

**BENNER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
February 10, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Nate Campbell, Chair, at the Benner Township Municipal Building.

**ATTENDANCE**

Members present: Rob Fugate, Dave Jackson, Nate Campbell, Jim Swartzell, and Genny Robine. Also attending was Renee Swancer, Zoning Officer; John Sepp of Penn Terra Engineering, Amanda Shriver, Township resident.

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the January 27, 2011 meeting minutes were presented for approval. Mr. Fugate moved the approval of the minutes. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Swartzell - yes                      Mr. Fugate - yes                      Mrs. Robine - yes  
      Mr. Jackson -yes                         Mr. Campbell - yes

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Rezoning Request of Spring Township. The Planning Commission decided since the project does not have a direct impact on Benner Township, so the Planning Commission decided to provide no comment.

Keeping of Chickens - Amanda Shriver: Ms. Shriver explained that she went to the Supervisor's meeting and discussed the idea of the Township allowing for the keeping of chickens. The Supervisors decided to forward discussion on the Planning Commission. Ms. Shriver presented her research to the Commission regarding ordinances she has found in both State College Borough and Patton Township. The Planning Commission did not oppose the idea of the keeping of chickens. Ms. Swancer was asked to put together a sample ordinance for the keeping of chickens in Benner Township.

Mr. Fugate move to recommend the keeping of chickens in Benner Township. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Swartzell - yes                      Mr. Fugate - yes                      Mrs. Robine - yes  
      Mr. Jackson -yes                         Mr. Campbell - yes

Elderly Housing Complex in Highway Commercial: Mr. John Sepp was present to interact with the Planning Commission in their discussion regarding the allowance of elderly housing complex in the highway commercial zone near the Rishell Hill interchange. The Planning Commission decided that professional services will be needed. It was suggested that Harry Roth be contacted since he prepared the Township Zoning Ordinance. Ms. Robine expressed her concerns regarding how stormwater management will be handled for the entire site. The Planning Commission felt the entire site needs to be master planned. The Planning Commission recommended to the Supervisors that a consultant be hired to prepare zoning language for the elderly housing complex. Ms. Swancer to inform the Supervisors.

- NEW BUSINESS**
- OLD BUSINESS**
- CORRESPONDENCE**
- NOTES**
- ADJOURN**

With all business complete, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Renee Swancer, Zoning Officer