

Centre County Fire Training Facility
Conditional Use
May 17, 2004

The conditional use continuation hearing for the Centre County Fire Training Facility was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman, Dave Breon with members John Elnitski, Jr. and Jim Swartzell present. Also in attendance were Glenn Dry, Randy Rockey, Mike Klein, Doug Weikel, Joh Eich, Lou Brungard, Nathan Black, Cameron Royer, Robert Hoffman, Richard Manning, and Renee Swancer.

Discussions were held concerning the list of questions that the Board had compiled and the responses regarding them.

A. Safe site distances for turning fire trucks: Mr. Dry and Mr. Manning noted that some additional trees would be removed to increase the sight distances along Paradise Road. It was noted that a traffic light is also being installed on SR150 with overhead lighting that will aid in increased visibility at night. Mr. Manning also noted that increased curb radius into the site will be done it needed to improve turning movements.

B. Hours of operation: It was noted that classroom training hours will be daily from 8 am. to 11 p.m. Outside training hours will be 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

C. Facility manager on-site while site is occupied. It was noted that at this time a person will not be there at all times. A facilitator will be onsite to oversee outside training activities and Randy Rockey will be responsible for key control and access to the site. If classroom training is all that is going to be taking place, the Instructor in charge will be sufficient.

D. Maintaining and inspection of detention ponds: It was noted that the Stormwater Management Plan and Narrative will specify the types and frequency of inspection of the stormwater facilities. The County will be the party responsible for the ownership and maintenance of the ponds.

E. Violation and penalties for violations: It was noted that if any fire company would jeopardize the safety of the environment, residents or students, they will be responsible for any and all penalties and would be terminated from future use.

F. Monitoring well. The Committee noted that they would be willing to drill a monitoring well. It was noted that testing results from the local residents for a base line will need to be acquired.

G. Liability Insurance: The Committee noted that the training site will fall under the Centre County Government's liability insurance. In addition, each company that uses the facility will have insurance for their members.

H. Funding: It was noted that at currently the site does not have full site construction funding. Several grants have been submitted and they are working on several more.

The Board noted that they would still like to go and visit a burning facility site. Mr. Dry noted that he would try to arrange for a tour of the Lancaster facility while a training burn is being performed in June.

The hearing was adjourned the time being 8:20 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.

**Benner Township Supervisors
May 17, 2004**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:23 p.m. by the Chairman, Dave Breon with members John Elnitski, Jr. and James Swartzell present. Also in attendance were Doug Weikel, Renee Swancer and Mike Shamalla.

MINUTES

The minutes of May 3, 2004, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of May 17, 2004, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Weikel was present to go over with the Board his written report on the items that he has been reviewing on behalf of the Township.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mrs. Swancer noted that the UCC Ordinance and the Valet Parking Ordinance Amendments hearings are both scheduled for the June 7th meeting.

It was noted that the response letter regarding the Thomas request for a pet crematorium has been sent to Mr. Thomas's attorney.

Rockview Memo of Understanding: It was noted that the attorney from DGS is still messing around with memorandum, changing wording and striking language from it. Mr. Elnitski noted that he would call Sen. Corman's office to see if they could offer any assistance in this matter.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Township Agreement/Boundary Change: This item continues to be tabled.

Patton Township/Benner Township Boundary: This item continues to be tabled.

Beezer Hill Road Closure: This item continues to be tabled.

Zoning Amendment Request from Barbush Family Partnership: This Ordinance is scheduled for public hearing on June 7th.

Zoning Amendment Re: Samll Animal Crematorium: This item continues to be tabled.

Proposal for Engineering Services for Fox Hill Road Bike Way: Tabled.

CodeSYS Code Consulting, Inc. – draft agreement: Discussion was held on the proposed agreement with CodeSYS Code Consulting. Mrs. Swancer noted several changes to the agreement that she would like to see made. Mrs. Swancer noted that she would contact Mr. Bird to see if these changes are possible.

Parking Tax Ordinance: The Board is in receipt of the draft parking tax ordinance. The Board noted that they would like to have this ordinance advertised for adoption at their July 1st meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Shiloh Road Transportation Study: Mr. Swartzell brought the Board up to date on the discussions that the Shiloh Road Steering Committee has had regarding the Shiloh Road area. It was noted that the Steering Committee would like to have a transportation analysis done as part of on going study of this area. College Township is asking Benner Township if they would be willing to help out with any part of the cost for this study. Discussion was held. Mr. Breon moved to offer College Township \$1,000 towards this transportation study for this year. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.
Vote: Mr. Swartzell – yes Mr. Elnitski – yes Mr. Breon – yes

Police Study Letter of Intent: It was noted that DCED is requiring a signed and board meeting approved “Letter of Intent” before they will begin their initial feasibility study. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the letter of intent. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.
Vote: Mr. Swartzell – yes Mr. Elnitski – yes Mr. Breon – yes

Purdue Mt. Road Bonding: The Board was in receipt of the necessary paperwork to approve the Purdue Mt. road bonding for Don Young Logging. Mr. Breon moved to approve the road bond. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.
Vote: Mr. Swartzell – yes Mr. Elnitski – yes Mr. Breon – yes

UCC Building Code Ordinance: Mr. Breon moved to advertise the UCC Building Code Ordinance for adoption at their June 7th meeting. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.
Vote: Mr. Swartzell – yes Mr. Elnitski – yes Mr. Breon – yes

June 21st meeting: It was noted that Mr. Breon and Mr. Elnitski will not be available for the Board’s meeting on June 21st. It was also noted that the first meeting for July has been moved up due to the holiday. Mr. Elnitski moved to cancel and not reschedule the 6/21 meeting. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.
Vote: Mr. Swartzell – yes Mr. Elnitski – yes Mr. Breon – yes

Mike Shamalla: Mr. Shamalla discussed with the Board the proposed rail to trail project that he has been working on. The Board agreed with Mr.

Shamalla that letters to adjoining property owners where the proposed trail is to be built with a follow up meeting for a presentation and questions and answers is a good idea and authorized mailing the letters.

Flail Mower: It was noted that the roadcrew's flail mower that is 17 years old is broken and will need excessive repairs amounting to approximately \$800. Cost estimates for a used flail mower at Dotterer Equipment that was only used two times is \$1,950 with our mower as a trade. The cost of a new flail mower from Dunkle and Grieb at the state contract price is \$2,664. (Because it is at state contract they wouldn't accept our old mower as a trade.) Mr. Breon moved to purchased the used flail mower from Dotterer Equipment. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. State College Volunteer Firefighters Relief Fund Audit
2. Copy of UAJA Spring Creek Pollution Control Facility Permit
3. Minor Land Development Proposal for Larry Jodon (warehouse add-on)
4. Notice from Spring Township Re: Appointment of William MacMath as Township Manager
5. Notice from Centre Co. Assessment that Mark and Jennifer Shawley are appealing their property assessment
6. Centre County Planning Commission Letters
 - a. Planning Module comments for Opequon Hill Subdivision
7. SBWJA Minutes of April 26, 2004
8. Letter from Adelphia Re: Bankruptcy update
9. District 2 map showing PennDot scheduled Roadway Improvements for 2004
10. Letter from Centre County Farmland Trust
11. Roadway Bonding Inspection Report for Don Young Logging
12. PSATS News Bulletin

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 10:35 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.