

BENNER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

December 11, 2003

CALL TO ORDER

Regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chairman Rob Fugate at the Benner Township Municipal Building.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Robert Morrell, Rob Fugate, Genny Robine, Mike Anthony, and Joe Shultz. Members absent were Jim Swartzell and Tim Robinson. Also present: Renee Swancer, and for the Fire Training Facility—Tim Schreffler, Mike Kline, Frank Schwab, Robert Hoffman, Richard Manning, Robert Loboof, and Michael Lee.

MINUTES

Planning Commission received the regular meeting minutes of October 23, 2003 for their review and approval. Mr. Anthony moved the minutes be accepted. Mr. Morrell seconded the motion.

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

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Centre County Youth Detention Center: The plan consists of adding a kitchen and small parking area. All engineering comments have been addressed the plan is now ready for signature so construction can begin. Mr. Shultz moved to approve the plan. Mr. Morrell seconded the motion.

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

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

Fire Training Facility. The Fire Training Facility committee presented its latest sketch plan to the Commission for recommendations. The plan includes an administration building and parking area for classroom training. The active areas for training include: vehicular extrication area, hazmat training pad, scab trailer, confined space training, trench rescue, structural collapse training, roof simulator, burn building, maintenance equipment storage, training tower, vehicle fire training (which includes: fuel spill trainer, LP gas tree trainer, fire extinguisher trailer) and maintenance equipment storage building. The existing forested area on the site will remain unchanged. The site will be connected to public water and sewer service. Access to the site will be from Paradise Road.

Only items burned in the "burn building" will be straw and pallets. No gasoline or oil will be used on site to start fires. A water collection facility to recycle water on the site will also be used. Shared parking is also being explored with the County Prison site to accommodate parking for larger functions at the site. Concerns were raised about smoke emissions from the "burn" building and its effects on vehicular traffic passing the site. The committee hopes to be submitting a "conditional use" application in January. At this point, the presentation was to give the Commission a progress report on the development of the site.

CORRESPONDENCE

ADJOURN

With all business complete, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:
Renee Swancer, Zoning Officer