

**BENNER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES -- April 28, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Mike Anthony, Robert Fugate, Bob Morrell, and Genny Robine. Members absent were Joe Shultz, Jim Swartzell and Tim Robinson. Also attending was Renee Swancer, Zoning Officer.

MINUTES

Planning Commission received the meeting minutes of April 14, 2005 for their review and approval. Mr. Anthony moved the minutes be accepted. Ms. Robine seconded the motion.

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

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

NEW BUSINESS

Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission Recommended Tasks: NVJPC requested the Benner Township Planning Commission review the 109 recommended tasks in the back of the Comprehensive Plan and list 10 items of importance. The list below is the list the Benner Township Planning Commission complied.

1. Create Regional Recreation Board
2. Adopt Uniform Road Design Criteria across Region
3. Require Environmental Impact Assessments for developments identifying natural habitat areas which can include:
 - a. Forestry management regulations
 - b. Woodland preservation requirements
4. Development Traditional Neighborhood Design (TND) Overlay Zones
5. Water Resources
 - a. Implement well-head protection plan for public water
 - b. Adopt Riparian Buffer Overlay Zone
 - c. Expand floodplain regulations to include alluvial soils and 500-year floodplains
 - d. Continue support Clearwater Conservancy and Spring Creek Watershed Commission
 - e. Adopt wetland protection requirements
6. Create a new Emergency Service Alliance
7. Install dry hydrants in rural areas
8. Conduct long-range public utility planning summits

The Planning Commission recommended this list be passed onto the Supervisors for final approval before sending.

OLD BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE

ADJOURN

With all business complete, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:
Renee Swancer, Zoning Officer