



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER

First Day
of Summer

ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Foreman's Report

Ford Stepp read the report as follows:

- Daily Pa One Calls.
- Mtg. with Peoples Gas regarding line replacements on Blakely Road, Becker Road and Burtner Road.
- Base repair, mill and fill was completed in prep for chip seal.
- Blakely Road storm sewer project completed, 880 Ft of pipe and 6 boxes.
- Restroom tanks pumped out at the park added 150 gallons of water and black tank treatment.
- Replace cross pipe on Great Belt Rd. sink hole due to metal pipe failure.
- 2017 Mack Suspension in need of repair dropped off at fleet Pride for analysis.
- Heavy rainstorm clean up. Dirt and stone debris and tree clean up.
- Continued mowing and maintenance around buildings and park.
- Repaired all swing chains and welded existing brackets (replacement brackets are not available) on the Park Swing Sets

Recreation Committee

RECREATION BOARD REPORT: Recreation Committee met on August 5, 2026.

BASEBALL (Knoch Youth Baseball) ASSN.: – Absent – No report

www.knochyouthbaseball.com

POOL ASSN.: Greg Bauer

- Pool renovations are progressing with completion expected in October.
- Greg discussed the donation made by Concordia to help with the cost of renovations. He thanked them again for their ongoing support of the pool.
- The Pool Associations is continuing to work on fundraising for both the renovations and the pool's operational budget.
- Greg thanked the Twp for removing the fallen tree from near the pool playground quickly

www.sebcopool.com

SOFTBALL ASSN: Jim Jones

- Fall ball registration is now open until August 23rd for younger age groups and August 30th for older age groups. See their website for details.
- They will be addressing field drainage problems this month with field drain renovations.
- SAGSA's tournament was successful even though rain canceled Sunday's games. They had 25 teams participate from ages 8U to 15U.
- Jim thanked the baseball association for letting them use some of the baseball fields during the tournament.
- Jim also thanked the TWP for arranging to have the restrooms cleaned prior to their tournament.

- Jim advised that new backstops will be installed on both SAGSA fields at this month (planned for the 24th).

www.sagsa.org

SOCCER ASSN: Kody Durrett -Absent – No Report

www.knochsoccer.org.

New Business:

June meeting: Leo attended the meeting to have a discussion with the Associations regarding concerns with the current park rules, Ord. # 431, and how they pertain to the operation of E-bikes and/or other vehicles in the park. After discussion it was agreed that the Associations would discuss the matter, and any other desired changes to the current rules, with their groups and report back at a future Rec. Comm. meeting.

August meeting: No updated suggestions from any of the associations on park rule changes.

Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer reported on the P.C. meeting of 7/20/26.

The P.C. discussed the information provided in the Municipal Siting of Data Center Infrastructure white paper provided by Mike Gaston and the Data Centers Regulations Ordinance for Cameron County, Pennsylvania, provided by Bernie Shulik. Bernie Shulik suggested that the P.C. Chairman discuss with the Township Solicitor a potential moratorium on accepting any submissions related to data centers until such time as a Data Center Ordinance can be developed for the Township.

The P.C. reviewed the Land Development Plan submitted for 748 Dinnerbell Road by Thoma Meat Market and the HRG, Inc. (Township Engineer) comments received July 17, 2026. The P.C. recommended acceptance of the submittal contingent on addressing HRG's comments.

The P.C. reviewed the Lot Line Revision submitted for 783 Dinnerbell Road by Eric and Kimberly Smith and the HRG comments received July 17, 2026. The P.C. recommends acceptance of the submittal contingent on addressing HRG's comments. *Motion* by Ford Stepp. *Second* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

Eric Smith requested that the P.C. add the discussion of a conceptual development plan for 783 Dinnerbell Road to the meeting agenda. The P.C. voted to amend the agenda. Mr. Smith outlined the development plan for the P.C. Leo Rosenbauer indicated that the P.C. could not vote on a conceptual plan prior to its submittal and review by the board and the Township Engineer.

At the request of the Supervisors, Brian Noah summarized the contents of the Township's Burning Ordinance and those for nearby townships. Ford Stepp indicated that the Supervisors are primarily interested in additional clarification/specificity within the ordinance and that it be less restrictive with respect to agricultural activities while remaining consistent with any requirements established by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. The P.C. will develop draft modifications for the ordinance to address the Supervisors' concerns.

Board to direct the Planning Commission on what Sections of the Existing Burning Ordinance they would like to change and what kind of changes. The Vice-Chairman of the Planning Commission attempted five times to date to acquire information from the DEP on the Definition of "Agricultural Processing" (7-102.1). The P.C. is awaiting this definition provide to the Board.

Motion to Table was requested by the Developer at the July 13, 2026 Supervisors meeting because they have a scheduling conflict and were not able to attend the July 13, 2026 Supervisors meeting.

The P.C. discussed comments received from HRG, Inc. (Township Engineer), dated June 12, 2026, on the Preliminary Land Development Application provided by SV CSG Jefferson 1, LLC. The P.C. recommended approval of the Land Development Application with Modifications contingent upon SV CSG Jefferson 1, LLC addressing HRG's comments such as: submission dates and verification of submissions to other agencies and verifying all existing features including water wells and septic fields.

August 10, 2026, Unfinished Business and Old Business

The Board of Supervisors voted to table for one more month Resolution #555 setting the 2026 compensation for the township manager. Executive session on personnel will be held on Wed. Aug 19th at 6:30.

The Board of Supervisors voted for SEBCO Pool Approval of Payment Application #4 to Mainline Pools in the amount of \$272,250.00.

The Board of Supervisors had a discussion on the 2026 updated inventory list – Insurance Inventory List and the Maintenance Garage Inventory List (various prior dates) supervisors advised they would like anything over \$350.00 added to the list and asked that the road crew update the list in the wintertime.

The Board of Supervisors voted to RATIFY the purchase of Quick Books software with payroll keeping to enhancement/upgrade software from current accounting program to Quick Books discussed at the Workshop Meeting on July 29, 2026. *Second* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *notion carried*.

The Board of Supervisors voted for SEBCO Pool Approval of Payment Application #5 to Mainline Commercial Pools in the amount of \$318,123.01.

The Supervisors voted for payment Application #2 for Blackhawk Neff Electrical for work completed for the SEBCO Pool Renovation Project in the amount of \$28,686.60.

August 10, 2026, New Business

The 2026 CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funding totals \$106,642.00 (\$87,510.00 for projects and \$19,132.00 for admin.) The Supervisors voted to sign the cooperation agreement designating the County of Butler to administer the 2026 CDBG Funds (designated for housing rehab.) and other paperwork to be signed by the chairman. They also voted to adopt the ‘three-year plan’, Resolution #562 (which designates the use of the funds) and to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution #563 (non-discrimination). The County’s 2nd public hearing for the 2026 CDBG funding was held on Friday August 28, 2026.

A discussion on the purchase of camera with locator for storm sewer pipe inspections was suggested by the manager and foreman. Cost range depending on capabilities but up to about \$4,000-\$6,000. No action was taken at this time, can consider for 2027.

The Supervisors voted to approve MMO of \$26,700.00 as provided by T.J. Anderson for the Jefferson Township Municipal Pension Plan for the 2027 Budget.

The Board of Supervisors voted to approve the advertising of Fuel Bids to be opened at the September 14th meeting for the same amounts of fuel as last year.

2026 Chip Seal Project discussion: Peoples Natural Gas Company is designing gas line replacements on Becker Road and Burtner Road; two roads of which are on this years’ Seal Coat Project List. This construction will impact these two roads. Russell Standard the successful Bidder for the Seal Coat Project can not provide the Slag Stone this year originally Bid for the project due to a shortage. They are offering two solutions: 1) they will complete the Project this year on schedule as bid but would need to supply the same stone requirements (E rated limestone stone & gravel mix) that Jefferson Township has used in past years or: 2) defer the Seal Coat Project until 2027 following Peoples Gas gas line project if this can be coordinated with Peoples.

Liberty Pointe inquired if the Board would want the Wearing Course completed in Phase 1 prior to the start of paving for Phase 2 with the Township then adopting the Phase 1 Roadway or have the Phase 2 Base Course applied and the both Phase 1 and 2 Wearing Course applied then Adopted. The Board wishes them to complete all of Phase 2, No action at this time.

South Butler Community Library sent notification of their Booktoberfest on Sunday, 9/27/26.

The Board of Supervisors voted to send a \$50.00 financial donation.

Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – August 10, 2026

Resident Valarie Kapalka spoke to the Board regarding her mom's residence at 398 Bullcreek Rd. They have concerns of discharge from neighbor's septic into the ditch line. Valerie presented the board with a letter and photographs. SEO Doug Duncan conducted an inspection on the neighbor's system February 2026, and it tested fine, however the homeowner stated that they are still having difficulty mowing, weeding the ditch line etc. Township Manager said that Holbein has been contracted to clean out the ditch line and will follow up with them to confirm when they are scheduled.

Resident Bob Veselich spoke to the Board on Resolution 555, it was already discussed earlier, and an executive session is planned. He also mentioned that the catch basin that was installed 3 years ago has lots of debris in it.

Notice received from Teamsters Local Union- update on proposed merger with Teamsters Local Union No. 110

Notice received from Gateway Engineers- for issuance of General Permit-5

Notice of Intent received for coverage under the Erosion and Sedimentation Control General Permit (ESCGP-4) and a General Permit Registration (GP-4, GP-5 & GP-8)

Major Expenditures since the July 14th meeting through August 10, 2026

County of Butler General Fund (Pool)	\$419,327.95
Gateway Engineer's	\$5,045.50
Teamster's 261 Employers – health insurance Sept 2026	\$10,749.12
Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham – July 2026 legal	\$1,503.50

MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

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

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

Members: Leo Rosenbauer (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 Harbison
(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: jefftwpbutlerpa2@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.

August 11, September 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30. Hours remain the same 4:30 - 7:30 pm.

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.

⇒ 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.)

724-287-7769 is the 911 non-emergency contact number to call prior to an open burn.

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.

Review the entire Ordinance online at jeffersonbutler.com (under MORE/ORDINANCES) or stop at the Municipal Building to pick up a copy.

⇒ NEED HELP: 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-beri>

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



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