

**BENNER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MARCH 20, 2000**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by the Chairman, Michael Kelleher with members Richard Lahr and David Breon present. Also in attendance were Clair Stem, Roxanne Shiels and Renee McGowan.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Roxanne Shiels/Clearwater Conservancy: Roxanne Shiels was present to give the Board an overview on project that ClearWater Conservancy is doing with a \$500,000 grant that was received from the Federal Highways Administration. Mrs. Shiels explained that the purpose of the two-year grant is to develop a community-based vision for the Mid-Bald Eagle Watershed for the year 2020 in light of the new interstate and then make that vision a reality through the creation of a "land use and sustainability plan". Mrs. Shiels explained further how input will be gathered and used in creating the vision. Mrs. Shiels noted that it is their goal to have the developed plan in a form that may be incorporated into county or municipal planning mechanisms including comprehensive plans, zoning and development ordinances.

MINUTES

The minutes of March 6, 2000, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Breon moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Breon – yes Mr. Lahr – yes Mr. Kelleher – yes

BILLS

The bills of March 20, 2000, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Lahr moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Breon – yes Mr. Lahr – yes Mr. Kelleher – yes

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Weikel was present from HRG to give his monthly report on the Subdivision/Land Development plans that he is reviewing on the Township's behalf. Mr. Weikel noted that the road bonding inspection has been completed for Crestview and that the Barns Lane inspection is scheduled for Wednesday.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Road Bonding: Mr. Lahr moved to approve the Road Bonding documents for Crestview, Barns Lane and Rock Road as soon as Mr. Weikel has all of the paperwork in order. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Breon – yes Mr. Lahr – yes Mr. Kelleher – yes

Sign Ordinance: It was noted that Mr. French has forwarded copies of model sign ordinances for review. Mr. Breon asked that copies be made for the Planning Commission as well as the last draft that was worked on.

John Jabco: Mrs. McGowan noted that she spoke with Mr. French regarding this matter. Mr. French explained to Renee that Mr. Jabco cannot go to the Zoning Hearing Board for a variance, his request for a conditional use must be denied and if he wants to he can appeal to court.

Barking Dogs/Walter Houtz: Ms. McGowan noted that she has received several phone calls from Mr. Houtz regarding barking dogs. She noted further that she has made two trips down and hasn't heard anything. Mr. Houtz has been asked to tape record the dogs barking as other residents with similar complaints have done.

Computer Problems: It was noted that the modem on Sharon's computer is not working again, Renee's computer sounds like it is going to blow up, and the extra computer won't print to the HP. All of the computers keep getting error messages and say that illegal operations have happened and that the computer will be shut down. Discussion was held. Mr. Kelleher moved to allot up to \$3,000 for the purchase of two new computers and a printer. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion. Mr. Breon noted that he would like to check into the different models before a purchase is made.

Vote: Mr. Breon – yes Mr. Lahr – yes Mr. Kelleher – yes

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Township Agreement/Boundary Change: Tabled.

Patton Township/Benner Township Boundary: Tabled.

Township Web Site: Mr. Breon noted that he got back in touch with C-Net and that the cost of the web site as part of the Country Store is \$350 per year, unlimited in size. Mr. Kelleher moved that the Township contract with C-Net for a web site at the cost of \$350 per year. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Breon – yes Mr. Lahr – yes Mr. Kelleher – yes

Paver Box: Mr. Kelleher noted that he has spoken with the road crew and that they are in agreement that the paver box that Spearly Construction has is worth \$400. Mr. Lahr moved to send Spearly Construction a letter offering them \$400 for the paver box. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Breon – yes Mr. Lahr – yes Mr. Kelleher – yes

NEW BUSINESS

The Board opened sealed bids for stone and road oil. The bid results were as follows:

	Hanson Aggregates		Glenn O. Hawbaker	
	FOB Plant	Delivered	FOB Plant	Delivered
2A	3.60	5.05	3.45	5.20
2RC	3.30	4.85	3.30	5.05
#4	4.50	6.10	4.50	6.35
2Bs	4.95	6.60	5.10	6.95
washed 1Bs	4.75	6.45	4.85	6.70
Cold Patch			31.00	33.00
Surge	4.70	6.30	4.80	6.55
1Bs	4.75	6.45	4.85	6.60

Discussion was held. The board asked that the solicitor be contacted to see what would have to be done with the bids that are the same or if the entire bid could be awarded to Hanson Aggregates. These were tabled until the next meeting.

Road Oil bids were opened and results were as follows:

Whitaker Roads \$1.10/gallon

Eastern Industries \$1.384/gallon

Mr. Kelleher moved to award the road oil bid to Whitaker Roads Inc. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Breon – yes Mr. Lahr – yes Mr. Kelleher – yes

Park Director: Mr. Kelleher noted that the road crew has been asking who they will be getting their orders from for the park. Mr. Kelleher moved to advertise for a part-time Park Director to be paid on an hourly basis, wages will be set based upon experience. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Breon – yes Mr. Lahr – yes Mr. Kelleher – yes

Park Equipment: Mr. Lahr noted that the scouts may need a hand from the Road Crew when erecting the playground equipment. The Board noted that they did not have a problem having the road crew help out with this project.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Spring Twp. Letter Re: Traffic light at Penn Eagle
2. County Time Extensions:
 - a. Penn Eagle Academy for Childhood Excellence
 - b. Centre Communications
3. Conservation District Copies of Notices
 - a. ARL, Inc.
 - b. Glenn O. Hawbaker
 - c. Spring, Benner, Walker Joint Authority
4. Park & Rec. 1999 Year End Report – Dale Moore
5. HRG Comment Letters
 - a. Polymics
 - b. Fillmore Farms – Phase 1
 - c. Buffalo Run Industrial Track for SEDA – COG Joint Rail Authority
6. Letter from Patton Township Re: Status of Graybec permit
7. Notice that Con-Lime has applied for renewal of NPDES Permit for Buffalo Run
8. Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority Minutes of Feb. 28, 2000
9. Notice of EMC training session

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:55 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.