

Penn State University
Conditional Use Hearing
June 4, 2001

The Conditional Use Hearing for the University Park Airport was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman, Richard Lahr with members Dave Breon and Michael Kelleher present. Also in attendance were Gene Stocker, Jr., Ed Kopp, Jack Pawling, Bill Spearly, Clair Stem, Mark Ralston, Katie Ombalski, Neil Edwards, Sharon Haferkamp, John Elnitski, Jr., James Byers, Robert Finley, Tom Walker, Brian Rodgers, Bob Dannaker and Renee McGowan.

University Park Airport proposes to widen the active area of the main runway (RW 6/24) from its current lighted and marked width of 100 ft. to 150 ft. The Airport wants to widen the runway to accommodate airlines whose insurance carriers restrict their aircraft from landing on 100 ft. wide runways and to improve safety to all aircraft. The projects scope includes pavement remarking, relocation of existing runway edge and threshold lights, relocation of signage along the runway, and relocation of existing navigational aids. No additional pavement is required because pavement was placed during runway paving in 1998 at 150' wide. The Airport states the project will not alter or change any of the existing airport hazard zones. The centerline of RW 6/24 will remain unchanged.

Representing the Airport during this meeting were: Mr. Robert Finley, Robert Dannaker (Airport Manager), Brian Rodgers (Assistant Manager), Sharon Haferkamp and James Byers from FAA.

Mr. Dannaker explained the Environmental Assessment previously done for the Airport was completed for a 100 ft. wide runway not 150 ft. A shorter version of an Environmental Assessment will need to be done for widening the runway to 150 ft.

Mr. Rodgers discussed the scope of the project: moving the lights, changing the signage, new pavement markings, and that the project does not change any airport hazard zones.

Mr. Dave Breon asked if the types of aircraft using the Airport will remain the same? Mr. Dannaker indicated "yes." Runway length determines the aircraft. The current runway has a capacity to handle 110,000 lb aircraft. The new runway opened in the Fall of 1998.

Ed Kopp of 1882 Millson Circle: Mr. Kopp questioned the weight limitations for various aircraft seemed to differ from what he understood the limitations to be.

Gene Stocker of 1864 Walnut Grove: Mr. Stocker stated when the noise study was to be originally completed, he wanted a noise monitor to be located at his property so a baseline could be established. He thinks the current Noise study should be completed before any approval is granted by the Township.

Mr. Dannaker indicated noise studies were performed last fall, and one monitor was placed in the detention pond next to his house. Mr. Stocker stated one weekend of noise monitoring is not enough. More is needed. Also Mr. Stocker recommends an alternative method to backup warning beepers on construction vehicles—their noise is annoying at night. Keeps him up at night.

Mr. Kelleher asked if Mr. Stocker could have someone independently review the airport's noise study? Mr. Stocker stated he probably could. Mr. Kelleher indicated possibly somebody from HRG could review the study. Mr. Kelleher asked Mr. Stocker to put his concerns in writing, and HRG could review the study and make recommendations to the Township.

Mr. Robert Finley: Mr. Finley described the Part 150 Study. The study is designed to act as a "benchmark for noise profiles" to predict the future. The Airport wanted to do the study to determine noise compatibility problems. The study is in the final stages. The model seems to predict the airport is actually "less noisy" than originally predicted.

James Byers (Environmental Specialist with FAA): Mr. Byers talked about the public hearing scheduled for June 13th when Airport's Master Plan and Part 150 Noise Study are to be discussed. Residents and Township officials are encouraged to attend.

Mr. Kopp questioned how long the Airport collected noise data. Mr. Byers indicated "one day at various sites." Mr. Kopp stressed concerns that "one day predicts the future years at the airport?" Mr. Byers indicated the information collected is then inputted into a computer model and noise projections throughout the year are computed to come up with the noise contour levels. Mr. Kopp stated the corporate jets are very loud, and questioned if "noise abatement procedures could be put into effect." Mr. Byers stated since 1992, regulations now prohibit restrictions against these types of aircraft. Mr. Stocker wants the Township to restrict noise at the Airport. Mr. Byers indicated the computer model penalizes aircraft noise generated after 10:00 p.m. by 10 decibels. He also added the Airport has gone "above and beyond" with the work they have been doing to meet the FAA requirements.

John Elnitski, Jr., 817 Seibert Road: Mr. Elnitski recommended the Supervisor's review the following information before making any decision regarding this conditional use.

1. For widening the runway, charts showing criteria and design should be shown at the next public hearing.
2. One day of noise monitoring is not enough, a mixture of days is recommended. Before, during, after home coming football game and other days.
3. FAA Criteria for maximum sound. Mr. Byers stated the Township does have the opportunity to lower the maximum by "one notch."

Clair Stem, Purdue Mountain. Mr. Stem noted every Sunday aircraft have been "diving" around his house.

Mr. Stocker questioned if the Runway (3/4) is to be extended? Mr. Finley indicated at this time he does not know.

With no other comments to address, the Board closed the meeting, and will continue at the next meeting at June 18th at 7:30 p.m.

Benner Township Supervisors

June 4, 2001

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:50 p.m. by the Chairman, Richard Lahr with members Michael Kelleher and Dave Breon. Also in attendance were Clair Stem, Mark Ralston, Katie Ombalski, Robert Finley, Brian Rodgers, Bob Dannaker and Renee McGowan.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Robert Finley: Mr. Finley was present to request permission from the Board to pave a parking area at the airport that is currently gravel. Mr. Finley noted that the stormwater calculations were done. The University's calculations show that this project will not increase the stormwater discharge to a point where additional stormwater measures will be needed.

The parking lot will be used to store vehicles long term. The lot will exit out on to Fox Hill Road.

Mr. Kelleher moved to approve the permit as long as Mr. Weikel reviews the stormwater calculations and finds them acceptable. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Mark Ralston/Katie Ombalski – Spring Creek Watershed Community: Mr. Ralston and Ms. Ombalski were present to present the Board with a copy of the 2000 Annual Report on the Spring Creek Watershed Community Water Resources Monitoring Project.

Mr. Ralston reported that more and more interest is being shown in this project. The Project received a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for groundwater level monitoring. Water-level monitoring equipment will be installed in six wells for continuous water level monitoring located throughout the Spring Creek Watershed. Discussions are now taking place about continuing the Project. Mr. Ralston noted that he would keep the Board up to date on any further developments with the Project.

MINUTES

The minutes of May 21, 2001, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Kelleher moved to approve the minutes as presented to the Board. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of June 4, 2001, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Lahr moved to approve the bills as presented to the Board. Mr. Kelleher seconded the motion.

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

ZONING OFFICER REPORT

911 Re-addressing: It was noted that the second letter has been sent out to the Benner Pike property owners. The review of the addresses with 911 was completed last week.

Larry Jodon Rezoning Request: Ms. McGowan asked the Board what they would like her to do about the rezoning request from Larry Jodon. Mr. Jodon has asked when his hearing will be scheduled so he can proceed with his project. Discussion was held regarding Mr. Jodon's proposed plan layout and how dependant on several things his plan configuration could change again.

Mr. Kelleher moved that the township would proceed with Mr. Jodon's request but to make him aware that should he change his request after the initial hearing he will be responsible for all costs of subsequent rezoning requests. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

Overlay District Ordinance: Ms. McGowan noted that the Overlay District Ordinance will be on the Planning Commission's next agenda. Their last meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum.

Superior Lumber Bond: Ms. McGowan asked the Board what they would like her to do with the \$200 bond that she is holding for Superior Lumber (Mather property). The Board indicated that they would like her to hold on to it until Mr. Mather's permit is issued.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Township Agreement/Boundary Change: Table.

Patton Township/Benner Township Boundary: Table.

Salt Shed Paving: It was noted that the quote from Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. was for \$2,100 for an area 50' X 50' most areas will be 3" thick the area right outside the concrete will be roughly 6" deep. The material that is going to be used is 1 D3. The Board agreed with the quote.

Chain Link Fence: Discussion was held concerning the quote for chain link fence between Ms. Gummo's property and the Buffalo Run Community Park. Rough estimates are \$3,478 for 5' and \$4,098 for 6' for 500' of 9-gauge material. This cost does not include a gate that would probably be required from Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority. The quote is unclear as to whether or not this quote includes installation. The Board tabled action on this until they go up and take a look at the property to see if a different solution can be reached.

Salt Shed: Mr. Breon noted that he has the materials ready for placing the roof section of the salt shed out for bid. Mr. Kelleher moved to place out for bid the remainder of the salt shed project. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

Oil Interceptors: Mr. Breon noted that he would like to have the Township Engineer come and take a look at both garages and recommend to the Board what oil interceptors he feels should be installed.

NEW BUSINESS

Conditional Use Nextel Partners: Mr. Lahr moved to forward the Nextel Partners Conditional Use application on to the Planning Commission for their review and comments. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Planning Commission Appointment: Mr. Lahr moved to appoint Genevieve Robine to the Benner Township Planning Commission to fulfill the remainder of Mr. Porter's term. Mr. Kelleher seconded the motion.

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

Road Work: It was noted that there are two areas where dips seem to be in the pavement that need to be repaired. The first one is located near the intersection of Raymond's Lane and 550. The second area is near the intersection of Fillmore Road and 550.

NOTES

Mr. Breon noted that he is going to adjust the lighting on the Township sign so the light reflects on the sign itself more.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. County time extensions
 - a. Graymont
 - b. General Aviation Hangar
 - c. Hampton Hills Subdivision
 - d. Penn Skates Land Development
 - e. Fillmore Farms
2. AT & T - notice of rate increase
3. Conservation District earth disturbance inspection General Aviation Hanger 3
4. E & S Plan review PSU Bus Testing Facility
5. Notice that Graymont has purchased Con-Lime
6. Lot Addition Alexander Partnership to Fullington GMC Sales, Inc.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 10:20 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.