois Rankin, Chairperson. She noted that she spoke with Kevin Gray from Butler County. The County secured grant funds to bring all three bridges (Great Belt Rd., Burtner Rd., and O’Hara Rd.) to make them all steel, 24 ft. long bridges which will no longer have weight limits. The work will not begin until 2027. No cost to the township!

Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – Feb. 9, 2026

No public comment forms were submitted this evening.

Marlin Lang asked the Supervisors to speed up ‘solar ordinance revisions’ because he is being hounded by companies wanting to use or buy his 40+ acre property. The 9th offer is very lucrative, and he would like to proceed, but with the revisions...which are currently still with the attorney.

Evie Gross mentioned that Kriley’s are suing XTO and Mt. Gathering under a ‘class action suit’ and anyone concerned about this who does not want to be named in this class action suit (would have received a post-card notice) and should respond.

Leo noted that the office will likely not be open on Wed. and Thursday this week, due to Angel being off for a ‘family emergency’ and he will be attending a PA Asphalt Management Association ‘pavement restoration’ seminar. A note will be placed on the door.

Notice: Acknowledgement of Act 14 Notification for Concordia Lutheran Health and Human Care Plant Upgrades, WQM Permit #1090402 A-5. No action for the Board to take.

Major Expenditures between the Jan. 5th meeting and Feb. 9, 2026

Teamsters #261 & Employers Ins. - March 2026 health ins. premium	\$10,749.12
Purvis Brother’s – gasoline and diesel	\$1,496.69
Dillion, McCandless, King, Coulter, and Graham – January legal	\$6,027.50

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Board of Supervisors – 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. (except Jan.)

Lois Rankin, Chairperson Braden Beblo, Vice-Chair. Ford Stepp, Supervisor

Planning Commission – 3rd Monday at 6:00 P.M.

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

Recreation Board – 1st Wednesday at 8 P.M. Feb. to Oct. (No meetings Nov., Dec. & Jan.)

Members: Brian Patten (Chair.), Roger Cypher, Kristi Wise, Greg Bauer (Pool), Justin Thompson and Josh Hrbison (Baseball- Co reps), James C. Jones (Softball), and Kody Durrett (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.: Angel File

Holidays, Vacation, & other days off/office closures are posted on the door.

ANY QUESTIONS: email or call: jefftwpbutlerpa@zoominternet.net – 724-352-2324

REAL ESTATE /PER CAPITA TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collector Nadine Grabe, 245 Heller Rd, Butler, PA 16002 - 724-352-3288

By mail anytime. All other times by appointment only. Never leave unstamped envelopes in the Tax Collector's personal mailbox. Secure Drop Box located on the porch at 245 Heller Rd.

March 10th, April 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, & 30. Hours are 4:30-7:30pm.

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.

⇒ **NOTICE:** The Road Crew will be blowing leaves out of the ditch lines and storm sewers to keep them from clogging up. The rights-of-way will be blown out several times near the end of October through December as the leaves fall.

⇒ **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. Mailbox installation guidelines are available at the USPS website - "Regulations for Installing a Mailbox."

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 / 1st Responders would have difficulty getting to the scene.



PA AMERICAN WATER – ‘WaterSource’

LIHWAP – Low Income Household Water Assistance Program – contact www.compass.state.pa.us or request an application by calling the Dept. of Human Services Customer Service at 877-395-8930 (or for the hearing-impaired call PA Relay at 711).



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 leaving it 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.

⇒ **NEED HELP during COVID19: Call (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-ber/>

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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