

**BENNER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 14, 2005**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Robert Fugate at the Benner Township Municipal Building.

**ATTENDANCE**

Members present: Mike Anthony, Rob Fugate, Genny Robine, Jim Swartzell and Robert Morrell. Members absent were Joe Shultz and Tim Robinson. Also attending was Frank Moore and Brian Simmons from the Commonwealth Radio Project, and Renee Swancer, Zoning Officer.

**MINUTES**

Planning Commission received the meeting minutes of June 23, 2005 for their review and approval. Mr. Morrell 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: absent

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Commonwealth Radio Project Conditional Use Application. Mr. Franklin Moore and Brian Simmons presented the State Radio Project to the commission. The State Radio Project is the construction phase of a statewide radio network that will be built, owned and operated by the State. The new radio network will be utilized by emergency services personnel such as the State Police, by numerous state agencies and county and local governments, and by the county "911" systems, fire departments, emergency medical service personnel, schools and utilities. The network is currently under construction. The construction phase consists of the erection across the Commonwealth of approximately 200 telecommunication towers and antennas. In order to maximize the effectiveness of the total system, each tower is an integral part of the statewide grid. A new radio system is badly needed in the State. At the present time, there are poor, or non-existent, communications among the 22 state agencies, which use three different FCC frequency bands. Coordination among multi-agencies is difficult. The State Radio project will solve these problems by providing "state of the art" communications for the State. To meet this end, an antenna is proposed to be placed on the existing Nextel Tower on Purdue Mountain. All engineering data was presented to the Commission as to how the project meets the requirements of the Benner Township Zoning Ordinance. After reviewing the information presented, the Commission believed the application met the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance and Mr. Anthony moved to approve the application. Mr. Morrell seconded the motion.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Amberleigh Sewage Planning Module: The module was signed at the previous meeting; however, the prime agricultural section of the module also needed completed. Mr. Morrell moved to sign the portion of the module. Mrs. Robine seconded the motion.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

Watershed Commission - tabled.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**ADJOURN**

With all business complete, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:  
*Renee Swancer, Zoning Administrator*