

**BENNER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
April 22, 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: Tim Robinson, Robert Morrell, Mike Anthony, Robert Fugate, Genny Robine, and Jim Swartzell. Members absent was Joe Shultz. Also present: Renee Swancer, Zoning Officer, Lynn Fosbender from Clearwater Conservancy.

MINUTES

Planning Commission received the meeting minutes of March 25, 2004 for their review and approval. Mr. Swartzell moved the minutes be accepted. Mr. Anthony seconded the motion.

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

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Lynn Fosbender from Clearwater Conservancy: Mr. Swartzell discussed with the Commission the Rockview property containing the Spring Creek canyon area and the urgency for its protection. The Planning Commission has expressed its concerns about protecting this valuable resource and has been exploring options for its preservation. Clearwater was called to attend this meeting to discuss the options of conservation easement for the Spring Creek canyon area.

Ms. Fosbender discussed the conservation easement program through Clearwater Conservancy, and how it could relate to this property. At the conclusion of this discussion, the Planning Commission indicated to Mr. Swartzell their desire for the Supervisors to continue their discussions with Rockview to protect the canyon area.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission: Mr. Fugate indicated a public hearing would be scheduled in June for the new comprehensive plan. Mr. Fugate would like to discuss the future growth map at our next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

ADJOURN

With all business complete, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:
Renee Swancer, Zoning Officer