



# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER JULY 2017

## NOTICE

### **The SEBCO Pool Association's 50th Anniversary Celebration set for Sat., August 12, 2017.**

**They are looking for older/historical photos or other information about SEBCO that residents might be willing to share. Please contact Greg Bauer, SEBCO President, at [greobauer@aol.com](mailto:greobauer@aol.com)**

## **Road Foreman's Report**

Chairman Cypher read the report submitted by Road Foreman William Foertsch. The road crew is nearly finished with road preparations for the 2017 paving and chip seal projects. The paving project will start this week and will take approximately 2 weeks, weather permitting. The chip seal project is scheduled for the week of August 7th. The Hannahstown Road bridge project is underway. It will be an aluminum arch similar to the one removed, and is expected to be shipped by the end of July. If all goes well, the project should be completed by the beginning of September. The 'Beth's Barricades' have been removed. The Supervisors voted to authorize the road foreman to begin getting prices to present to them for a new truck for possible replacement of the 96 International Dump Truck. The Supervisors voted to proceed to stockpile another 400 ton of salt under the current state contract (price \$55.94) to prepare for the 2017/2018 winter season. The second berm mowing is scheduled to begin this week, beginning with the Saxonburg area due to the upcoming carnival.

## **Recreation Committee**

The Recreation Committee met on Wed., July 5, 2017. Brian Patten, Recreation Committee Chair., could not attend, so John Cypher read portions of the minutes e-mailed to the office. Baseball: The drainage area between the T-Ball and the Farm Fields is being reviewed by the road crew and any suggested remedy will be reviewed by the Baseball Association. Pool: SEBCO Pool's 50th Anniversary Celebration is set for Sat., Aug. 12th. They are asking for older/historical photos or other information about SEBCO to be shared with them for this event. Contact [greobau@aol.com](mailto:greobau@aol.com) They thanked the Township and road crew for the removal of the trees around the pool including stump grinding and clean-up...it is a nice improvement to the pool area. No report from Softball and Soccer. New Business: They discussed 'automatic park gates' again, but agreed that more information is needed. Brian Patten got a quote for 1 bleacher via National Recreation Systems (reported in May 2017 - for \$3,699). The Board had asked him to check with the County Parks Director to try and get a better price. Old business: Viki Nulph completed painting of the park entrances signs and her family placed mulch and planted flowers around them. They asked if 'video surveillance' signage is needed. Park Projects: The gazebo is to be stained and picnic tables installed; hopefully before the Aug. 12th event. Action Items: A light switch needs to be installed 'outside' of the electrical panel in the Ladies' Pavilion. The Supervisors voted to post to 'video surveillance' signs at each entrance of the park. The Township will place a notice in the newsletter regarding the SEBCO 50th Anniversary Celebration.

## **Planning Commission**

There was no quorum of the Planning Commission meeting on June 22nd, however, the members present submitted notes on their discussion. They talked to three Sisters from the Theotokos Monastery about the fire they had there in June. Lighting hit the exhaust on the new HVAC system. They were very thankful

for the 25 fire trucks responding from several fire companies. They have 5 sisters staying at the art studio temporarily. The other 14 are dispersed to church families. Two matters were discussed: They plan to install a basement and modular home of the adjacent parcel. This parcel at the top of the hill near the road side is currently vacant, but will be divided off 'later'. A pit and perc has been done and they are in the process of identifying a system designer and getting a permit from SEO. A building permit application was given to Sister Christina and she was advised to contact the PA UCC Inspector from Code.sys Code Consulting about the requirements for the modular. On the main property, their living quarters are uninhabitable. They may be able to use a small building behind the monastery, but they need someone to test the propane line to and inside it. It was also suggested they talk to their plumber for a recommendation if he is not comfortable with doing this test. They will be contacting someone about the wells.

The P.C. members talked about the Goodlin Land Development which was approved in May and it was noted that the owners have contacted both the sewage enforcement officer and building permit officers about the change of use requirements. The P.C. members discussed the business opened at 157 Winfield Road without having applied for a land development approval and obtaining applicable building permits (PA Uniform Construction Code) and septic permits (PA Dept. of Environmental Protection.) The matter has been turned over to the township attorney.

The P.C. members discussed the proposed revisions to the Burning Ordinance and the Solid Waste Ordinance and made several recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. The Board has requested that the township attorney now review the proposed revisions.

### **July 10, 2017 Unfinished Business**

A Public Hearing was advertised and held prior to this regular meeting at 6:55 PM regarding the Revisions to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (#394). The revision gives the Supervisors authority to require application fees, deposits, and updates the requirements for developers to reimburse the Township for Professional Consultants' fees for reviews, inspections, etc. At the meeting, the Supervisors voted to adopt Ordinance #394 (Subdivision and Land Development Revision). They also voted to adopt Resolution #395 (the Schedule for Consultant and Review Fees) and the general Township Fee Resolution #396 (referencing #395).

DCNR has told the Township that the National Park Service is requiring a 'resolution' from the Township and execution of the Park Gas Lease has been put on hold. The Township did not receive the proposed resolution for this evening's meeting. After some discussion with the Township Attorney, the Board voted to authorize execution of the proposed Resolution (to be provided by DCNR) and the Park Gas Lease Amendment (provided by PennEnergy Resources) subject to review and approval by the Township Attorney.

The Township received a brief report from HRG, Inc. They are almost done with the MS4 Waiver Application/Notice of Intent and will send final paperwork to the DEP in about a week. It may be awhile before DEP makes a decision.

### **July 10, 2017 New Business**

Quotes for workmen's compensation insurance (policy year 8/1/17 to 7/31/18) were received for a decision this evening. C.W. Howard Ins. Agency submitted 3 quotes: Selective \$11,256; Rockwood Casualty \$14,645; and AmeriHealth (now AmTrust) \$15,300. Matson Ins. Agency submitted 1 quote: Eastern Alliance Ins. Co. for \$12,534. The Supervisors voted to accept the quote from Selective for \$11,256.00.

The Supervisors voted to authorize advertisement for bid for #2 Diesel and NO Ethanol gasoline for opening at the August 14, 2017 meeting.

The Supervisors approved a change in office hours, which will now be Monday through Thursday from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM. The office will be closed and the secretary will be off on Fridays.

It was noted that the Act 13 Impact Fee allocation of \$98,283.11 was received on July 7th.

### **Public Business and Miscellaneous Business - July 10, 2017**

A resident from the Golden City Rd. area asked the Supervisors for "Sound Horn" signs at the railroad underpass on Golden City Rd. Chairman Cypher noted that there is also a narrow underpass on West Jefferson Rd. The Board will consider the matter (and any merits to doing this.)

A resident from Bucklin Lane made calls to Supervisor Rankin and the new codes officer (Adam Hartwig) regarding burning and operation of machinery after hours at the Weber Junkyard on Victory Rd. The codes officer visited the site and notified the worker that DEP prohibits burning by businesses. He warned that further complaints will go directly to the magistrate.

- Received NOTICE from HRG, Inc. that PennEnergy is applying to DEP for permits to Drill & Operate Unconventional Gas Wells on 623 Bicker Rd., Winfield Township (PER W45 1H, 2H, 3H, 4H, 5H, 6H, 7H, and 8H)

- Received NOTICE from HRG, Inc. that PennEnergy is applying for a GP-5 Utility Line Stream Crossing (temporary water line) in Jefferson and Winfield Townships (located around Saxony Farm's lake).

- Received NOTICE from Tri-County Engineering that Mountain Gathering LLC is submitting a "notice of termination" to DEP for the general 'national pollutant discharge elimination system permit for stormwater discharges for the Compressor Station on Saxonburg Rd.

- Received NOTICE from HRG, Inc. that PennEnergy is applying to DEP for Permit Applications to Drill and Operate Unconventional Gas Wells in Winfield Township - W60 - wells 1H to 9H on Cornplanter Rd.

The Supervisors voted to authorize the secretary-treasurer, Lois Fennell, to execute the "Release from Inspection Agreement for a Free Access Sand Filter System" for a property owner on Saxonburg Rd. That system has been replaced by an EcoFlow system which does not require recording of agreement.

Chairman Cypher noted that XTO Energy has agreed to pay 25% of the chip seal of Bullcreek Rd. and Frazier Rd. for a total of \$21,673.75.

#### **Major Expenditures since the June 12th meeting through July 10, 2017:**

Code.sys Code Consulting - inspection fees (building permits)	\$ 2,535.00
Hampton Concrete Products - catch basins/grates	\$ 1,265.00
Hei-Way, LLC - coldpatch	\$ 15,128.73
Highmark Blue Shield - health ins. premium	\$ 3,096.44

### **The Newsletter**

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](http://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](mailto:jefftwpbutlerpa.@zoominternet.net) - 352-2324.

### **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 – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7:00 P.M. except for Nov. 19 & Dec. 17, 2015)**

Members: Leo Rosenbauer (Chair.), Danielle Sedlak (Vice-Chair), Evelyn Gross (Secretary), Kathryn Foertsch, Bill Montgomery, James Jones, Gary Stone, Robert Wetzal, and Robert Williams

#### **Recreation Board – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 8 P.M. Feb. to Oct. (no meetings Nov., Dec. & Jan.)**

Members: Brian Patten (Chair.), Roger Cypher, Viki Nulph, Greg Bauer (Pool), ~~Mike Comely~~ (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**

**NEW HOURS beginning JULY 2017:** 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.

#### **The Tax Collector is Nadine Grabe – 724-352-3288**

245 Heller Rd., Butler, PA 16002 - 352-3288

By Mail anytime, other times by appointment. Please call for an appointment.



## 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.

### 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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