



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

May 2010 Newsletter

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Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee met on the May 5, 2010. Leo Rosenbauer, Chairman, reported that the April 24th Baseball and Softball opening days went well. Softball had some fencing installed at the American Legion Field. The Pool has been drained and two leaks were identified. Repairs had not been started at the time of their meeting (May 5th.) It is currently being cleaned. A crew from Davis Archway has been raking leaves and mowing. Over the winter, thieves broke into the pool concession and stole a hotdog cooker and two pizza ovens. Soccer Association representatives met with the contractor that is doing the 'parking lot project'. (This project was planned for/is limited to handicapped accessibility and will be paid for with Community Development Block Grant 'stimulus funds' and administrative funds. Soccer would like to make some additions (fencing, replace steps and replace a gate). The Supervisors want the Township Engineer to review the drawings submitted to make sure the additions do not adversely affect the CDBG project. Woodmen of the World will be approached regarding a community service project to landscape the park entrance signs. John Rhysek will be donating mulch for it. The Associations want the Township to check if the liability insurance coverage could be consolidated. Supervisor John Cypher will review insurance policies first.

Planning Commission

Chairperson Evelyn Gross reported on the April 22, 2010 P.C. meeting. The P.C. reviewed and approved three set-back modifications. The Supervisors subsequently approved them at their May 10th meeting as follows: A 36 ft. front building set-back (14 ft. modification) on Rancindin Rd.; a 45 ft. front building set-back (5 ft. modification) on Green Manor Dr.; and a 10 ft. side set-back (a 15 ft. modification with notarized permission from the neighbor) on Jason Drive.

The P.C. reviewed revised plans submitted by Brett Neupert for the proposed Neupert Raceway Park. The plans address the following:

Allegheny Power did not want the physical track surface under the electric/utility right-of-way, so they reduced the track from 70 to 60 ft. wide and rotated it to fit (away from under the utility lines.) They do not have a letter from Allegheny Power regarding the track and/or other things that are indicated under the right-of-way (i.e. parking, restrooms, concession area, etc.)

They have decreased the area disturbed to less than 5 acres to be exempt from the NPDES permit. Mr. Rosenbauer said they have submitted this revision (dated 4/8/10) to Butler Co. Conservation District, but have not yet received a reply. Township engineer, Brandy Kunsman, responded in an e-mail to Mr. Neupert that his site drains to a High Quality Watershed and his revised limits of disturbance (based on the narrative) are very near (only 0.02 acres) what is required for a NPDES permit. The Butler Co. Conservation District must make the determination on permit requirements.

They are requesting a waiver from the Environmental Report (section 912, Chapter 22). Mr. Rosenbauer said there are no wetlands. A copy of this request was sent to the township engineers.

The revised stormwater plan was sent to the township engineers.

Discussion took place on the following:

Traffic study: Brett Neupert reported that he sent revised traffic information to the township engineer, in which he used 300 and 400 patrons for calculating the 'peak' hour. For 300 it came to 33.3 patrons for the peak hour and for 400 it came to 46.6. He stated that weight limits should not be a problem. Brandy Kunsman responded in the e-mail (*see #2 above*) to Mr. Neupert that he must have his traffic engineer certify by letter to the township that the traffic volumes he

calculated are correct for his proposed use and are below what is required by the ordinance for a traffic study.

Septic disposal: Mr. Neupert has been trying to get more information regarding the facilities needed and/or allowed. He has spoken with Peg Russell from Code.sys Code Consulting. He said Ms. Russell told him to apply for a building permit to trigger the plan review, but how can he request a building permit if 'no buildings' are to be built. He has been told verbally that if they install bleachers, they must get a building permit. The plans show a designated area for bleachers/grand stands. Attorney Marshall said the size, height, and use of all structures should be indicated on the plan (not just the location.) Mr. Neupert asked the P.C. about use of 'pre-fab restrooms' with waste containment units (or holding tanks.) Evelyn Gross, P.C. Chair, talked with Ms. Russell, and it is her understanding that the permanent nature of this 'use/venue' (and because it is not residential) requires that a permanent building be constructed for the restrooms. Ms. Gross also noted the township ordinances do NOT allow holding tanks except to abate a nuisance (or if public sewage is eminent).

Revised plan verses 'new submittal': Ms. Gross, P.C. Chair., said that at first she and the township engineer (Brandy Kunsman) thought that the 'revised plan' was actually a new submission. Attorney Matt Marshall said a new submission would have given them 90 days from tonight. Since they have indicated that this is a modification or revision to the 'original' for which Mr. Neupert has had 270 days to satisfy the outstanding matters; and since there are still basically the same outstanding matters, Attorney would advise the P.C. to make a decision (*i.e. denial, approval, or approval with conditions.*) He further noted that if Mr. Neupert would like to withdraw the original submission and use the 'revised plan' as a new submittal, the P.C. could table the matter; the Board of Supervisors would not have to take action on the 'original' land development; and Mr. Neupert would have 90 days to comply with the outstanding issues. Mr. Rosenbauer had prepared a draft 'withdrawal letter', which Attorney Marshall reviewed and added to (a sentence). Mr. Neupert then signed the letter of withdrawal.

In regards to the now 'newly submitted' land development, the following items need to be addressed or submitted to the township: The response letter from Allegheny Power; the review letters from the township engineer on the 'new plan' and especially regarding the environmental review. (Chapter 22, 5, 603.2q); the certification letter from Mr. Neupert's traffic engineer; the response from Butler Co. Conservation District regarding the NPDES permit (Section 912); an official written response from Code.Sys Code Consulting . Mr. Neupert was told to get set of land development plans (not necessarily a building permit application) to Peg Russell at Code.sys Code Consulting with proper detail so that they can give an official determination in regards to the permanent restroom and building permit requirements.

After this brief review of the 'new plan', it was tabled by the Planning Commission. At the May 5th Supervisors' meeting Mr. Rosenbauer said he had nothing new to submit on the race track proposal.

Road Foreman Report

The Road Foreman reported that they are preparing various roads for seal coating or paving. Coldpatch may be applied with the township paver on Sheetz Dr. before it is seal-coated. The township will be using a crack sealing machine between May 19th and May 28th rented through the Butler Co. Council of Governments (COG). It will cost considerably less by going through the COG this year. Chairman Jones decided to move the 'award of the road seal coat and binder bid into this portion of the meeting. The bids were publicly opened and read at 1 PM by the secretary/treasurer and road foreman today as advertised. The results were as follows:

Russell Standard - Seal Coat total	\$112,624.40	and Binder bid total	\$124,419.90
Suit Kote Corp. - Seal Coat total	\$ 90,141.86 **	and Binder bid total	\$125,640.00
Shields Asphalt - Seal Coat	NO BID	and Binder bid total	\$123,829.75
Wiest Asphalt - Seal Coat	NO BID	and Binder bid total	\$112,840.75 **
Glenn O Hawbaker - Seal Coat total	\$113,047.80	and Binder bid total	\$127,411.35

All of the bids included the required bid bond. The Supervisors awarded the Seal Coat bid to the lowest qualified bidder, Suit Kote Corp. for the total of \$90,141.86. The Supervisors awarded the Binder bid to the lowest qualified bidder, Wiest Asphalt for the total of \$112,840.75.

May 10, 2010 Unfinished Business

In February, the Secretary/Treasurer submitted cost estimates to Butler Co. Emergency Services for the 2010 Winter Storm 'Disaster.' The estimates came to just under \$11,000.00 for overtime, materials, and equipment expenses. President Obama authorized 11 additional counties to qualify for funding, Butler Co. was then included. The Supervisors voted to appoint Sec/Treas. Lois Fennell as 'agent' for this disaster application and authorized entering into and signing the application/agreement with FEMA/PEMA (Fed. + State Emergency Management Agencies.) The funding will be about 75% of the estimated costs.

The Supervisors authorized getting quotes for the workmen's compensation insurance (policy ends July 31st.) The quotes were due today, May 10, 2010. The Sec/Treas. reported that only C. W. Howard submitted quotes. Rodgers Ins. Group and Kenneth R. Sloan notified her that they would not be quoting and she did not get a response from Dennis Kelly Ins. Agency. The matter was tabled. John Cypher will review the quotes from C. W. Howard Insurance Agency.

The stone bids opened at the April 12, 2010 meeting were tabled for a decision this month. They were:

Quality Aggregates, Inc.-	Item 1) 500 ton 2A Limestone	fob \$10.85/ton	del. \$15.50/ton.
“ “	Item 2) 500 ton 2RC Limestone	fob \$10.85/ton	del. \$15.50/ton.
Allegheny Mineral Corp.-	Item 1) 500 ton 2A Limestone	fob \$11.00/ton	del. \$15.75/ton
	Item 2) 500 ton 2RC Limestone	fob \$11.00/ton	del. \$15.75/ton
Glacial Sand and Gravel -	Item 3) 400 ton #57 Gravel	fob \$ 8.50/ton	del. \$14.90/ton
“ “	Item 4) 200 ton #3 Gravel	fob \$12.25/ton	del. \$18.65/ton
McClymonds Supply & Transit-	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 *
“ “	Item 5) 1,000 ton 3B Antiskid	“ “	del. \$11.35/ton *

It was noted on April 12th that Quality Aggregates failed to submit a bid bond or certified check, which was required in the specifications. The three other bidders did submit the required bid bond. At the May 10th meeting, the Supervisors voted to award to the lowest qualified bidder(s) at the delivered prices. Since Quality failed to submit the bid bond, they are deemed not qualified and the entire bids goes to the next lowest qualified bidder (at delivered prices), McClymonds Supply and Transit.

May 10, 2010 New Business

A request was received from Scott Hacker, President of the Knoch Track, Field and Cross Country Boosters, to close a portion of Dinnerbell Rd. in Jefferson Township for 25 minutes on June 19th for the “Mahan Mile” (a 1 mile foot race). Since Dinnerbell Rd. is a state highway, the Supervisors gave approval to file a request with PennDOT. However, since the meeting, the Supervisors discovered that an ‘alternate route’ must be provided and the Township was not able to comply due to weight limit restrictions on the township roads and bridges. Mr. Hacker was notified by Supervisor Cypher.

Saxonburg Borough's manager contacted the Township office about a possible ‘joint clean-up day’ that the Borough officials hope to schedule in August. She also asked if the Township would like to host it. The Supervisors discussed the matter and decided against it.

Misc. Business from Township Officials

The Supervisors were polled by the secretary/treasurer in regards to the Elected Tax Collector using the ‘office’ instead of the meeting room for her posted hours, due to security and safety reasons. All were in agreement. The Board voted today to ratify this decision.

Supervisor John Cypher plans to attend the May 19th Summit Township meeting to discuss the efforts to get PennDOT to take over Bonniebrook Rd.

The Supervisors voted to authorize the Butler Co. Sewage Association to proceed with enforcement in regards to sewage matters at the Meadows Manor. They also authorized investigation of a possible violation at the Gressly property on Saxonburg Rd.

May 10, 2010 Public Business and Comment

Mr. Bob Corbett from Stop the Race Track Coalition commented on the Supervisors' tabling of the proposed noise ordinance; on Mr. Neupert's conversation with the Planning Commission at a prior meeting and stated that he (Mr. Corbett) does not get a ‘fair shake’; stated that he believes the proposed track to be a public nuisance; stated that it is not a ‘bad plan’, just a bad location for it; and referred to the petition submitted last year (signed by people against the track). It was reiterated that the township must consider compliance with the ordinances currently in place.

Major Expenditures between the April 12th and May 10th meetings:

R. J. Hydraulics, Inc. – cylinder/repairs to 96 International	\$1,359.04
Doyle Equipment Co. – repair to skid steer	\$1,349.18
Hei-Way, LLC – coldpatch	\$8,297.24
McClymonds Supply and Transit – limestone	\$2,454.05
Butler Co. Council of Governments – add'l material for crack sealer	\$1,200.00
Penn Fencing, Inc. – fence/installation at park as quoted	\$6,548.20

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 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.)

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