

BENNER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Benner Township, Centre County, PA

March 23, 2000 at 7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER

Regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman, Joe Shultz, at the Benner Township Municipal Building at 7:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Joe Shultz, Dave Breon, Steve Porter, Rob Fugate, Tim Robinson, and Chris Berenty. Also attending was: Renee McGowan, Zoning Officer and Earl Wendell of Keller Engineers. Member absent: Fred Gay. Residents attending: Larry Jodon, Mrs. James Lutz, Dawn Price, and Michael Evcic.

MINUTES

Planning Commission received the minutes of March 9, 2000, for their review and comment. Mr. Berenty moved the minutes be approved as presented. Mr. Fugate seconded the motion.

VOTE:

Mr. Berenty: yes	Mr. Fugate: yes	Mr. Porter: yes
Mr. Shultz: yes	Mr. Breon: yes	Mr. Gay: absent
Mr. Robinson – yes		

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Public Input on Beezer Hill/Valentine Hill improvements: Planning Commission invited residents from Beezer Hill to discuss possible improvements to Beezer Hill/Benner Pike intersection. Residents attending were Larry Jodon, Mrs. James Lutz, Michael Evcic, and Dawn Price. Mr. Breon handed out a worksheet outlining perceived problems and potential solutions to the intersection and these options were discussed. Public comment was received from the following residents:

Mrs. James Lutz: She has lived on the corner of the intersection since 1951. In all this time no fatal accident except the neighbor child was killed because of his own misjudgement. Worst exit is Clemens Lane not Beezer Hill intersection. She is concerned about road maintenance, garbage collection, mail delivery, etc. What about property values? Will they decrease if the road is closed? What about the farmer who uses the road?

Mrs. Dawn Price: She is concerned about vehicles “cutting through” the park.. She believes changing the angle of the intersection.

Larry Jodon: He is concerned about traffic speeding off the Pike onto Beezer Hill Road. He believes safety should come first before convenience.

Michael Evcic: He is concerned about vehicles using his private driveway. Mr. Breon discussed traffic calming devices may be useful here.

Polymics Land Development Plan Mr. Wendell from Keller Engineers presented the Polymics Plans to the Commission for approval. All engineering designs have been approved by Township Engineer, and it appears the plan is ready for approval. With all appearing in order, Mr. Fugate moved the approval of the plan. Mr. Berenty seconded the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

Sign Ordinance. Attorney French finished reviewing the proposed sign ordinance. The Commission is to review the information forwarded by French and discuss it at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE

NOTES

ADJOURN

With all business complete, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,
Renee McGowan Zoning Officer