

BENNER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
December 6, 1999

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman, Michael Kelleher with members Richard Lahr and Helen Alters present. Also in attendance were Rich Struble, Dale Walther, Trooper Montessor, Renee McGowan, Tom Walker, Dave Breon, Matt Zimmerman, and Lois Zimmerman.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Rich Struble: Mr. Struble expressed concerns to the Board relative to the water problem that keeps happening on his property on Gyp Road. Mr. Struble stated that Penn Dot told him that they were going to meet with the Conservation District and the Township to work on the Gyp Road problem when they got him to agree to allow the serpentine trench to be built on his property along 550.

Mr. Kelleher noted that the township was not aware of the trenching system being built until we saw the work actually being done. He noted further that he will instruct the Township Engineer to go and look at the situation to see what could be done with the section of road in question.

Matt Zimmerman: Mr. Zimmerman was present to ask the Board permission to build signs indicating the township boundary lines along the roads for his "Eagle Scout" project. The Board stated that they would welcome his efforts and would be willing to help supply some of the material necessary for their construction.

Trooper Montessor: Trooper Montessor was present to see if the Supervisors have any concerns to pass along to him. It noted that the State Police conducted a child safety seat checkpoint at the Benner Elementary School last week. All nine seats that were checked failed.

MINUTES

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

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

BILLS

The bills of December 6, 1999, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mrs. Alters moved to approve the bills as submitted. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Krapes: It was mentioned that Shawleys on Valley View Road have been complaining about noise coming from equipment at Krapes. Mrs. McGowan

noted that she went down to speak with the Krapes. The piece of machinery that the noise may be coming from is a loader that they have and use on site.

Holt Fence: It was noted that Doug Weikel will be going to take a look at the line of site distance for the Holt fence on Wednesday. Mr. Kelleher asked that while Mr. Weikel is down there to have him take a look at Strubles water problem.

Larry Lohr: It was noted that Mr. Lohr is erecting a shed without a permit. Mrs. McGowan noted that she contacted Mrs. Lohr to let her know that they would need to get a permit for the new shed. Mrs. McGowan explained that this call ended up upsetting Mrs. Lohr tremendously. Mrs. Lohr began to ask about other matters that were discussed several months ago.

The Board instructed Mrs. McGowan to send the Lohrs a letter updating them on what has taken place since they were last in.

Prenn: It was noted that the Prenn house along Spring Creek has been removed and cleaned up.

Purdue Mt. Timbering: It was noted that the company who was going to do the timbering on Purdue Mt. is no longer going to do it. The firm should be ready to be released from their bond at the next meeting.

Fillmore Farms: It was noted that Fillmore Farms will be going to the Planning Commission for signatures at their next meeting.

Fullington Bus: It was noted that the Planning Commission would hold their hearing this Thursday for Fullington Bus. Both water authorities are reviewing the plans for the fuel farm conditional use.

Conditional Use Applications: It was noted that Max Gill and Doug Deibler are reviewing the current conditional use application to see if there is any other information that they would like to see on the application for their review purposes.

Centre County Airport Authority Conditional Use Application: It was noted that the Centre County Airport Authority has requested a conditional use hearing for an employee parking lot. It was just recently discovered that the Authority is already over in impervious coverage requirements, thus must go to the Zoning Hearing Board for a variance before they can continue with their Conditional Use request.

Mr. Kelleher moved that the Board forward their feelings on to the Zoning Hearing Board that they are not in favor of allowing the Airport Authority to further go over their impervious coverage amounts. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Township Agreement/Boundary Change: Tabled.

Patton Township/Benner Township Boundary: Tabled.

Fire Training Facility: Tabled.

SBWJA Vacancy: Mrs. Alters noted that she will consider filling this vacancy and will let the Board know of her decision at the next meeting.

Township Attorney: Discussion was held relative to the Township Attorney position. Mrs. Alters moved to appoint Stephen French as the Township’s Attorney for the year 2000. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Hampton Hills Planning Module: Mr. Kelleher moved to approve the Sewage Planning Module for Hampton Hills. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

John Glenn Sanitation: It was noted that the Township has received a contract for services from John Glenn Sanitation. After a review of the contract, the Board asked that other refuse haulers be contacted to see what their rates are.

Fullington Bus Fuel System: Mr. Kelleher moved to pass the conditional use request of Fullington Bus on to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendations. Mrs. Alters seconded the motion.

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

Real Time Devices: Mr. Lahr moved to pass the conditional use request of Real Time Devices on to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendations. Mrs. Alters seconded the motion.

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

Seibert Road Extension: Mr. Lahr stated that the Seibert Road Extension keeps being brought up to be included in the 12 year plan list for CRMPO. Mr. Lahr asked the other Board members how they feel about this matter. Mr. Kelleher moved for the Township to take the position that the Seibert Road Extension is no longer to be considered an option for new road development in the Township. Mrs. Alters seconded the motion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

The board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Farmland Preservation Seminar
2. Spring Creek Watershed Water Sampling Protocol for Spring Creek Watershed Community
3. PSATS Alert

4. Conservation District Newsletter
5. SBWJA Minutes of November 8, 1999
6. Notice of DCED workshop
7. County Time Extensions
 - a. BLC
 - b. Fullington Bus
8. Developing Watersheds Workshop
9. Airport Phase I Inspection report
10. Letter from Mike Hanna Re: J.Jabco letter
11. County Comment letters
 - a. Penn Eagle Academy for Childhood Excellence
 - b. Fullington Bus

NOTES

Dusk to Dawn Light: Mr. Kelleher moved to contact Allegheny Power to have a dusk to dawn light installed at the bottom of the driveway. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

Crestview Drainage Work: Mr. Kelleher noted that he is still trying to get in touch with George Weller to see if he is willing to pay for the excavation to install the catch basin along Edward Drive. Mr. Lahr moved to have the road crew install the catch basin should the agreement with Mr. Weller fall through. Mr. Kelleher seconded the motion.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 10:15 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.