

Benner Township Supervisors
May 21, 2001

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman, Richard Lahr with member Michael Kelleher present. Dave Breon was absent. Also in attendance were Melissa Gummo, Helen Alters, Larry Jodon, Doug Weikel and Renee McGowan.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Melissa Gummo: Ms. Gummo was present to express concern about trespassers that are coming from the park and going thru her property. Ms. Gummo noted that she is requesting either a natural or physical fence be placed between her property and the park to prevent trespassing on her property. Mr. Kelleher moved to get quotes on 6' high chain link fence from Route 550 to the stream. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

Larry Jodon: Mr. Jodon was present to ask questions regarding Beezer Hill Road. Can a cul -de-sac be placed at the end of the road where it comes out by his barn? Discussion was held. Discussion was also held concerning a secondary access into Mr. Jodon's proposed development. Mr. Jodon noted that he would investigate possibly having his secondary access thru Penn Eagle.

MINUTES

The minutes of May 7, 2001, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Lahr moved to approve the minutes with a change on page 4 from "he" to "be". Mr. Kelleher seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of May 21, 2001, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Kelleher moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Weikel brought the Board up to date on the various projects he has been reviewing on the Board's behalf.

Mr. Kelleher noted that he is not at all pleased about the repair work that has been done where the sewer line has gone in. He stated further that he would like all three supervisors, Pat Bernhard, Warren Miller and Mr. Weikel to go out and look at the areas where the sewer line installation repair work was made.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mather Driveway Permit: Discussion was held regarding the Mather permit application. It was noted that the township is still holding Mr. Mather's bond from when he had his property timbered. Mr. Kelleher moved not to release the bond until everything is spelled

out on the driveway permit because he is using the timbering entrance for the driveway.
Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

Benner Pike Addressing: Ms. McGowan noted that approximately 35 letters were sent out to Benner Pike Property owners regarding the proposed address changes. Out of the 35 letters sent only 6 responses were received. The Board asked that a second letter be sent out to these residents giving them one last chance to comment.

Overlay District & Planned Residential District Ordinance: Ms. McGowan noted that last week some members of the Planning Commission requested these ordinances in “soft copy” format. In order to accomplish this, much time was required. The Board noted that they would like the office staff to get quotes to see how much a CD burner would cost installed.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Township Agreement/Boundary Change: Table.

Patton Township/Benner Township Boundary: Table.

(Mr. Breon is now present the time being 9:35 p.m.)

Road Crew Employee: Mr. Breon moved to offer the road crew position that was advertised in the Centre Daily Times to Mr. Tressler. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

The Board asked that letters be sent to all applicants that applied for the position.

NEW BUSINESS

Line Painting: The Board received quotes for line painting in 2001. It was noted that the quote from Ross Industries wasn't clear whether or not it included the white line painting. Mr. Kelleher moved to award the line-painting bid to the low bidder after clarification is received. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

Hydra Breaker: It was noted that the road crew is finding it necessary to have a hydra breaker for their use to install signposts. Mr. Kelleher moved to approve the purchase of a HB37 Hydra Breaker from Bradco Supply Co. at the cost of \$2,290. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

Shop Furnace Quotes: The Township is in receipt of two quotes for a new furnace for the shop. The Board noted that we would need one additional quote before a decision can be made.

Salt Shed Paving: A quote of \$2,100 was received from Glenn O. Hawbaker to pave an area in front of the new salt shed. The Board asked for the dimensions of the paving before approval can be given.

Stephen Porter Resignation: The Board was in receipt of a resignation letter from Steve Porter from the Township Planning Commission. Mr. Kelleher moved to purchase a gift for Mr. Porter for his many years of dedicated service to the township by serving on its Planning Commission. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. County Comment Letters
 - a. Penn Skates
 - b. Robert Johnstonbaugh
2. PSATS Alert
3. Centre County Airport Authority minutes March 8, 2001
4. Spring Creek Watershed Commission Bi-monthly meeting
5. 911 Re-addressing update
6. South Central Transportation Study Final Needs Analysis Report
7. SBWJA Minutes of April 23, 2001
8. Letter from New Enterprise Stone & Lime to Penn Dot
9. Letter from French Re: Telecommunications Contract
10. PennDot Re: Rock Road & Big Hollow Road Restoration

Franchise Fees Agreement: The Board asked that Bellefonte Borough be contacted to see where they were at as far as their renewal and to let them know that Benner Township would be interested in joining their group to work on a renewal contract.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 10:50 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.