



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

March 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 March 3, 2010 as reported by Chairman Leo Rosenbauer. Baseball reported that they will probably NOT have fall ball, and therefore asked that the trash service be limited from April to July (5 months.) The trash service agreement had already been reviewed by the committee and signed in the fall of 2009. Mr. Rosenbauer will be checking to see if it can be changed! The Pool Association members will be meeting with the County Commissioners, Co. Parks Director Gary Pinkerton, the pool contractor, and at least one Supervisor to discuss the pool leakage. The road crew will be removing a 4' x 12' area of sidewalk near the pool entrance this month. The County will be providing a crew to replace it. Softball's 'work day' is scheduled for March 27th. Their season opens April 24th. They want to coordinate additional fencing installation when the Township's section is installed by Penn Fencing, Inc. Soccer's clean-up day is also March 27th. Their season opens April 10th. The ADA project will not begin in April as previously reported, but will begin in June after the spring soccer season is over.

Planning Commission

Chairperson Evelyn Gross reported that the Feb. 25th Planning Commission (P.C.) meeting was cancelled due to lack of business. There was nothing new submitted on the proposed race track development.

March 8, 2010 Unfinished Business

The Supervisors voted to officially designate the secretary/treasurer as the chief administrative officer for the non-uniform pension fund.

Chairman James Jones noted that Phil Bachman's resignation as 'elected supervisor' was announced last month. Several names were submitted for consideration to replace Mr. Bachman. They were James Chick, Larry Plowman, John Cypher, William Foertsch, Paul Hartzell, and Gary Stone. Three separate motions were made to appoint a replacement (first John Cypher, then James Chick, then Gary Stone), but all three motions died for lack of a second. James R. Jones and Lois J. Rankin agreed to set the 'vacancy board' meeting for Wed., April 7, 2010 at 3:30 P.M.

The Butler County Community Development Block Grant Coordinator, Wendy Leslie, held two public hearings. The first one was just prior to the February Supervisors' meeting and the second one was just prior to the March Supervisor's meeting (*both held at approx. 3:15 P.M.*). During the meeting on March 8th, the Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #300 designating the County of Butler to administer the CDBG funds and authorized signing the contract with the County. They also adopted the 'Three Year Plan' Resolution #301 and the Fair Housing Resolution #302 needed for the 2010 CDBG funding. The Township has designated \$15,000 for park ADA projects and the balance (approximately \$79,000 for 2010) for housing rehabilitation.

March 8, 2010 New Business

Chairman Jones announced that the Board of Elected Auditors have completed the audit and everything is in order. Sue Hartzell, secretary to the auditors, stated that ALL road crew members must submit their logs books before the audit begins in Jan. 2011 (for 2010).

The Supervisors voted to sign the agreement with Butler County and the Redevelopment Authority for the administration of the 2009 Housing Rehabilitation Funds.

The Supervisors voted to authorize the \$50.00 registration for Lois Rankin to attend an extra class at the PSATS Convention entitled "PA UCC for Newly Elected Officials."

The Supervisors reviewed the 'septic repair module' submitted by the Butler Co. Sewage Assn. (BCSA) for the Patricia Benninger property on Saxonburg Rd. and voted to adopt the Resolution (#304) "Plan Revision for New Land Development" required by the DEP before submission.

Misc. Business March 8, 2010

Neither Chairman Jones nor Lois Rankin will be attending the Butler Co. Council of Governments (COG) meeting on Thurs., March 11th. It was suggested that perhaps the new supervisor will take an interest in attending these meetings. The Township is a member of the COG and the road department is already scheduled to use their 'crack sealing machine' this spring (*at a significant savings over renting the machine and buying materials outside of the COG*). Hopefully, stone can be purchased through them at a savings as well (via the Butler COG's membership in the South Hills COG.)

The Supervisors agreed to take a few quotes for the workmen's comp. insurance (next policy period is 8/1/10 to 7/31/11). The secretary will contact 2 or 3 besides our current agency, C. W. Howard Insurance.

The secretary noted that the proposed Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Revision will be advertised in April for the hearing and adoption on April 12th, since the County Planning Commission was to have at least 30 days to review and comment before its adoption.

Major Expenditures between the Dec.14th and Jan. 4th meetings:

Purvis Brothers, Inc. – diesel fuel	\$ 3,170.27
Selective Insurance – liability, property, auto. Insurance package	\$10,226.00

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

During the winter months, as per the Township Ordinances, **NO ONE** is to park on the cul-de-sacs so that they can easily be cleaned of snow. Please **DO NOT** push snow onto the roads when plowing your driveway. Should this cause an accident, you could be named in a claim or lawsuit. **In addition, this is a reminder that the Township is NOT responsible for replacing or repairing mailboxes damaged during the plowing/salting process.**

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 / vacant (in March 2010)

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, Cheryl Prybock, Harold Riemer, Leo Rosenbauer,
Danielle Sedlak, Robert Wetzel, 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.)

