

**BENNER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
December 12, 2002**

CALL TO ORDER

Regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Robert Fugate at the Benner Township Municipal Building.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Tim Robinson, Robert Fugate, Jim Swartzell, Joe Shultz and Genny Robine. Member absent: Fred Gay. Also attending Renee Swancer, Zoning Officer; Steve Butzler, State College resident; Charles Welch of Centre County Airport Authority; and Bruce Kirkpatrick of Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.

MINUTES

Planning Commission received the regular meeting minutes of September 26, 2002 for their review and approval. Mr. Shultz moved the minutes be accepted as amended. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Swartzell: yes	Mr. Fugate: yes	Mrs. Robine: yes
Mr. Shultz: yes	Mr. Gay: absent	Mr. Robinson: yes

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

NEW BUSINESS

Centre County Airport Authority—Conditional Use Request: With all the heightened security required at all airports nation-wide, the Federal Transportation Security Administration has increased security procedures for baggage screening. Additional security personnel have been hired to work at University Park Airport. The Centre County Airport Authority is required to provide workspace accommodations for the new personnel. The Authority indicates that the existing terminal facility does not have adequate space to provide the necessary workspace. Internal modifications have been made; however, there still is insufficient space inside the terminal building. A module office trailer is proposed to provide space for the short-term. The long term plans for the terminal building include a building expansion to occur within the next five years. The office trailer is to be placed in the unused "loading area" located next to the terminal. Utility service including water, sewer, and electricity will be provided.

Mr. Fugate questions when the expansion of the terminal is expected. Mr. Welch indicated that DELTA Airlines is coming, and the airline is taking space allocated towards the security personnel.

Plants and fencing will be used to screen the area. Mr. Fugate believes a time limitation should be placed on the length of time the modular building can remain on site. The Commission agreed upon a five-year timeframe. Mr. Welch indicated the modular had to be located within 150 feet of the terminal building. With all questions appearing to be answered, Mr. Shultz moved to recommend approval to the Supervisors with the condition that the modular only remain for 5 years. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Swartzell: yes	Mr. Fugate: yes	Mrs. Robine: yes
Mr. Shultz: yes	Mr. Gay: absent	Mr. Robinson: yes

OLD BUSINESS

Pending Items: The Commission reviewed pending items or items to look at in the year 2003, which included:

- Reviewing the Sign Ordinance
- Conservation Easements for Prison
- Natural Resource Inventory
- Grant monies for Natural and historical sites in Benner Township
- Lighting Ordinance
- Stream bank Protection

CORRESPONDENCE

NOTES

The next meeting is scheduled for Christmas, so the Commission decided to cancel the meeting. Mr. Shultz moved to cancel the next meeting, and Ms. Robine seconded the motion.

ADJOURN

With all business complete, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:
Renee Swancer, Zoning Officer