



# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

## JUNE 2015 Newsletter

### VOLUNTEER NEEDED

**Interested persons please contact the Township Office if you desire to become a member 'at large' from the Township with intent to become Chairman of the Recreation Committee.**

### JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP BURNING ORDINANCE

The Township Burning Ordinance limits burning of 'ordinary' waste materials (paper, cartons, boxes, leaves, wood and other similar items) 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 (*see Butler County Hazardous Materials Recycling Dates on page 3*). **BUSINESSES are to get permission directly from the DEP** (Dept. of Environmental Protection) **for ANY burning!** All fires are to be completely extinguished no later than 6 P.M. PLEASE be considerate of your neighbors and do NOT allow leaves and other 'allowed' materials to be left smoldering after 6 PM. **THANK YOU!**

**II-VI, Inc. will be testing their "Community Early Warning System" on Friday, June 24th and Sat., June 25th at 12 NOON!**

### Recreation Committee

Wayne Deaner reported on the June 1, 2016 meeting. They are still in need of a new 'member at large' that would intend to become chairman of the Recreation Committee. Mr. Deaner obtained quotes for picnic tables for the gazebo. Three quotes for the round tables were sent to Wendy Leslie for revision of CDBG funds to pay for 2 'handicapped accessible' tables. The Supervisors voted to approve the revision of funds for the purchase of two handicapped accessible picnic tables from the 2013 CDBG Admin. Funds. They also approved purchasing two additional regular round tables from Township funds, so that four tables will be installed at the gazebo. **The Township is asking for donations toward the two additional picnic tables; please contact the township office if you would like to donate.**

After some discussion about the use of 'motorized vehicles' in non-designated areas of the park, the Supervisors suggest that the Recreation Committee review the entire Parks Rules & Regulations Ordinance and determine what changes and additions are needed.

*Baseball:* They are at mid-season. They held a 'hit-a-thon' as a fund raiser toward the proposed field lights. *Pool:* Opening day was Sat., May 28th. It was their highest attended day in a long time. Except for last Monday (June 6th) the pool will open at Noon every day. Their Swim Teams have been formed, but no large tournaments are being scheduled. They are contacting sponsors to display advertising signs at the pool in honor of their 50th Anniversary in 2017. They will contact Butler County Tourism to plan a Community Day to celebrate the 50th Anniversary next year. New epoxy floor covering was installed in both bath houses and a new hot water tank (for showers) was purchased. *Softball:* Fast Pitch Tournament is scheduled for July 22 to

July 24, 2016. *Soccer*: The golf outing has been postponed until fall (due to lack of interest.) Their spring season ended last weekend (June 10-12). Sign-ups are currently being accepted for the fall season. They will have soccer camps every Tuesday and one 1-week soccer camp this summer. *New Business*: The Pool Association requested that the road crew investigate the drainage that apparently runs off the hillside into the bath house. After some discussion the Supervisors agreed to have them look at the situation and report back to them. *Old Business*: In regards to the Rt. 356 park entrance sign, Leo Rosenbauer said Steve from Classic Signs is to order in the paint and then Viki Nulph can proceed with the painting. *Misc. Business*: Wayne Deaner reported that the 26 member Girl Scout group called "Saxonburg Neighborhood" wants to fix-up the Scouts Pavilion. On Sunday, July 17th they propose to: 1) pressure wash the handicapped pad and the grill; 2) repaint the lines on the handicapped pad; 3) clean and paint the tables and benches; 4) add a center support to the bridge and a railing; 5) put mulch around the trees in the area; and 6) dress up the area with 3 tons of stone to be donated by one of the fathers. In addition they request permission to add the Girl Scout Logo on one side of the pavilion and the Boy Scout Logo on the other side and they need another picnic table to accommodate the 26 girls. The Supervisors approved their proposal *except for* the railing on the 'foot-bridge.'

## **Road Foreman's Report**

John Cypher gave the report submitted by road foreman, Bill Foertsch. The road berming is basically done. The road crew fixed the driveway elevation around the maintenance garage to keep water from flooding the building and installed a new catch basin for better drainage along the rear of the property. Three new motion lights were installed on the garage.

Paving on Fisher Road was done the first week of June. The shoulders will be addressed throughout this month. Risers will be installed on the catch basins if needed.

All of Mushrush Rd. and Bullcreek Rd. from Mushrush to Township line should be added to the 'double seal coat' project for 2016. They are both under bond and XTO Energy has agreed to pay half of the estimate of \$48,302. Russell Standard Corp. has no problem with the additional seal coat. Our 'share' will be under the 10% variance allowed on bids. The Supervisors voted to accept XTO Energy's offer to pay 1/2 of the additional seal coating (\$24,151.)

The Supervisors voted to ratify the sale of two old snow plows to Donegal Township for \$1,500.00. The Supervisors have not received any interest in the 1959 Massey Ferguson tractor; plus South Buffalo Township voted to NOT purchase the old Trac-paver. The Board is considering whether to advertise in the PA TownshipNews Magazine or advertise for sale by sealed bid via the Butler Eagle. Bill Foertsch is looking into quotes for replacement of the 2007 Peterbuilt. The Supervisors indicated that they want to know the price difference between a stainless steel bed and an aluminum bed.

Chairman Cypher reported that the garage renovation project is running smoothly and the floor was poured about two weeks ago. The Supervisors (who had been contacted individually for approval) voted at this June 13th meeting to ratify approval of change orders to 1) run a new water line from the office building to the garage, 2) install one additional man door, and 3) replace the existing overhead door to match the two new ones.

## **Planning Commission**

Leo Rosenbauer, P.C. Chair, reported on the May 26, 2016 Planning Commission (PC) meeting. They reviewed and approved revised drawings for the St. Luke's land development proposing a roof over the existing cement pad. The Supervisors subsequently voted to approve the St. Luke's Land Development for a proposed roof over the existing entry and cement pad. St. Luke's had also mentioned that they plan to pave the parking lot and information was forwarded to the Township Engineer last month. The Township may not be able to 'grandfather in' this project under St. Luke's 2000 Stormwater Plan and they may need to meet 'current' standards.

The P.C. reviewed a request for a building permit for a pavilion by the VFW Post on Dinnerbell Rd. Since it is not a residential structure, they were told by the P.C. to submit a land development with an engineer's seal and stormwater planning.

Evie Gross, P.C. Secretary, attended an MS4 Workshop in Cranberry Township on May 19, 2016. She urged the Supervisors to include the road crew on 'MS4 training' as it heavily involves documenting culverts, inlets/outlets, basins, etc. She said to look for upcoming training on "MS4 Documentation."

## June 13, 2016 Unfinished Business

Supervisor Davis regrettably reported that the West Jefferson Rd./Creek Rd. Habitat Improvement Project had to be scrapped. Final word from Dave Andrews (Connoquenessing Watershed group) came at 4:30 on Mon., June 13th. One of the property owners has refused permission to work along his creek bank property. He was insisting upon a signed contract to hold the property owner harmless for future 'what-ifs', despite the fact that the property owner will retain more liability without doing the project. Neither the Township nor the Connoquenessing Watershed nor the PA Fish Commission will sign a 'contract'; no one is being 'hired' to do the work as a contractor. There is no time to re-submit permit applications to down-size the project; the only window was late this June 2016. So this project will be adapted to mainly to beef up the banks to protect the township road and will have to be done later at Township expense.

The Supervisors are still considering whether to bid or quote gas and diesel for the upcoming year. They will continue to review the draft revised Floodplain Ordinance. The FEMA 'final letter of determination' was expected in July, so adoption would need to take place within 180 days from release of that letter.

The Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #381, adopting the Butler County All Hazards Mitigation Plan (as recommended by our emergency management coordinator).

The township secretary/treasurer met with a representative from PLGIT on Friday, May 20th. Supervisors Cypher and Rankin came to hear the presentation. The Supervisors voted this evening to approve setting up all four PLGIT accounts (General, State, Impact Fee, and Capital Reserve) for Class/I (internet only option) and CD options for future use. The interest rate at that date for standard PLGIT was .26% and PLGIT Class/I was .40%. The Supervisors also adopted Resolution #382 authorizing a budget amendment to transfer additional funds from the General Fund PLGIT account to the Capital Reserve Fund PLGIT account. It had been budgeted for a \$25,000 transfer this year; this resolution authorizes a \$100,000 transfer.

The Electronics Recycling Event, which was to be scheduled late summer/early fall, may NOT happen at all. The Supervisors are waiting for final word from the Saxonburg Borough Secretary.

## June 13, 2016 New Business

The Knoch Cross Country and Track & Field Booster Association has requested temporary closing of Knoch Rd. for their 6th Annual Roebing's 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, Aug. 13, 2016 from 7:30 to 9:30 AM. They will, as in previous years, provide traffic control and signs to notify the traveling public and property owners in the area. They will also contact the PA State Police and get approval from Clinton Township Supervisors for the other end of Knoch Rd. The Supervisors voted to approve the temporary closing.

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## Miscellaneous and Public Business, June 13, 2016

Notice was received from Gannett Fleming that Mountain Gathering LLC proposes to construct a natural gas gathering pipeline in Jefferson Township and Penn Townships for the Bachelder property in Penn Twp.

### Major Expenditures since the May 9 through June 13, 2016:

Health Assurance of PA, Inc. - June premium	2,997.17
Advanced Truss, Inc. - additional 25% on garage renovations	27,315.25
HEIWAY, LLC - coldpatch	7,742.96
Health Assurance of PA, Inc. - July premium	2,997.17

## 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.

**TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS**

Monday through Thursday - 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM & Friday mornings - 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

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.

**OFFICE CLOSED AFTERNOONS WEEK OF JUNE 20 TO 24!!**

**MONTHLY MEETINGS**

**Board of Supervisors** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. (except Jan. & April)

L. John Cypher, Chairman Lois Rankin, Vice-Chair. Rodger Davis, Supervisor

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

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

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

Members: (Vacancy) (Chair.), Wayne Deaner (Secretary/Acting Chair.), Viki Nulph, Greg Bauer (Pool), Brian Patten (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.

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

245 Heller Rd., Butler, PA 16002

**Call for appointment - 724-352-3288.**



**Butler County’s 2016 Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collections:**

**2016 Dates:** June 25, July 16, August 20, September 17,

October 15 and 29, November 19, and December 17 (winter dates are weather permitting.)

Just for clarification...the contractor cannot take large freon appliances like full-size refrigerators and freezers.

**By Appointment (pre-registration required) 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)

**NOTICE: Best Buy Electronics is no longer accepting televisions for recycling in Pennsylvania.**

**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  
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