

**University Park Airport Apron Expansion Conditional Use Hearing  
September 5, 2002**

The conditional use hearing of the University Park Airport 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 Renee Swancer, Doug Weikel, Todd Hennes, Dennis Smith, Eric Brooks, Karl Hosterman, Mike Evcic, Clair Stem, Mary DeArmitt, Larry Jodon, S. Dawn Price, Alice Lutz, Katy Grubb, Paula Lutz, Romaine Rider, Bob Dannaker, Andrea Reede, Bryan Rodgers, Robert Finley, Frank Musser, Thomas Eby, Jim Waite, Paul Hartle, Ellen Hartle, Barbara Gallo, Tom Zilla and Martha Hartle.

Mr. Lahr noted that the noise and stormwater concerns have been addressed since the previous hearing. The proposed conditions to be place on this apron expansion project were read aloud by Mr. Lahr. Mr. Lahr moved to approve the apron expansion project with the conditions as stated. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

**Beezer Hill Road Closing  
Public Comment Hearing  
September 5, 2002**

The public hearing for the Beezer Hill Road Closing 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 Renee Swancer, Doug Weikel, Todd Hennes, Dennis Smith, Eric Brooks, Karl Hosterman, Mike Evcic, Clair Stem, Mary DeArmitt, Larry Jodon, S. Dawn Price, Alice Lutz, Katy Grubb, Paula Lutz, Romaine Rider, Frank Musser, Thomas Eby, Jim Waite, Paul Hartle, Ellen Hartle, Barbara Gallo, Tom Zilla and Martha Hartle.

Mr. Lahr addressed the public stating that over the last several years the Board of Supervisors have taken a look at the Beezer Hill intersection due to concerns that they have had with the public safety issues. Several options have been looked at over this period of time with each option given consideration as to what is best for the traveling public's safety and what is best for the community. Mr. Lahr noted that this is a very difficult decision

to make and regardless of the decision made not everyone is going to be happy.

Mr. Lahr noted further that the Township has a letter from Penn Dot stating that they strongly recommend that this intersection be closed.

Mr. Weikel, Benner Township's Engineer, stated he reviewed two options:

The first option was to cul-de-sac Beezer Hill Road near the intersection at the Benner Pike, eliminating thru traffic.

The second option was to reconstruct the intersection to meet both PennDot and Township regulations, which would involve the relocation of the intersection through the Sun Rise Mobile Home Park and require the removal of several mobile homes. This option was basically eliminated due to the cost and displacement of homes.

A few of the other options that were looked at were to change Beezer Hill as a one way in or one way out roadway.

Residents asked if cost estimates were created for each of these options. Mr. Weikel indicated that they haven't.

Residents questioned if other things were looked at such as speed bumps, and lowering the speed limit.

Many of those present indicated that they feel getting out at Clemen's Lane is a more difficult and dangerous situation than the Beezer Hill Road intersection with Benner Pike.

Ms. Gallo noted she lives on the other end of Beezer Hill Road and stated that speeding traffic is bad on Beezer Hill Road. She stated that several accidents occurred in her yard and know of many more that have occurred on the Seig property.

Mr. Breon noted that the traffic studies from new developments that are getting ready to break ground have indicated that traffic will be increased on the Benner Pike and the one development will also generate more traffic on Beezer Hill Road. The opening of I -99 is also expected to increase traffic on the Benner Pike.

Concerns were noted that large vehicles won't be able to negotiate the turn from Clemen's Lane turning right on to Beezer Hill Road.

It was explained by Mr. Jodon that all of his new development traffic will access on to the Benner Pike not Beezer Hill.

Some residents expressed concerns that if the roadway is cul-de-saced that it will cause motorists to cut through their own personal driveways.

Residents questioned if the road closure could be tabled for six months or a year to see what the traffic increases actually are.

Mr. Lahr closed the hearing and noted that the Board will take the comments and suggestions given this evening and do what they can with them. Mr. Lahr also noted that the Board will discuss with Penn Dot the other options that were discussed and see what they will allow.

An Ordinance will have to be drafted and advertised for action prior to the roadway being closed.

Ordinance 80  
Public Hearing  
September 5, 2002

The public hearing for Ordinance 80 was called to order at 9:22 p.m. by the Chairman, Richard Lahr with members Dave Breon and John Elnitski, Jr. present. Also in attendance were Renee Swancer, Eric Brooks, Clair Stem, and Tom Zilla.

It was noted that Ordinance 80 amends Ordinance 70 by amending Article V, Supplemental District Regulations, Section 12; Telecommunications Towers/Antennas with new standards for setbacks for safety; and amending the Forest, Industrial and Commercial Zoning Districts by adding antennas as a conditional use requirement.

With no comments from the public, Mr. Breon moved to approve Ordinance 80 as presented. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Elnitski – yes

Mr. Breon – yes

Mr. Lahr – yes

## PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Tom Zilla: Mr. Zilla was present to update the Board on the current proposal to expand the Centre Region MPO to a Countywide Organization. Discussion was held on the various funding options that were looked at. Mr. Lahr moved to approve and endorse the current proposal contingent upon Penn State contributing funds. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

## MINUTES

The minutes of August 19, 2002, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

## BILLS

The bills of September 5, 2002, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Lahr moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

## ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mrs. Swancer noted that she didn't have anything to add to her written report.

## 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.

Remaining Sewer Connections - Torsell: It was noted that Torsell has yet to connect to the sewerline as well as the others that were discussed at the last meeting. Mr. Lahr moved to authorize the sewer authority to do the connection and file a lien on the Torsell property. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Polymics Plan: It was noted that the plan had not been dropped off to the signatures to be affixed.

Fire Training Facility: Mr. Elnitski voiced concerns about the proposed fire training facility and what effect it will have on the environment and Spring Creek. The Board noted that these issues would be addressed at their conditional use hearing and that many more laws have been created since the problems with the old site were discovered.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Upper Gyp Bridge: It was noted that Mr. Bernhard received a quote from Thomas Timberland for wood to re-deck the Upper Gyp bridge at the cost of \$396.90. Mr. Lahr moved to approve the purchase of the lumber for the re-decking. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Employee Health Insurance: It was noted that the Township employee's health insurance is up for renewal and with the uncertainty of what Centre Community Hospital is going to do with their contract with Geisinger it has yet to be signed and returned. It was noted that SBWJA has gotten quotes for a joint program for the employees of Walker Township, SBWJA and Benner Township. The Board asked for staff to check to see where Patton Township and some of the other townships that are involved in the Penn State Agreement get their insurance. Do they have the option of using Penn State's resources for insurance purposes?

Restek Fireworks: It was noted that Restek plans to put off a firework display and needs the Township to sign off that they are ok with it. Mr. Elnitski noted that he would like to have comments from FAA as the location of the display site may be in the final approach for University Park and is in line with the Bellefonte Airport.

Shoulder Road Oil: It was noted that Mr. Bernhard is requesting additional road oil for oiling the shoulders of the Township's roadways. Mr. Lahr moved to approve this purchase. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

## CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. HRG Comment letter Re: University Park Apron Expansion Stormwater Management Plan
2. SBWJA minutes August 12, 20021
3. Conservation District Reports
  - a. Hampton Hills
  - b. Robbins Septic Service
  - c. Glenn Hawbaker I -99
  - d. PSU Terminal Apron Expansion
4. County Planning Time Extensions
  - a. Centre County Mutual Fire Insurance Company
  - b. Graymont Land Development
  - c. Fillmore Farms
  - d. Hampton Hills
5. Centre County Planning Comment letter Re: 4-lot subdivision Commonwealth of PA
6. Letter SBWJA sent out to those who have yet to show proof of tank pumping.
7. Letter from HRG Re: 2002-2003 DCNR Grant Round Community conservation Recreation and Parks Projects
8. PSATS Alert
9. SCBWA Water-level measurements
10. College Township Water Authority-Rockview SCI Interconnect - Act 67 & 68 Notification
11. Centre County Planning Office - Comprehensive Plan Update

## NOTES

Mr. Breon noted that he would like the road crew to check into seeing what a curb former would cost to purchase.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 11:23 p.m.

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Sharon Royer, Sec.