



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER March 2016

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.

Recreation Committee

Wayne Deaner reported on the March 2, 2016 Recreation Committee meeting. He said Leo Rosenbauer submitted his letter of resignation to the Recreation Committee (after informing the Supervisors at their Feb. 8th meeting.) Mr. Rosenbauer will finish the application for the Butler County Parks grant and will work on finishing the security camera system at the park.

Baseball: Registration is closed for the younger divisions, but as of 3/2/16 was still open for the Colt and Legion Leagues. The registration numbers should be around the same as last year. Clean up day is scheduled for Sat., March 19th. Opening day is scheduled for Sat., April 30th. Spring maintenance projects include rehabilitation of the lower equipment shed and the dugouts at the Pony and Legion Fields; others as needed. They are still organizing and gathering information about installing lights at the Legion Field; they anticipate this to be a multi-year project.

Pool: Their first meeting was on Wed., Feb. 10th; they had planned to meet in Wed., March 9th as well. E-mails were sent to prior pass holders to remind them that they will be eligible for the early bird discount until April 30th; **register at:** www.sebcopool.com. Mr. Bauer will be contacting the road foreman to arrange to have the wall at the pool pump house removed. They are getting quotes for a huge water softener to solve the problems of the water turned green.

Softball: No report.

Soccer: Registration is closed; they had 237 sign up. They are trying an new pilot program for kids 3 to 4 years old. Clean up date is Sat., March 19th with a rain date of Sun., March 20th. Soccer practice begins on Sunday, March 20th. Opening day is scheduled for Sat., April 9th. **They are planning a golf outing on Sat., May 21st (2 PM) at Birdsfoot Golf Course.** TO REGISTER go to website: www.knochsoccer.org.

New Business: One of the baseball association dumpsters needs to be relocated to avoid crossing the trail with the garbage truck. Wayne Deaner is to be notified when delivery will take place.

Old Business: The Supervisors authorized last month to apply for the Butler County Park Renovation/Development Program grant (Resolution #379.) The application was submitted before the due date.

Action Items: Rodger Davis and Leo Rosenbauer will meet with Keith Thrower and the electric company representative to finalize plans for the installation of the security camera system. The park gates are to be opened starting Monday, March 14th. The road crew will be contacted to schedule removal of the wall at the pool pump house.

Road Foreman's Report

John Cypher read the report submitted by road foreman, Bill Foertsch. Great Belt Rd. is now bonded from the trail to the township line by XTO for the pipe line to be built to the Kiley Pad. The snow fence will be removed as weather permits. Tree trimming on Nursery Lane has been completed. Sweeping of the housing plan roads will begin if spring appears to stay around. A notice was received from PA One Call that Jefferson Township has a 100% response rate!

John noted that about 160 tons of salt is needed to be purchased to meet the minimum order on the current contract with CoStars. The Board discussed whether or not to fill the salt barn under the current contract (which may or may not be more expensive in the coming contract.) They voted to proceed to fill the barn; about 400 total tons needed.

Subsequent to the road check on Feb. 17th, the road foreman met with PennDOT Municipal Services. Here is the list of roads to be done in 2016: Paving: Fisher Rd. (FB-2 Binder 4" - from Alana Dr. to Constitution Ave.) and Double Seal Coat: Dreher Rd., Golden City Rd. (Dinnerbell to Victory), Tower Rd., Golden City Rd. (Victory to Twp. line), Whitaker Dr., Charlemagne Dr., Audrey Lane, Janice Lane, Brian Dr., Alana Dr., Fisher Rd. (Constitution to Hannahstown Rd. and Hannahstown to Rt. 356), Marwood Rd., Rennick Rd., Sheetz Dr., and Bonniebrook Rd. (except for the Great Belt intersection.) The Supervisors voted to authorize advertisement of bids to be open at the April 11, 2016 meeting.

Planning Commission

Evelyn Gross reported on the February 25, 2016 Planning Commission (PC) meeting. The PC reviewed and approved the Chick Plan #3 subdivision on Rennick Rd. with contingencies. Those contingencies were: 1) Verify that the site line on Rennick Rd. (on plan) is for Lot #1. 2) The turn-around on the plan (off Lot 1's driveway) extends onto the residual lot and needs to be resolved. 3) In regards to the residual parcel, a tax parcel number needs to be added under the RESIDUAL labeling. 4) The owner, James P. Chick, must sign the 'ag/non-building waiver.' The plan divides off Lot 1 of 1.877 acres with existing house, outbuildings, septic and driveway to Rennick Rd. from the existing 66 acre (more or less) parcel; this residual will be reduced to 64+/- acres. Number 1, 2 and 4 of the contingencies were satisfied. The Supervisors voted to approve the Chick Plan #3 Subdivision contingent upon satisfying #3 (labeling of the residual lot) before getting the final signatures and recording the plan.

March 14, 2016 Unfinished Business

The Cable Franchise Ordinance and renewal agreement with Consolidated Communications were prepared and advertised for a *public hearing and adoption* this evening. John Cypher asked for public comment on the proposed ordinance. John explained that this is a renewal of the current agreement with Consolidated (due to expire in July 2016) which requires them to pay the township for use of the township rights-of-way, an amount of 5% of their total gross income. Consolidated (as well as Armstrong Utilities) choose to pass this cable franchise fee on to the consumer. There was no public comment offered. The hearing was closed. The Supervisors voted to adopt Ordinance #380, authorizing entering into the cable franchise renewal agreement with Consolidated Communications for an additional 8 years (to March 13, 2024.)

The garage completion project was advertised for bid on Feb. 28 and again on March 3, 2016. The bids are due on March 30th by 2:00 PM to be publicly opened and read. The Supervisors have advertised that they will make their decision at the regular meeting on April 11, 2016.

Supervisor Rodger Davis said he and the road foreman, Bill Foertsch, will meet with Dave Andrews from the Fish Commission to discuss the proposed 'habitat stabilization' along Creek Rd. The Fish Commission will do all the permitting if they can proceed.

March 14, 2016 New Business

The Supervisors voted to sign the annual agreement with the Butler County Humane Society. It was forwarded to our dog officer, Dennis Sybert for his signature and then submission to the BCHS.

The Supervisors approved for the secretary/treasurer and the Planning secretary to attend the PennDOT Transportation Outreach on March 24th from 9 to 10:30 at the Cranberry Public Safety Training Center.

The Supervisors announced that due to the extensive list of immediate and pending work to be done by the road crew, that they saw a need to hire a third full-time person. They voted to affirm the hiring of Nicklas Krelow, III. He is to begin a 60-day trial period on Tues., March 15th at \$15.00 hour. If satisfactory to the Board, then he will receive \$17.00 hours plus benefits. The Supervisors also voted to keep Roger Cypher as casual, part-time, as needed road employee with no benefits at \$17.00 hour. John Cypher abstained from the vote due to conflict of interest, as Roger is his brother; the motion carried.

Miscellaneous and Public Business, March 14, 2016

The elected Auditors were present for the March 14th meeting and reported that 'all is in order' and the Audit Report was filed on-line with the DCED (Dept. of Community and Economic Development) with copies filed at Butler County.

The Supervisors gave a letter of support to Buffalo Township to include in their application for the Butler County Parks Renovation grant. They recently received a large grant for the Butler-Freeport Trail renovations for which they are to provide the labor. This small Butler County Grant (max. \$7,500) would be used to make up some of those labor costs if they one of the applicants awarded by the County.

The Supervisors approved registration and usual expenses for the usual township officials to attend the May 19th Spring Convention of the Butler County Association of Township Officials.

Major Expenditures since the Feb. 8, 2016 meeting through March 14, 2016:

AmeriHealth Casualty Service - w/c premium payment	1,203.91
Butler County General Fund - tax processing for 2016	1,052.15
Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham - legal fees Feb.	2,244.00
County of Butler - Bal. of DCNR funds rec'd & forwarded to County	9,500.00
Code.sys Code Consulting - inspection fees	1,316.24
Dinnerbell Garage - repairs/parts/inspections various vehicles	1,016.47
Health Assurance of PA - health insurance	4,225.25
Selective Insurance - 2016 liability and auto ins. package	15,764.00

The Newsletter

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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.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Board of Supervisors – 2nd 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 – 4th 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 Wetzels, and Robert Williams

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

Members: (Vacancy) (Chair.), Wayne Deaner (Secretary), 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 - 352-3288

HOURS FOR COUNTY/LOCAL TAX PERIODS:

March 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 31 from 4:30 to 7:30 P.M.

April 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 from 4:30 to 7:30 P.M.

and only Saturday is April 30th from 10 AM to 12 Noon.

Or otherwise by appointment - 724-352-3288.

⇒ **Lois Rankin, who will be attending the PSATS State Conference in April, will collect items for the troops again this year. Items need to be delivered to the Township by April 14, 2016. See flyer e-mailed with this newsletter to our list of recipients.**

⇒ **Butler County's 2016 Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collections:**
2016 Dates: March 19, April 16, May 7 & 21, June 4 & 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
Butler, PA 16003
Sheryl Kelly, Environmental Specialist, Recycling & Waste Mgt. Coordinator
PROP-Certified Recycling Professional
Phone 724.284.5305

Email skelly@co.butler.pa.us Web Site www.recyclebutler.us

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

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