



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

APRIL 2025

NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Foreman's Report

John Cypher read the report as follows:

- Snow fence and snow marker tear down has been completed since mid- March.
- Road crew have spent time cleaning, organizing, and doing repairs to the outside of the Township facility and grounds. Two trees have been removed that were causing drainage issues in front of maintenance garage. The stumps need to be ground.
- The road crew marked about 30 stumps that need ground at the Township facility and at the park. Prices were obtained for rental and contracted out. The Road Foreman recommends having Stephenson Tree Service grind them for \$600. The Manager has approved, and the work is to be done in a week or two.
- Road crew has swept all intersections and roads that needed swept. The bridges and trestles, and park pavement and handicap parking areas were cleaned as well.
- The work release from Butler Country has helped gather sticks and branches and made piles at the park, which in turn made it easier and saved time for the road crew! The road crew wishes to thank them for their help and a few residents that use the walking trail gave a hand when they could.
- Road crew has been cleaning and picking up limbs and such from the Township right of ways and drainage infrastructure after rains and storms as needed.
- On April 2, 2025 the Manager, Supervisors, and Road Forman drove and looked at some possible road and pipe projects for 2025. No decisions were made, and the Forman gave copies of his thoughts and notes to the Manager as requested.
- Safety at the park around the concession stands, storage sheds and any outbuildings are becoming an issue. From old soda coolers that get blown over, to building supplies, ballfield equipment, junk, etc. This can cause possible tripping hazards, flying debris during windy days, maintenance issues for grounds keeping and looks terrible. Can we please remind all organizations to be more responsible with outside housekeeping. It would really help the park be safer and look better.
- Maintenance on equipment and roads will continue as decisions are made on what roads and projects that need addressed in 2025.

Recreation Committee

The Recreation Board met on Wed., April 2, 2025. Brain Patten gave the report.

BASEBALL ASSN.: BASEBALL (Knoch Youth Baseball) ASSN.:

- Practices have now started!
- KYB will host a community day in the park on May 31st. There will be several activities that will be offered, such as an All-Abilities game as well as several vendors (food trucks, etc.).
- KYB is doing a lot of work on the grounds and facilities this year including upgrades to fields, fences and back stops, and concession stands.
- They are very excited for the addition of the restrooms, and they thank the township for this upgrade.
- Planned tournament dates: 6/7 & 6/8, 6/14 & 6/15, 6/20-22, 7/11-13, and 7/26 & 7/27.

www.knochyouthbaseball.com

POOL ASSN:

- The Pool has the following needs/openings for this year:
 - Maintenance person for this year.
 - Lifeguards for this year. Lifeguard training days are planned for the 3rd week of May.
 - Board of Directors volunteers.
 - Anyone who is interested can apply at the pool's website.
- Leaving the admission/pass prices the same for 2025.
- Opening Day is scheduled for May 24th.
- They are starting maintenance/preparations to open for the season.
- Greg reported that they have received notification that the YMCA Y-care program will not be utilizing the pool this year.

www.sebcopool.com

SOFTBALL ASSN.:

- Games are expected to begin on April 22nd.
- They have rented a porta-john until the new restroom installation is completed. Jim inquired about when the restroom installation might be complete so they can make arrangements with the porta-john rentals.
- Jim was glad to hear that the Twp. was reviewing the lack of lines in the parking area and thanked the township for this.
- Planned tournament dates (as of now): August 15th through 17th and 8U tournament June 21 & 22.

www.sagsa.org

SOCCER ASSN.:

- Registrations for In-house teams were very strong this year!
- They are having an umbrella sale, Knoch Umbrellas as a fund raiser for the organization. Details are on their website.
- They are searching for a Director of Fund Raising for the organization.
- They are still in need of a Concessions Manager for this upcoming season in order to have concessions open for the year. Interested people can contact them through their website.
- They have also rented a porta-john until the new restroom installation is complete.

www.knohsoccer.org.

PARK PROJECTS:

The installation of 2 new bathroom units in the park was scheduled for mid-February. They have since been set in place (April 4th). One between the softball and T-ball fields (Fields 5 & 6) and one near the soccer concession stand. The restrooms are NOT ready for use and the Township will be working toward that end, hopefully soon. They will try to keep the Recreation Committee informed. The Recreation Committee noted that this project will be of great benefit to the park and the recreation committee members thanked the township for adding these restrooms to the park.

Planning Commission

The manager, Leo Rosenbauer, reported on the March 17, 2025 Planning Commission meeting.

Aaron McGarvey was present to discuss the request for modification he submitted for his home at 184 Hannahstown Rd. The proposed modification is to allow a setback for a 16 ft. x 33 ft. two-story addition to his existing house of 45.5 ft from Hannahstown Rd. rather than the 50 feet required by the township ordinances. The existing house is already 45 feet from the road edge. The attached front porch sits within the front yard setback. The existing (old) driveway is to be eliminated. The proposed addition cannot be constructed to the back or opposite side of the house due to the presence of the well and septic line respectively. The P.C. voted to recommend approval of the 4.5 ft. modification as submitted. After some discussion, The Township Supervisors approved the modification request Aaron McGarvey submitted.

The P.C further discussed the proposed Solar Ordinance which is based on language developed for areas with zoning. Evie Gross suggested contacting PSATS for a sample ordinance that has been developed for areas without zoning.

The P.C had a lengthy discussion on the definitions of structures and buildings with the following suggestions:

“Structure” to be defined as: Any man-made object having an ascertainable stationary location on or in land or water, whether or not affixed to the land. This wording is from the Municipalities Planning Code.

“Building” to be defined as: Any structure fully occupied or intended for supporting or sheltering human occupancy and requiring an occupancy permit. This wording/definition is consistent with existing language in Chapters 4 and 22 of the Township Code of Ordinances and incorporates the additional requirement for an occupancy permit.

The manager, Leo Rosenbauer will confer with the Township Attorney (Matt Marshall) on the proposed definitions discussed.

April 14, 2025 Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was scheduled for discussion.

April 14, 2025 New Business

The Board of Supervisors was given (3) three options from Berkheimer Tax Innovation to consider for the upcoming contract renewal which will expire 12/31/2025. The next Butler Co. Tax Collection Committee meeting is in September.

The Supervisors voted to approve the vacation time (as required under the Union Contract) for all four road department workers as requested by emails dated 3/5 and 4/7/25.

The Supervisors voted to advertise bids for seal coat/fog seal of the roads viewed during the ‘ride along inspection’ with the road foreman. They include: Alwine Rd., Brian Dr., Bullcreek Rd. (from Mushrush to Frazier Rd.) Caldwell Dr., Frazier Rd., Janice Lane, Reimer Rd., and West Jefferson Rd. The opening of the bids will likely be June 9, 2025 at 2 PM, since the Manager has not yet met with Cory Shaffer from PennDOT Municipal Services. If the bids come in too high, the Board will have the right to delete a road from the bid.

The Township Supervisors voted to approve the substitution of the existing Financial Security for Phase 1 – Liberty Pointe, which is an Irrevocable Letter of Credit, to a Performance Bond in an amount approved by the Township Engineer and in a format acceptable to the Township Solicitor.

The Township Supervisors voted to approve an amendment to the Phase 1 – Liberty Pointe Development Agreement dated on or about January 17, 2023 to approve the Developer’s request to extend the completion date for the Phase 1 improvements from January 17, 2025 to January 17, 2027, the form and amount of which amendment shall be acceptable to the Township Solicitor and the Township Engineer and shall be subject to the requirements of Chapter 22-1102.2.

Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – April 14, 2025

A notice was received from Moody and Assoc. that PennEnergy Resources is applying to DEP for permit to drill and operate an unconventional gas well in Middlesex Township (well pad location is 450 Glade Mill Rd.)

The Supervisors voted to approve township officials (*Supervisors, Secretary/Treas. and Assistant, Township Manager, Planning Commission Members, Township Tax Collector, and Elected Auditors*) to attend the May 15, 2025 Butler County Assn. of Township Officials Spring Convention.

No ‘public comment’ forms were submitted this evening.

Major Expenditures between the March 10th meeting and April 14, 2025

CXT Incorporated- restroom units for park	\$181,380.00
Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Company- false alarm fees	\$1,200.00
Teamster’s 261 Employers – health insurance May 2025	\$7,575.20
Pitell Contracting - refund of completion fees	\$1,000.00

Vogel Disposal -park trash service	\$1,606.28
Pro 10:9 INC – service and new fire extinguishers	\$1,497.00
Code Sys – build permit inspections for March 2025	\$2,042.88
Dillion, McCandless, King, Coulter, and Graham – March legal	\$3,055.75

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 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 Hsrbison (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.: Lois Fennell Sec/Treas. Trainee 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 4th, April 22, 23, 24, 28, 29 and 30th during the hours of 4:30pm - 7:30pm.

By Mail Anytime or call for an appointment. Secure Drop box on the porch.

The Tax Office will be closed May 24th through June 9th.

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.)


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:** 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!



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
www.housingauthority.com

