

**Benner Township Supervisors
Premetek Conditional Use Hearing
March 1, 1999**

The Conditional Use hearing for Premetek was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman, Michael Kelleher with members Helen Alters and Richard Lahr present. Also in attendance were Pat Powers, Doug Weikel, Robert Kuhlman, Sam Fischer, Jacqueline Hall and Renee McGowan.

It was noted that the Engineer's recommendations had just been received and will be incorporated in the Conditional Use decision.

The hearing was adjourned the time being 7:35 p.m.

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The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by the Chairman, Michael Kelleher with members Richard Lahr and Helen Alters present. Also in attendance were Doug Weikel, Robert Kuhlman, Sam Fischer, Jacqueline Hall and Renee McGowan.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – No one had anything to discuss with the Board at this time.

MINUTES

The minutes of February 15, 1999, were presented to the Board for their review and comment. Mr. Lahr moved to approve the minutes as presented to the Board. Mrs. Alters seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters – yes Mr. Lahr – yes Mr. Kelleher – yes

BILLS

The bills of March 1, 1999, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mrs. Alters moved to approve the bills as presented to the Board. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters – yes Mr. Lahr – yes Mr. Kelleher – yes

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Weikel went over the various subdivision and land development plans that he is reviewing for the township. Mr. Weikel noted that they would be staking out Rock Road for the Spring Construction. Mr. Weikel also noted that he would go out to the property that lies north of Willow Bend during the next storm is see where the stormwater is coming from.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT

Mrs. McGowan noted that Chip Walker attended the Planning Commission’s last meeting and that the Board is in favor of placing Mr. Walker’s property into the I2 Zoning District which will allow him to construct the storage units that he wishes to build.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Township Agreement/Boundary Change: Tabled.

Patton Township/Benner Township Boundary: Tabled.

Part-time Police Protection: Mr. Kelleher noted that he is drafting a letter to send to the surrounding townships that have a police force to see if they would be interested in providing the Township with 10 to 15 hours a week police protection and what it would cost.

Mrs. Alters noted that she spoke with Lt. Fisher from the Rockview Barracks regarding concerns that he had with the Township contracting part-time police protection from another township. It was noted that a representative from the Rockview Barracks will be attending the Board’s first meeting in April. It was stated that this meeting will be published in the Township’s upcoming newsletter.

Mr. Kuhlman noted that he feels that the Board should really consider all aspects of hiring part-time police protection before they move on. Mr. Kuhlman asked how the Board is going to handle any civil complaints that they receive against the police officers. Mr. Kuhlman also asked if the Board checked into police management districts as a way to handle the areas where the complaints are coming from.

The board noted that this inquiry is in the very preliminary stages at this point.

Audit Engagement Letter: Mr. Kelleher moved to sign the audit engagement letter with Leoniak, Bair & Company to do the Board’s 1998 audit. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters – yes Mr. Lahr – yes Mr. Kelleher – yes

NEW BUSINESS

State College Borough Water Authority: The Board is in receipt of a letter from Max Gill of the State College Borough Water Authority requesting written permission to begin installation of the water lines in the Alexander Airport Park. It was noted that the township’s engineer has reviewed the plans and sees nothing wrong with them. Mr. Kelleher moved to authorize the installation of these water lines. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters – yes Mr. Lahr – yes Mr. Kelleher – yes

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Notice that Rockview is applying for a wastewater discharge permit for their cannery operation
2. Pre-Construction Conference notice for Glenn O. Hawbaker
3. Information on the Sustainable Communities Partnership
4. PSATS Alert
5. SBWJA – February 8, 1999
6. Memo from COFFTOP Re: Meeting Governor/Police Protection fees
7. Springs and Sinks Newsletter
8. Information on Growing Greener Initiative by Gov. Ridge

Pre-Construction Meeting with Glenn O. Hawbaker: Mr. Kelleher moved to approve Mr. Lahr to attend this meeting as the Township's Roadmaster. Mrs. Alters seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters – yes

Mr. Lahr – yes

Mr. Kelleher – yes

NOTES

Mrs. Alters noted that Rockview will be giving up 260 acres for the I-99 interstate road project and as many as 20 acres for the utilities associated with it.

Mr. Kelleher noted that the township is renting the brush cutting machine this week to trim up around the Township's roads.

Mrs. Alters noted that the a backstop is being purchased for the Township's Buffalo Run Community Park out of surplus Park & Rec funds.

Mr. Deibler noted to Mrs. Alters that they have park equipment that they are willing to donate to the Township if our insurance company finds it to be acceptable.

Mrs. Alters noted that she hopes to plan a Fall Festival at the Buffalo Run Community Park to be held on September 18th. The festival would include an old timer's baseball game, food stands, farmer's market and a flea market. Mr. Kelleher moved to approve Mrs. Alters to work on this project. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Alters – yes

Mr. Lahr – yes

Mr. Kelleher – yes

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:15 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.