



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

April 2010 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** (Holidays): Jan. 18th, Feb. 15th, Apr. 2nd, May 31st, July 5th, Sept. 6th, Nov. 25th & 26th, Dec. 24th.

Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee met on April 7, 2010 as reported by Chairman Leo Rosenbauer. The Township received the John H. Snyder Community Service Award for 'handicapped accessibility work' at the Laura J. Doerr Park. Several committee members attended the awards banquet on March 23rd. The Baseball season begins April 24th. They requested a 'gate' to be placed across the access road to the batting cages to stop vehicles from going in. The Township will be looking into this. The Pool has been uncovered. The cover sustained some major rips due to the weather and water level problems, and they are checking with the insurance company regarding coverage. The pool water level is down (about 4 ft.) and Mr. Rosenbauer and Chairman Jones met with County officials, the architect, contractor, and other committee members to discuss a solution. It was suggested that it be drained completely for testing. The Softball Association's opening day is April 24th. They have arranged to have the fencing contractor (Penn Fencing) do some work for them. The 'Good Neighbors' softball group will be in the park on August 20 and 21. They were asked to park 'away from' the women's pavilion, since it may be rented out by another group! The Soccer season began April 10th. A sinkhole opened up in their parking lot, but was repaired by the township road crew.

Planning Commission

Chairperson Evelyn Gross reported on the March 25th Planning Commission (P.C.) meeting. The P.C. reviewed the proposed Stoneybrook Land Development Revision. There are two quads (condos) and one duplex already constructed in the plan. They wish to change 2 proposed duplex buildings to 1 (one) quad. The un-adopted road (Stoneybrook Drive) is constructed past this proposed condo to the stream. The proposed quad has the same square-footage as the duplexes would have. However, there will be less than 3,000 ft. of additional impervious driveway and one additional yard drain. The P.C. was asked to consider an approval on 'condition' that the stormwater plan is sufficient for this change. If it is determined insufficient, they would be willing to install an on-lot sump. Evelyn Gross noted several problems: updated bonding, developer's agreement and other issues that need to be resolved. She told the P.C. members that they can take action or they can approve with conditions. The P.C. approved revision contingent upon bonding, developer's agreement, and other issues being resolved to the Supervisors satisfaction.

The P.C. reviewed and approved of the Thoma Meat Market Land Development/Building Addition(s) including a modification 'waiving the side set-back' subsequent to submission of a notarized letter of permission from South Butler School District. The 'existing' building is the already 'as close' to that property line. The plan is for a cooler addition on the north end of the existing production building and a proposed shelter addition to the west side of the existing processing building/shop. The Supervisors reviewed and approved the plan on April 12th with the set-back modification.

The P.C reviewed and approved the Verizon Wireless Land Development (using the cell tower area on the Thoma property on Dinnerbell Rd. They propose placing an 11'-5" x 16'-0" pre-fabricated building for cellular radio equipment on a concrete pad. The Supervisors reviewed and approved the land development at their meeting on April 12th.

The P.C. reviewed the Veselich Lot Line Revision on Bullcreek Rd. They want to combine three lots on the east side of Bullcreek Rd. making parcel 2F12-43A a total of 5.82 acres. The P.C. approved this plan contingent upon the addition of the septic system and well locations to the plan and showing the 'subtraction'/ending acreage of the remnant farm (parcel 2F12-43). NO revised plans were submitted prior to the Supervisors' meeting on April 12th, therefore the matter was tabled.

Ms. Gross and Leo Rosenbauer (P.C. member) reported on the Butler Co. Stormwater Ordinance being prepared (mandated by the State/DEP under Act 167) that will require enforcement in the entire county. The 80+ page document is still under scrutiny, but must be adopted by June 2010. It requires stormwater planning for both residential and non-residential building over 1,000 sq. ft. with buffer areas stated from 50 to 150 ft. on either side of a stream.

Ms. Gross reported the Cheryl Prybock submitted her resignation letter and the Supervisors voted to appoint Kathryn Foertsch as her replacement on the Planning Commission.

April 7th Vacancy Board Meeting

Phil Bachman resigned as Supervisor as of March 5, 2010. The remaining Supervisors were to appoint a replacement to serve until the next municipal election (term ending 12/31/2011). At the regular meeting on March 8, 2010, they could not agree, so a 'vacancy board meeting' was scheduled for April 7, 2010. L. John Cypher was appointed to the vacant position for the remainder of the term.

April 8th Special Meeting

The Supervisors agreed to a special meeting, duly advertised and open to the public, to discuss proposed revisions to the Stoneybrook Dr. (Lezzer/Miller) Land Development. Kevin Miller proposed to build a quad unit (condo) in place of two previously planned duplexes. The square footage for the building is the same, but there will be more impervious surface (the driveway area will be larger.) The Planning Commission was in favor of this revision (as noted above under the P.C. report above.) The Supervisors voted to approve the Stoneybrook Dr. (Lezzer/Miller LLC) Land Development Revision contingent upon the following: 1) the developer must increase security to 100% of the remaining improvements; 2) an updated developer's agreement with new bond amount to cover the cost of the outstanding improvements must be submitted, approved by the township, and executed; 3) the township will waive the township engineer's stormwater review for this quad revision; and 4) other legal review and approval.

April 12, 2010 Public Business and Comment

Mr. Brett Neupert presented some paperwork to the Supervisors in regards to the traffic study required by the township ordinances per the township engineer. Mr. Neupert wanted the Supervisors to 'waive' the traffic study. The Supervisors said that they would first need to talk to the township attorney and/or township engineer to get their recommendations or advice concerning the traffic study.

Ms. Cheryl Prybock talked to the Supervisors about several matters regarding Becker Rd. She reported that her driveway entrance has been affected by the prior paving, which she said raised the road creating a hump to exit her driveway. She reported a storm water run-off problem that washes out the gravel in her driveway (and others'). She also reported that due to there being no berm on the lower side of the road, some vehicles have gotten 'hooked' on the edge and have difficulty getting back onto the road surface. The Board agreed to have the road foreman investigate and report back to them.

Mr. Bill Coe reported damage to Alana Drive from the snow plow this winter. The road crews used a salt/antiskid mix instead of straight salt on Alana Dr., which was not swept up properly and the plow scratched the curbs during plowing. The response was that it was more cost and time effective to use the same 'mix' on all roads during the winter storms; that the sweeper bristles were worn and new ones were on back order; and that deep snow made it nearly impossible to determine the exact road edges, plus snow had to be pushed back in order to prepare for more snow. The township will resume road sweeping when the new brushes arrive.

Bill Foertsch, road foreman, presented the proposed 'road project' for 2010. Sections of Smith Rd., Heller Rd., Rennick Rd., and Sheetz Drive should be double sealed. Sections of Bullcreek and Mushrush roads should be paved with binder this year and then sealed next year. Road signs (speed, weight limit, curves, stop signs, road names, etc.) must all be replaced by the end of 2011 with high intensity reflective material. About one-half will be done this year for an estimated \$7,000 plus hardware (some posts.) The other signs will be replaced in 2011.

April 12, 2010 Unfinished Business

The Supervisors adopted Ordinance #292 revising the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (subsequent to an advertised public hearing held prior to the regular meeting) on April 12, 2010. The revisions are basically for design standards and stormwater regulations.

The Supervisors officially voted to approve the agreement between Concordia and Winfield Township, Jefferson Township & So. Butler School District for payment in lieu of taxes for tax parcel 190-1F944-14-0001 for a 10-year period.

The Supervisors discussed the proposed purchase of the Emery house on Bonniebrook Road. Chairman Jones noted that the Board had previously authorized a survey and two appraisals. He said Mr. Emery was in agreement with an offer of \$73,000.00 (subject to approval by the entire Board of Supervisors.) Following his last discussion with Mr. Emery, a letter to the editor printed in the Butler Eagle claimed that the township was taking the property by eminent domain. This was never the case, but the township is 'prohibited' from paying more than the appraised value. Chairman Jones said if they really feel this way, then we should probably just walk away. Supervisors John Cypher and Lois Rankin were not in agreement to proceed with the purchase for two other reasons. The township budget is one. The other is the 'multi-municipal comprehensive plan done by Summit Township, Penn Township, Butler, Township, Butler City and East Butler Borough, which includes pursuing PennDOT to acknowledge that Bonniebrook Rd. as a major artery (or by-pass) between Rt.28/356 and Rt. 422 and work to have it taken-over by the state. The Supervisor took no action on the house purchase, tabling it indefinitely and plan to contact Summit Township regarding the future of Bonniebrook Rd.

April 12, 2010 New Business

The Supervisors publicly opened and read the following 'stone bids'.

<u>Quality Aggregates, Inc.</u> -	Item 1) 500 ton 2A Limestone	fob \$10.85/ton	del. \$15.50/ton.
“ “	<u>Item 2) 500 ton 2RC Limestone</u>	<u>fob \$10.85/ton</u>	<u>del. \$15.50/ton.</u>
<u>Allegheny Mineral Corp.</u> -	Item 1) 500 ton 2A Limestone	fob \$11.00/ton	del. \$15.75/ton
	<u>Item 2) 500 ton 2RC Limestone</u>	<u>fob \$11.00/ton</u>	<u>del. \$15.75/ton</u>
<u>Glacial Sand and Gravel</u> -	Item 3) 400 ton #57 Gravel	fob \$ 8.50/ton	del. \$14.90/ton
“ “	<u>Item 4) 200 ton #3 Gravel</u>	<u>fob \$12.25/ton</u>	<u>del. \$18.65/ton</u>
<u>McClymonds Supply & Transit</u> -	Item 1) 500 ton #2A Limestone	NO FOB	del. \$15.62/ton
“ “	Item 2) 500 ton 2RC Limestone	“ “	del. \$15.62/ton
“ “	Item 3) 400 ton #57 Gravel	“ “	del. \$13.60/ton
“ “	Item 4) 200 ton #3 Gravel	“ “	del. \$13.83/ton
“ “	<u>Item 5) 1,000 ton 3B Antiskid</u>	<u>“ “</u>	<u>del. \$11.35/ton</u>

It was noted that Quality Aggregates failed to submit bid bond or certified check, which was required in the specifications. The three other bidders did submit the required bid bond. The road foreman

wants to compare with the prices from the Butler Co. County Council of Governments (Via SHACOG) which were not in yet. The Board took no action, tabling the decision until the next meeting.

The Supervisors voted to authorize registration and mileage for the road foreman to attend a CDL Supervisory Training class and for Supervisor Rankin to attend a "Capital Improvement Planning and Financing" seminar (May 13th). They voted to authorize registration and usual expenses for eligible township officials to attend the Butler Co. Association of Township Officials' Spring Convention (May 20th).

The Supervisors discussed the possibility of renovating the rear section of the garage building, so the road crew can move the trucks from garage at the rear the office/meeting building. They proposed two garage doors; cementing the floor; and heating that section (or heating the floor). Also, the whole building needs re-roofed and 'both' buildings need painted. The priority appears to be re-roofing. The road foreman will proceed to get more prices and report back.

Major Expenditures between the March 8th and April 12th meetings:

McClymonds Supply and Transit – anti-skid	\$1,077.64
North American Salt – final salt bill for winter 2009/2010	\$5,837.01
Purvis Brothers, Inc. – unleaded and diesel fuel	\$1,763.32
Butler Co. Council of Governments – pre-paid crack sealer rental/material	\$3,000.00
Butler County Treasurer – tax processing charges	\$1,071.92
C. W. Howard Ins. Agency - premium due/workmen's comp. audit	\$1,917.00
HEI-WAY, LLC – coldpatch	\$ 860.69

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 of each month at 3:30 P.M. (except for January)
James R. Jones, Chairman / Lois J. Rankin, Vice-Chairperson / L. John Cypher (appointed 4/7/10)

Planning Commission - 4th Thursday at 7:30 P.M. (except for Nov.18 and Dec.16, 2010 due to holidays)
Members: Evelyn Gross (Chair.), Al Maurhoff, Bill Montgomery, Kathryn Foertsch, Harold Riemer, Leo Rosenbauer, Danielle Sedlak, Robert Wetzell, 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 Nulph, Mike McCarren (Pool), Andy Bozzo (Baseball), Loyal Fredley, Jr. (Softball), and Mike Gore (Soccer.)



TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE HOURS
AT THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING, 157 Great Belt Rd.

(Mar. to Dec. only) as follows:

TUES. 3 TO 9 P.M. and SAT. 8 A.M. to 12 Noon

Also extra hours 5 to 9 P.M. on April 19, 29 + 30; June 30th;
and 5 to 9 P.M. on Sept. 20, 29 + 30 and 8 A.M. to Noon on Dec. 31.

NO Tax Collector hours on:

May 8, May 18 (Election); May 22, June 12, June 22, July 6 + 10;
Aug. 10, 14, 17+21; Sept. 11, Nov. 2; Dec. 4, 11 + 25.

Any other 'days off' will be POSTED on the township door by the Tax Collector.

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