

BENNER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
APRIL 17, 2000

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 David Breon present. Also in attendance were Patrick Casher, Clair Stem, Doug Weikel and Renee McGowan.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Patrick Casher: Mr. Casher was present to discuss the \$15,000 grant the Township received from the County for handicapped access to the ball fields located at the township building. It was decided that a stone roadway would be installed behind the buildings on the hill and that a paved parking area would be made for handicapped individuals. Mr. Casher noted that he would work on getting the wage rates for the project and would then get back to the township.

MINUTES

The minutes of April 3, 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 April 17, 2000, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Lahr moved to approve the bills as presented to the Board. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Weikel went over his monthly report with the Board.

He noted that he will contact Kerry Uhler and Associates to get a price on re-surveying and staking out the properties on Upper Gyp Road.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

*Tires – More tires have been found. Several leads have been received and the case has been turned over to the State Police.

*Tucker- It was noted that a citation may be filed against the Tuckers under Township Ordinance 73. Renee noted that she would check with the Attorney and Ralph Houck this week.

*Jabco – Discussion was held concerning the Conditional Use request that John Jabco has made for an auto detailing business on Purdue Mt. Mr. Kelleher moved to pass this request on to the Planning Commission for their review and comment with a hearing to be scheduled on May 15th at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

*Planning Module Exemption – Ms. McGowan noted that Steve Small is asking for the Board to approve and sign the Planning Module Exemption card for the Mary Thomas Subdivision/Lot Disposition Plan. Mr. Kelleher moved to approve and sign the exemption card. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

*911 Addressing – Ms. McGowan noted that she will be attending a meeting concerning the 911 addressing project on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

*Holt/Yost - Ms. McGowan noted that Mr. Yost was in to complain about the amount of junk and garbage that is collecting around the Holt home on Upper Gyp Road. Discussion was held on the location of property pins in this area and the work that the road wishes to do on this roadway.

Mr. Breon moved to approve spending up to \$1,000 to have Kerry Uhler and Associates resurvey this area and set pins. Mr. Kelleher seconded the motion.

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

*Driveways – Discussion was held on driveway permits. Mr. Kelleher asked that the driveway permit application form be amended to have a final inspection sign off prior to an occupancy permit being issued.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Township Agreement/Boundary Change: Tabled.

Patton Township/Benner Township Boundary: Tabled.

Fire Training Facility: Tabled.

Patton Township Boundary: Mr. Lahr noted that while at the State Convention he and Mr. Breon spoke with representatives from Patton Township. They noted that they are in favor of making Fillmore Road the Township Boundary Line.

Park Director Resumes: The Board is in receipt of 4 applications for the position of Park Director. Board members noted that they would check their schedules so that interviews could be scheduled.

Three Wheeler Complaints: It was noted that complaints have been received from Crestview residents about the Fisher boys riding their three wheelers in the neighborhood. The Board asked that a letter be sent to the Fishers asking them to be more courteous of the neighbors and that if complaints continue the Township may have to look at adopting an ordinance regulating 3 and 4 wheelers.

Ball Field Maintenance: Mr. Kelleher noted that the Teener League has asked if the Township would donate the Township's roller to roll the fields at the Teener League Fields, Governor's Park and High School Fields. Mr. Lahr moved to donate the roller with Mr. Kelleher operating the roller to roll these fields. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Salt Shed: Mr. Breon was given the specifications on the concrete barriers that will be used in constructing the salt shed. He noted that he would work on drawing specifications for the top.

Crestview Drain: Discussion was held concerning the drainage problem in the new section of Crestview. Mr. Kelleher moved to purchase the catch basin for this project and to authorize the Road Crew to saw cut the pavement straight across the road if it is deemed to be easier. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

Sign Lights: Mr. Kelleher noted that John Reish is back to work and said that the sign lights will be installed before May 15.

NEW BUSINESS

Memo of Understanding for Gummos: Mr. Kelleher moved to approve the memorandum of understanding for the Betty & Gilbert Gummo Subdivision. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

Fall Festival: It was noted that the Festival Organizers would like to once again have the Reserve Unit land a piece of military aircraft at the festival. Mr. Kelleher moved to approve and sign the request for the aircraft at the festival. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

Ball Field Signs: The Board noted that signs for the Friedman and Deibler field may be ordered.

Road Program: Mr. Kelleher noted that he would like to see if Penn Dot would give the Township another copy of their road program the next time Mr. Fisher is in the area.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. SBWJA Minutes – March 27,2000
2. County Time Extensions
 - a. Ray & Carol Walker
 - b. Shirley Corl
3. A & L Earth Disturbance Inspection
4. Letter from William Elmendorf, PSU Re: Questionnaires

5. Letter from Spring Township Re: Contracting Zoning Services
6. Land Use Position papers from PSATS
7. Pre-Order form for Bellefonte-Opoly
8. Centre Region Act 537 Plan
9. Various workshop notices

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 10:25 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.