

**BENNER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**  
**August 16, 1999**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by the Chairman, Michael Kelleher with members Richard Lahr and Helen Alters present. Also in attendance were Michael Anthony, Carol-Beth Book, Gerald Rogers, Nancy Swartzell, Melissa Gummo, Cory Miller, Doug Weikel, Dave Breon, Jim Schall, and Dale Moore.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Michael Anthony/Ray Walker Preliminary Plan: Mr. Anthony was present to present the Ray Walker Preliminary Plan for the Board's signatures. It was noted that all of the outstanding items have been addressed. Mr. Lahr moved to approve the Ray Walker preliminary plan. Mrs. Alters seconded the motion.  
Vote: Mrs. Alters – yes      Mr. Lahr – yes      Mr. Kelleher – yes

Ray Walker Preliminary Plan Form B: Mr. Kelleher moved to sign the Form B sewage planning module for the Ray Walker Preliminary Plan. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.  
Vote: Mrs. Alters – yes      Mr. Lahr – yes      Mr. Kelleher – yes

Dale Moore & Jim Schall: Mr. Moore and Mr. Schall were present to discuss some ideas of improving the ballfield at the Buffalo Run Community Park and the Continental Court field. It was noted that Ron Bickle has volunteered to re-seed the Buffalo Run field. Other improvements that were discussed for the Buffalo Run field included cutting out the sod along the base lines and replacing it with a clay/sand mixture. Beavertown Block has offered to donate the block to build bleachers at the new field. Hanson, Inc. has agreed to donate 80 tons of sand.

It was discussed that more extensive renovations need to be done to the Continental Courts field. The outfield has some major ruts and dips in it. The field will need to be re-graded and seeded. Details of how and when the renovations will take place need to be ironed out.

Vision Group: Cory Miller, as well as several other members of the Benner Township Visioning Group, presented the Board with an illustrational map of the Township showing how the township could look like if it was development to almost potential under the current township zoning ordinance. The Group presented a second map illustrating the difference cluster zoning could make. Discussion was held on both scenarios. Board members made the suggestion that illustration maps be created for the Visioning Presentation showing the township 15 to 20 years ago as well as current and projected future growth.

Mr. Kelleher moved to approve up to \$150 in map printing costs for the Visioning Meeting. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.  
Vote: Mrs. Alters – yes      Mr. Lahr – yes      Mr. Kelleher – yes

**MINUTES**

The minutes of August 2, 1999, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Lahr moved to approve the minutes of August 2, 1999, as presented. Mrs. Alters seconded the motion.  
Vote: Mrs. Alters – yes      Mr. Lahr – yes      Mr. Kelleher – yes

## **BILLS**

The bills of August 16, 1999, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mrs. Alters moved to approve the bill list as presented. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Weikel was present to go over the list of plans and projects that he is currently reviewing for the township.

The Board stated that they would like Mr. Weikel to apply for County Aid this fall to finish up the guiderail project on Purdue Mountain.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Spring Township Agreement/Boundary Change: Tabled.

Patton Township/Benner Township Boundary: Tabled.

Rezoning Request from Bohn: It was noted that this item is tabled until the Board receives the Planning Commission's recommendations.

Fire Training Facility: This item was tabled.

Lights & Shrubs for New Sign: Mr. Kelleher noted that Judy Larken is working on the design for the shrubs/lights surrounding the township building sign.

Road Closing Agreement for Marathon: The board reviewed the draft of the road closing agreement for the Nittany Half Marathon. Mr. Kelleher moved to approve this agreement and forward it to the club for their signatures. Mrs. Alters seconded the motion.

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

Jim Houser Septic System: The Board was in receipt of a letter from Ralph Houck recommending that the check from Jim Houser be given back to him because an alternate system was designed and the small stream discharge system is no longer needed. Mr. Lahr moved to return Mr. Houser his check. Mrs. Alters seconded the motion.

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

Tucker Septic System Malfunction: The Board received a letter from Ralph Houck that was sent to the Tuckers along Spring Creek Road stating that they must switch to low flow toilets and that washing of clothes will no longer be permitted in their home due to their on going septic system malfunction problems.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Resignation letter from Barbara Berenty: The Board was in receipt of a resignation letter from Barbara Berenty dated August 11, 1999, resigning effective immediately. Mr. Kelleher moved to accept Mrs. Berenty's resignation letter. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

Memo of Understanding Hampton Hills: The Board moved to table signing this document they are given a sketch drawing to review.

IATA Corp: IATA Corporation is requesting a conditional use hearing to build a day care facility in the Penn Eagle Industrial Park. Mr. Kelleher moved to pass this request on to the Planning Commission for their review and comments. 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. Letter from HRG Re: Ray & Carol Walker Subdivision
2. COFFTOM Memo
3. PSATS Alert
4. Copy of letter that SBWJA sent to Dan Alters Re: Spring Creek Extension Project
5. Copy of thank you letter Rockview sent to the Bellefonte Fire Department for Road Control during the Tour De Toona
6. Copy of University Park Campus Master Plan Summary Report
7. Notice from DEP Re: permit Modification for UAJA
8. Copy of letter from Bellefonte Area School District to Bernard Kitt

### **NOTES**

Outstanding Projects: The Board asked that a letter be sent to C. S. Berenty & Associate asking that the outstanding projects for the township be completed before September 15, 1999 during regular office hours. Should he no longer wish to complete the projects he must return the materials to the township office that were purchased for the projects.

Fullington Bus: Discussion was held concerning Fullington Bus violating several of the Township's and County's ordinances. Mr. Kelleher moved to send the County Planning Office a letter regarding Fullington Bus occupying their site without posting surety. Mrs. Alters seconded the motion.

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

**Executive Session Notice:** It was noted that the Board held an executive session on August 11, 1999 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:10 a.m. concerning personnel matters. All Board members were present.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned the time being 10:05 p.m.

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Sharon Royer, Sec.