

BENNER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

October 21, 2002

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 members Dave Breon and John Elnitski, Jr. present. Also in attendance were Doug Weikel, Helen Alters, Clair Stem, Tom Walker, Renee Swancer, John Sepp and Larry Jodon.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Helen Alters:

Buffalo Run Community Park: Mrs. Alters noted that she has found topsoil for the park at the cost of \$5/ton with the township loading it and hauling it.

Much discussion was held. Mr. Weikel noted that he would visit the site with Mrs. Alters to see the specific area that she wishes to re-grade to see what can be done.

Lite the Night: Mrs. Alters noted that she attended one of the organizational meetings for this event and told the committee that her involvement would be limited to insuring the park grounds were ready as far as the lights at the pavilion, extra garbage cans, etc. She noted further that the committee is hoping for 200 to attend.

History Book: Mrs. Alters asked the Board if they would object if the History Committee placed a number of articles and pictures on the walls that they have obtained while doing research for the history book. She noted that she would like to have these pictures up for the November election. Mrs. Alters also stated that the group would like to place a final one-page insert into the winter newsletter.

John Sepp: Mr. Sepp was present to present to the Board the concept plan for the Fillmore Farms Development that Mr. Murray is proposing. Mr. Sepp noted that Mr. Murray would like to keep as much as possible to the previous plan that was submitted. The developer is proposing the development to be an active adult community with the homeowner being at least 55 years old and no one under the age 18 residing in the home. The development will have a clubhouse and an in-ground pool. Mr. Sepp questioned the minimum

requirements between the homes. Mr. Sepp noted that Mr. Murray is proposing the homes to be 28' wide and wants to place a 14' garage on each unit.

It was suggested that Mr. Sepp look at the plan to see if any of the lot lines can be shifted a little so that the minimum setback requirements can be met.

Larry Jodon/John Sepp: Mr. Sepp questioned what the status of Beezer Hill Road is. Mr. Lahr noted that several issues need to be looked into further before anything can happen.

Mr. Sepp noted they resubmitted the Highway Occupancy Permit to Penn Dot with Beezer Hill Road remaining open. Mr. Sepp said that they hoped to hear back from Penn Dot within the week on their decision.

The Board asked that a lunchtime meeting be scheduled with Spring Township Supervisors to discuss Beezer Hill Road as well as the Spring/Benner boundary line.

MINUTES

The minutes of October 7, 2002, were presented 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 October 21, 2002, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Breon moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Weikel went over with the Board the items that he has been reviewing on the Township's behalf.

Mr. Lahr updated the Board on the meeting that was held with Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority on the Township's Act 537 Plan. It was

noted that for this round of updates, each township will do them separately. The following round of updates will be done as one plan.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Centre Communication: Mrs. Swancer noted a meeting should be scheduled with the Township Solicitor to how the Board would like to proceed with Centre Communication's tower usage.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Township Boundary Agreement: Table

Patton Township Boundary Agreement: Table

Beezer Hill Road Closing: Table

Omni Point Conditional Use Hearing: It was noted that the Board received a letter dated 10/21/02 from Woodmansee Consulting stating that his client, Omnipoint Communications Enterprises, is withdrawing their conditional use request.

NEW BUSINESS

Water Service Resolution: Tabled until the next meeting.

Paradise Hill Subdivision Planning Module Resolution: The Planning Module for Paradise Hill Subdivision was presented to the Board for their review. Mrs. Swancer noted that the module is complete and ready for approval. Mr. Lahr moved to adopt Resolution 02-6. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.
Vote: Mr. Elnitski – yes Mr. Breon – yes Mr. Lahr – yes

Structural Collapse Training Session: The Board was in receipt of a letter from Randy Rockey requesting the Board's permission to conduct a specialized Structural Collapse Course on November 16 and 17 on a building located along Big Hollow Road. Mr. Rockey noted in his letter that no burning will take place. The Board noted that they did not have a problem with this training as long as the building and surrounding area is cleaned up after the session is completed.

2002 Fireman's Relief: The resolution outlining the distribution of Fireman's Relief Funds for 2002 was given to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Lahr moved to adopt Resolution 02-7. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion. Vote: Mr. Elnitski – yes Mr. Breon – yes Mr. Lahr – yes

Szeyller Planning Module: The Szeyller Planning Module was presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mrs. Swancer noted that the module is complete and is ready for approval. Mr. Lahr moved to approve Resolution 02-8. Mr. Breon seconded the motion. Vote: Mr. Elnitski – yes Mr. Breon – yes Mr. Lahr – yes

Workman's Compensation: It was noted the Workman's Compensation carrier needs to know how the Board wants to handle the couple of hours that Mr. Meyer is missing each week to attend physical therapy. The Board decided that these hours should be turned into Workman's Compensation for payment to Mr. Meyer.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received the following correspondence:

1. Centre County Solid Waste Authority letter Re: Recycling Fee Support
2. Centre County Planning Commission Letters
 - a. DEP Sewage Planning Module Krape/Szeyller Subdivision
3. SBWJA Minutes of September 23, 2002
4. Letter from ELA Group Inc. requesting a meeting relative to engineering services
5. HRG comment letter RE: Centre County Prison Subdivision
6. Spring Creek Watershed meeting notice

Mr. Lahr noted that he would draft a response letter to the letter the ELA sent.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 11:09 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.