

BENNER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

May 22, 2003

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Robert Fugate, Tim Robinson, Jim Swartzell, and Joe Shultz. Members absent were Mike Anthony, Robert Morrell, and Genny Robine. Also attending Renee Swancer, Zoning Officer, Mark Mielke and Robert D. Barbush of Avis; and Gene Lauri from Centre County Government.

MINUTES

Planning Commission received the regular meeting minutes of April 24, 2003 for their review and approval. Mr. Swartzell moved the minutes be accepted. Mr. Shultz seconded the motion.

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

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Centre County Prison/Fire Training Final Subdivision Plan: Gene Lauri from Centre County, was present requesting the Commission approve the County Prison/Fire Training Final Subdivision Plan. The plan consists of 4 lots. Two lots will remain with the State. The other two lots—one will go to the County for the Prison project, and the other lot will be for the new Fire Training Facility. The subdivision is located along Benner Pike near the Rishel Hill I-99 interchange. All comments regarding the plan have been addressed. All easements associated with the plan have been recorded. With no other concerns, Mr. Shultz moved to approve the plan. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Zoning Amendment Request for Off-site Valet Parking: Mr. Barbush of Avis Rent-a-Car was present to discuss a request to add valet parking to the Campus Industrial District (I-3). Currently, there is no such off-site service around the University Park Airport. Long-term parking at the airport is limited. Mr. Barbush stated most airports provide valet parking like, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, for example. The Planning Commission agreed that valet parking would be nice at the airport; however, they are concerned about the Airport Park development turning into a "sea of asphalt"—not to mention the concern with the Alexander Wellfield area. The Commission suggested to Mr. Barbush to draft some zoning language to give them an idea as to what type of valet parking facility he is looking at developing. The Commission recommended coming back to the next Planning Commission meeting to further discuss the issue. The Commission decided to table the request for now.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE

ADJOURN

With all business complete, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Renee Swancer, Zoning Officer