

**BENNER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**February 26, 2004**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Rob Fugate at the Benner Township Municipal Building.

**ATTENDANCE**

Members present: Rob Fugate, Genny Robine, Mike Anthony, Jim Swartzell, and Tim Robinson. Members absent were Joe Shultz and Robert Morrell. Also present: Renee Swancer, Zoning Officer, Mike Kline of Alpha Fire Co., Tim Shreffler of Bellefonte Fire Co., Bob Hoffman of Hoffman Architecture, Glenn Dry of Boalsburg Fire Co., Tom Haupt of Millheim Fire Co., Randy Rockey of Centre County EMA, and Richard Manning of Sweetland Engineering.

**MINUTES**

Planning Commission received the meeting minutes of January 22, 2004 for their review and approval. Mr. Swartzell moved the minutes be accepted. Mr. Fugate seconded the motion.

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

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Conditional Use Request for Centre County Fire Training Facility. The Fire Training Facility committee presented its conditional use application to the Commission. Revisions were made to the plan since originally presented to the Commission in December. 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 continue to remain unchanged. Public utilities will be used at the site. Entrance will be from Paradise Road. Cross section of site visibility from Benner Pike was presented, so the Commission could visualize what the site would look like. Again, the Committee informed the Commission the 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. Mr. Anthony moved to recommend approval to the Supervisors with no conditions. Ms. Robine seconded the motion.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Rockview State Correctional Institute Restricted Housing Unit Expansion - the Commission reviewed the Component 4A for the Sewage Planning Module for the expansion at Rockview. Once completed, Mrs. Robine moved to approve the module, Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**ADJOURN**

With all business complete, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Renee Swancer, Zoning Officer