

**Ordinance 79 Hearing**  
**July 15, 2002**

The public hearing for Ordinance 79 was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman, Richard Lahr with members Dave Breon and John Elnitski, Jr. present. Also in attendance were Doug Weikel, Helen Alters, Jon Eich, John Sepp, Matt Genchur and Renee Swancer.

Mr. Lahr noted that Ordinance 79 deals with revising the Township's Street Standard Ordinance to deal with curb cuts. Mr. Lahr asked those in attendance if anyone would like to comment on the proposed ordinance. There were no comments. Mr. Elnitski moved to adopt Ordinance 79. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

**BENNER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**  
**July 15, 2002**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by the Chairman, Richard Lahr with members Dave Breon and John Elnitski, Jr. present. Also in attendance were Doug Weikel, Helen Alters, Jon Eich, John Sepp, Matt Genchur and Renee Swancer.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Matt Genchur - Clearwater Conservancy: Mr. Genchur was present to do a presentation to the Board on the Spring Creek Watershed Project that he is working on for Clearwater Conservancy. Mr. Genchur noted that additional meetings will be held after more data is collected and the study is completed.

John Sepp - Victorian Village: Mr. Sepp brought the Board up to date on the Beezer Hill Road situation. It was noted that a meeting was not held due to the fact the Mr. Lewis wanted the meeting to be in Clearfield. Discussion was held. Mr. Sepp asked the Board if it would be ok if the Planning Commission granted the Victorian Village Plan Conditional approval pending the Penn Dot permit is issued. The Board noted that the decision would be up to the Planning Commission what action they decided to take. It was noted that until a decision is rendered by Yvonne Buck of Penn Dot, the road issue is on hold.

Jon Eich: Discussion was held regarding the 1992 PSU agreement. Mr. Eich indicated that the amount of the 92 agreement was based on the number of students, tax amounts and a few other factors.

Helen Alters: Mrs. Alters was present to update the Board on the various items that she has been working on.

*Greenway Plan* – The Board asked that she attend this upcoming meeting on the Township's behalf.

*Land Studies* – Mrs. Alters noted that the Bellefonte office of Land Studies has closed and that Mr. Auman is now employed elsewhere. She noted that she was going to contact Mr. Auman regarding the stream restoration project to see if he is going to continue to maintain the area since he took another position.

*Soccer Fields* – Mrs. Alters noted that she has been in contact with AYSO to see if they feel that there is enough room to build an additional soccer field at the park. She noted further that she has been in contact with UAJA and Penn State to see if either have any dirt from their ongoing projects that could be used to fill in the areas that need filled for the field.

*Buffalo Run Community Park* – The second bridge is in. The walkway over the wetlands that the Scouts built is completed. The flagpole project is still being coordinated. It was noted that Graymont has indicated that they will donate quarry waste to put the walking trails in at the park. Mrs. Alters noted that a few high school seniors that need volunteer hours in order to graduate have approached her. She indicated that she will have those individuals stain picnic tables and benches at the park.

*Summer Park & Rec* – Mrs. Alters noted that she feels that this year's staff is the best group that has been involved in the program since she has been involved with it. Everything is going well.

*History Book* – Mrs. Alters noted that the History Group plans to publish the book next year in time for sale at the Township's Fall Festival. Mrs. Alters asked the Board if they would consider contributing \$2,000 towards the publishing of the book. The estimate on the publication is \$10,000. The Board noted that they would take Mrs. Alters request under consideration during the 2003 budgeting process.

*Zoning Question* – Mrs. Alters questioned if renting on a weekly basis is permitted in the zoning district along Spring Creek. She noted further that she is aware of a property owner that is and other neighbors have made inquiries to her about doing it themselves. Mrs. Swancer noted that she

would have to get a legal opinion on the interpretation of the definitions used in the zoning ordinance.

*Display Case:* Mrs. Alters noted that she has picked the "Iron Kettle" up from State College High School. The Committee will have the kettle on display at the Fall Festival. Discussion was held about either purchasing or having a display case made for the kettle and other significant township artifacts.

## **MINUTES**

The minutes of July 1, 2002, were submitted to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Breon moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

## **BILLS**

The bills of July 15, 2002, were submitted to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Weikel went over the various projects that he has been reviewing on the Township's behalf.

## **ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT**

Hampton Hills: It was noted that the developer has given the Township a certified sealed letter from B. K. Bastress, P.L.S. stating that the height of the water storage tank is 75.84" above the concrete pad. The elevation at the base of the concrete structure is 1,016.43' and the elevation at the top of the tank is 1,092.27'. Mrs. Swancer asked the Board if they have any further concerns with this project. The Board indicated that they did not and that the permit could be issued.

State-wide Building Code: Mrs. Swancer gave the Board a copy of a proposal that she received from Harry Burd, an independent contractor, who is certified to do building code inspections.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Spring Township Agreement/Boundary Change: Tabled until Spring Township has a chance to review the county mapping.

Patton Township/Benner Township Boundary: Tabled until Patton Township has a chance to review the county mapping.

Maygar Sewerline: It was noted that Mr. Bernhard stopped various times during the installation of the Maygar sewer line. The excavator, Dan Shawley, did encounter rock during excavating. It was noted further that the township is awaiting the receipt of the SBWJA easement in order to take further action.

Benner Pike Addressing: Mrs. Swancer gave the board a list of the address changes that 911 is making to the Benner Pike. It was noted that they are leaving the addresses alone in College Township and renumbering them in Benner.

Road Re-naming Jennies' Gap to Valley View Place: It was noted that Penn Dot wants a Resolution adopted and signed from the township so that they can change their records. Mr. Breon moved to adopt Resolution 02-5. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Harold Meyer: It was noted that Mr. Meyer was in and indicated that his rotator cuff is torn and will need to be operated on July 30<sup>th</sup>. He also stated that his doctor told him that it would be five months until he could start rehab.

Shop Doors: Mr. Breon noted that he is still working on getting prices and drawings together on the shop doors.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Penn State Conditional Use Request: Mr. Lahr moved to pass the conditional use request from Penn State for their apron expansion on to the Planning Commission for review. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. PSATS News Bulletin
2. SBWJA June 24, 2002 minutes
3. Thank You cards from Alexander Henderson & Karen Lahr
4. DEP letter Re: Sewage Planning for Centre County Prison
5. Centre Co. Conservation District Newsletter
6. Copy of withdrawl documentations for the Graymont petition
7. Centre County Planning Office
  - a. Robinson Septic Service, Inc.
8. Adelpia letters
9. Conservation District
  - a. Hampton Hills
  - b. Penn Dot (A & L Section)
10. Centre Co. Emergency Exercise Design & Evaluation Course
11. Penn Dot Scour and Channel Stability Assessment Report on Krout Bridge

## **NOTES**

William Shaeffer: Mr. Lahr noted that Mr. Shaeffer will have to have his tank pumped out. This requirement is very clear in the ordinance.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Sharon Royer, Sec.