



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

November 2009 Newsletter

TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS

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

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(Office **CLOSED** Thurs., Nov. 19; Thurs. Nov. 26 "Thanksgiving Day" and Fri. Nov. 27.)

Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee does not meet in Nov., Dec., and January. The next meeting is February 3, 2010.

Planning Commission

The Oct. 21st Planning Commission (P.C.) meeting was reported on by P.C. Chair, Evelyn Gross. The P.C. reviewed and approved the D. J. Perine Subdivision off Dinnerbell Rd. The existing Lot 1 of about 13.5 acres is divided to become Lot 1R of 6.419 acres with existing house/septic and Lot 2 of 7.025 acres with a non-building waiver. The existing 40 ft. right-of-way (driveway) is owned by Mr. Perine. Non-building waiver language and 'driveway maintenance agreement' language were added to the plan. The Supervisors reviewed and approved the Perine plan on Nov. 9, 2009.

The P.C. reviewed and approved the Gary Kravits Plan No. 2 on Kravits Lane off Neupert Rd. The existing Lot 1 of 4.51 acres with dwelling and septic will be combined with existing Lot 2 of 13.33 acres for a Revised Lot 1R of 17.84 acres. Mr. Kravits owns both Lot 1R and Lot 3 on the existing 50 ft. private right-of-way. Driveway maintenance agreement language was added to the plan. The Supervisors reviewed and approved the Kravits plan on Nov. 9, 2009.

Mrs. Gross reported that a realtor, Mr. Doug Dodds, was present prior to the start of their meeting regarding the Waechter 'Estate' properties on Saxonburg/Old Farm Lane and on Heller Road. Although no further subdivision can be permitted back Old Farm Lane, there are still 'subdivision' possibilities on the portion along Saxonburg Rd. and on the Heller Road parcel(s). He planned to talk to the heirs and to Land Surveyors.

Mrs. Gross reported that copies of the draft of the proposed Off-Road Vehicle Ordinance were given to the P.C. members for review as well as a copy of the 'sample' noise ordinance language provided by the attorney. The P.C. plans to discuss the proposed regulations at their 11/19/09 meeting (7:30 P.M.)

Mrs. Gross noted that no new submissions or updates were presented on the 'race track' land development. The P.C. heard comments from several residents/property owners. She told them that 'currently' the Township is required to make a decision (approve or deny) by the extended date of February 8, 2010.

Public Business or Comment

At the regular meeting on November 9, 2009, Mrs. Mottern from Keck Road requested that the Supervisors consider changing the regular meetings back to evening (instead of 3:30 in the afternoon). The Chairman said they would think about it and discuss it next month. She also asked if the Township had an ordinance on 'individuals asking for donations', and the secretary noted that there are no regulations on 'solicitation.'

The newly elected tax collector, Ashley Foertsch, proposed that she have office hours at the Township building and asked the Supervisors for office/desk/file space and access to the copier and fax machine. They asked for a list of 'what she needs' and agreed to discuss the matter next month.

November 9, 2009 Unfinished Business

James R. Jones plans to attend the 2nd meeting of the Butler County Hazard Mitigation Planning Team on Wed., Nov. 18th at 6:30 P.M. A copy of the reminder will be sent to the Township's Emergency Management Coordinator, John Risch.

James R. Jones will attend the regular quarterly meeting of the Butler Co. Sewage Association on Thurs., Nov. 12th at 7 P.M. They will be discussing the budget.

The Butler Co. Council of Governments meet on Thurs., Nov. 12 at Penn Township, but no one from Jefferson will attend this month.

November 9, 2009 New Business

The 'Preliminary' 2010 Budget was introduced to the Board of Supervisors at the Oct. meeting. Chairman Jones noted that the Board has agreed to lay-off one road employee for a couple of winter months and heard recommendations for raises. Bill Foertsch will receive a 3% raise (per hour) for 2010 but his rate may be increased further in the spring if Mr. Bachman decides to return as part-time instead of full-time. Bob Foertsch will receive \$1.00 per hour raise for 2010. The dog officer will receive \$2.00 per call raise for 2010. No other raises are planned. Chairman Jones noted that there may be other adjustments to the budget next month prior to adoption. The Supervisors voted to authorize advertisement of the Preliminary 2010 Budget for final review and adoption on Dec. 14, 2009 – 3:30 P.M.

The Supervisors discussed briefly and authorized the sale of the old wood chipper (for \$3,500) and the old Viking trailer (for \$2,700) to Summit Township.

Chairman Jones reported that he recently spoke to the Mr. & Mrs. Emery and Mr. Waddingham about the Bonniebrook Rd. S-bend (north of Great Belt before Summit Township line.) It has been a subject of concern in the past and there have been a number of accidents there. Both property owners are willing to negotiate. The Supervisors authorized getting a survey and appraisal done.

The Community Development Block Grant coordinator has informed the Township that the park project using the 'stimulus funds' must be bid and awarded by Jan. 20, 2010. The Supervisors agreed to have the township engineer prepare the specs and forms needed by the County CDBG office. The engineering fees are reimbursable to the Township from the CDBG administration funds. The proposed project is construction of sidewalks and 'handicapped accessible spectator seating' and perhaps handicapped parking spaces that might be needed. There are no 'matching funds' required.

Misc. Business November 9, 2009

The Supervisor reiterated and voted that that the township road crew can be reimbursed for the CDL portion only of license renewal. The passenger and non-CDL endorsements will be deducted.

Chairman Jones explained that the Township will be paying out the \$18,067.46 for Phase II of the Pool Renovations. The DCNR grants awarded for Phase I and Phase II require a 50% local match. The pool association is currently paying the township back for Phase I. The Secretary, Lois Fennell, reported that she spoke with the SEBCO Pool Manager, Mike McCarren. The current loan balance is \$9,666.77. Mr. McCarren proposed paying an additional \$7,333.33 toward the current loan, which would make the balance \$2,333.44. Adding to that the Phase II payment brings the total to be re-financed to \$20,400.90. This is as proposed, but could change before the final new note is signed.

Misc. Public Comment

Bob Corbett submitted a copy of the "Stop the Racetrack" Newsletter dated 10/28/09. He said about 1,000 were sent to residents around the 1.75 mile area around the race track. He also submitted information on a 'certified' noise meter (cost \$247).

Barb Pifer offered her opinion that if the township is considering a noise ordinance, they need to consider the noise from the SEBCO Park and the Knoch Football games.

Major expenditures between meetings and at the Nov. 9th meeting:

North American Salt – road salt	\$ 15,346.88 + \$ 9,872.88
Clinton Township – deposit on Vermeer wood chipper	\$ 9,000.00
Casmac Line Striping, Inc. – lines painted on add'l roads	\$ 2,429.40
Chemung Supply Corp. – snow plow blades	\$ 5,324.00
C. W. Howard Ins. Agency – public officials ins. renewal	\$ 5,837.00
R. A. Jelic Co. – snow fence	\$ 1,669.02
McClymonds Supply & Transit – anti-skid	\$ 5,577.54

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

According to the Pennsylvania Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) it **illegal** for **any business** to burn solid waste without a permit from DEP (724-656-3160 – DEP Solid Waste Management Program). There is a “burning ordinance” in Jefferson Township for **residences!** Please call the Township office for details. Recyclable items are NOT to be burned!!

It is illegal for residents or other non-resident users of Laura J. Doerr Park to dump their personal household trash in the park dumpsters. This is considered “theft of services.” The Township officials will continue to monitor the situation and will prosecute violators if necessary.

The Newsletter

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

*All meetings listed take place at the municipal building, 157 Great Belt Rd., Butler, PA 16002
Any changes are advertised and posted.*

Board of Supervisors - 2nd Monday at 3:30 P.M.

James R. Jones, Chairman / James Chick, Vice-Chairman / Phillip Bachman, Supervisor

Planning Commission - 4th Thursday at 7:30 P.M. (except for Nov.19 and Dec.17, 2009 due to holidays.)
Members: Evelyn Gross (Chair.), Al Maurhoff, Bill Montgomery, Cheryl Prybock, Harold Riemer, Leo Rosenbauer, Danielle Sedlak, Robert Wetzal, and Robert Williams.

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

Members: Leo Rosenbauer (Chair.), Wayne Deaner, Viki Weleski, Mike McCarren (Pool), Andy Bozzo (Baseball), Loyal Fredley, Jr. (Softball), and Ken Stockert (Soccer.)

📌 NOTICE: A ‘VOLUNTEER’ to serve as “Pool Manager” is needed!! Mike McCarren has served as pool manager for the Southeast Butler Co. Pool Association at the Laura J. Doerr Park for many years and has done an excellent job. Due to changes in his employment, he desires to step-down. He is very willing to train and assist the new pool manager to take over this position. Please contact him at 724-352-1233 or mccarren@gmail.com

📌 Saxonburg Area Library

The drastic cuts in the State Budget to Library funding has forced the Saxonburg Library to cut hours by 20%. In addition, most employees pay and benefits were cut. Other programs provided by the State were also eliminated. Recent Fund Drive donations are down too. This forces the Library to cutback magazine & newspaper subscriptions. **Stop by the Library to make a donation or to buy a book for the Library from our Giving Tree. Please help us keep our doors open!**

⇒ Story hour is back at the Saxonburg Library, Saturday mornings at 11:00am. This is jointly sponsored by the Library & the Knoch High School National Honor Society. Parents & their children, 2 years old & up, will hear stories and have the opportunity to do a craft.

⇒ Volunteers are needed to assist with an AARP Tax preparation service that will start at the Saxonburg Library in February, 2010. All training and expenses are covered by AARP.

- Pam Stivason, Library Trustee