

PSU Bus Testing Facility
Conditional Use Hearing
January 15, 2001

The conditional use hearing for the Penn State Bus Testing Facility was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman, Richard Lahr with member Dave Breon present. Also present were Doug Weikel, Helen Alters, Tom Walker, Linn Auman, Connie Houser-McCoy and Renee McGowan.

Mr. Auman was present to go over Penn State's Conditional Use request to construct a 10,000 s.f. building addition and additional driveway to the addition.

No one present had any objections. The hearing was adjourned the time being 7:45 p.m. The Board noted that they will have a decision for the Bus Testing Facility at their February 5th meeting.

Benner Township Board of Supervisors
January 15, 2001

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:46 p.m. by the Chairman, Richard Lahr with member Dave Breon present. Also in attendance were Jon Eich, Doug Weikel, Tom Walker, Helen Alters, Connie Houser - McCoy and Renee McGowan.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Connie Houser - McCoy: Mrs. McCoy was present to discuss deeding an easement to the Township to place a cul-de-sac at the end of Dixon Road. Discussion was held. Mrs. McCoy noted that she would agree to this easement as long as she would still have access to the rest of her property from Seibert Road. It was noted that there should be room for a single driveway but that it may require a large amount of fill to construct it. After further discussion, it was noted that the easement that is currently shown on the drawings might not be large enough to meet Penn Dot's cul-de-sac requirements. Mr. Weikel noted that he would contact Penn Dot to see what their regulations are. Mr. French will also be contacted to see if the deed agreement will need to be modified since Mr. Houser passed away.

Jon Eich: Mr. Eich was present to discuss the proposed new jail site. Questions were asked on steps needed to take place to allow for this use on the site in question. The Board noted that they would need to know the exact area that the county will be receiving. An amendment that would allow for government/governmental uses should work to resolve this problem. Mr. Eich noted that he would keep the Board updated on their progress of the land acquisition.

MINUTES

The minutes of January 2, 2001 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 - absent

Mr. Kelleher is now present, the time being 8:10.

BILLS

The bills of January 15, 2001, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Kelleher 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 to go over his monthly report with the Board.

Mr. Kelleher moved to give Fullington Bus Co. a 60-day time extension to complete the building related work and a 180-day time extension to complete the remaining site work related items. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

PARK DIRECTOR REPORT

Mrs. Alters was present to go over with the Board the items that she would like to work on for the coming year and the items that were accomplished the past year. Mrs. Alters noted that one of her main priorities this year is to try to complete the trail at the Buffalo Run Park that would include the placement of the second bridge. It was noted that the third annual festival is being planned for the park. Accomplishments this year for the park

include the electric and lights being installed, the pavilions being erected and the concrete floor being poured in the one of the pavilions.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

I-99 Overlay District Ordinance: Ms. McGowan noted that she is currently reviewing HRG's comments. The ordinance has also been forwarded on to the solicitor for his review.

Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance: Ms. McGowan noted that she is working on putting this ordinance together.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Township Agreement/Boundary Change: Signatures are being obtained.

Patton Township/Benner Township Boundary: Tabled.

Road Maintenance Foreman Applications: The Board selected 5 candidates to interview for this position. Interviews will be scheduled the next several weeks.

Parente/Randolph Contract for 2000 Audit: The proposed contract for completing the 2000 audit was presented to the board. Mr. Kelleher moved to approve and sign the contract with Parente/Randolph. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

Executive Session on Personnel: 9:32 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

Mr. Kelleher moved to approve Dale Moore to stay on for the first quarter of 2001 to finish the remainder of activities he has scheduled as Park & Rec. Director. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Kelleher moved to approve the salary of the new Park & Rec. Director at \$5,000 per year. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Volunteer/Boards/Commissions: Mr. Lahr noted that he would like to see the Township advertise in the newspaper, newsletter and web site for volunteers to serve on the board's various commissions, boards, etc.

Mr. Breon moved to check to see if the Planning Commission Ordinance can be amended to include alternate members. Mr. Kelleher seconded the motion.

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

State Fund M & T Bank Accounts: Mr. Kelleher moved to approve the paperwork to close the State Fund Saving and Checking Accounts and transfer the funds into the PLGIT State Fund Account. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

1. County's Needs Assessment for New Prison
2. South Central Centre County Transportation Study Newsletter
3. Notice that New Enterprise Stone & Lime has applied for a permit to operate a portable crushing plan at SR6026 Section A02
4. Letter from ClearWater Conservancy Re: Springs & Sinks and development within drainage ways
5. UAJA Beneficial Reuse Project NPDES Permit Modification Notice
6. Letter from Robert Finley Re: Kopp Testing
7. Notice of Watershed Team Meetings
8. Springs & Sinks Newsletter
9. PSATS Alert
10. ITC Meeting Notice
11. Vision 2020 Update
12. SBWJA Minutes of December 11, 2000
13. 911 Monthly update

NOTES

Mr. Lahr noted that the Board held the following executive sessions:

January 10, 2001 at the Benner Township Municipal Building from 12:00 noon until 1:30 p.m. with all Board members present. The purpose of the executive session was to hold an interview for the position of Road Maintenance Superintendent.

January 12, 2001 at the Benner Township Municipal Building from 12:00 noon until 1:15 p.m. with all Board members present. The purpose of

the executive session was to hold an interview for the position of Road Maintenance Superintendent.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 10:51 p.m.

Sharon Royer

Sharon Royer, Sec.