

**Centre County Fire Training Facility Conditional Use
September 20, 2004**

The conditional use hearing for the Centre County Fire Training Facility was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by the Chairman, Dave Breon with members John Elnitski, Jr. and James Swartzell present. Also in attendance were Tim Boyde, Randy Rockey, Walter Wise, Doug Weikel, Dan Miltenberger, Jim Rogers, Louis Glantz, Thomas Eby, Tom Kulakowski, Andy Pillot, Bob Jessop, Becky Dunlap, Rick Wardrop, Andy Swales, Ruthie Carlson, Neil Carlson, Joyce Watson, Mary Szeyller, Robert Szeyller, Reginal Crust, Nancy Crust, Francine Apichelle, Ron Apichelle, Joe Matis, Kathy Hillegass, Andrew Hillegass, Amy Antion, Allen Neely, Glen Cauffman, Lt. Watson, and Renee Swancer.

The changes to the proposed decision were reviewed by the Board and the members of the Fire Training Committee. Discussion was held. The Board noted that they would like to have additional wording added to the draft decision that states the Board of Supervisors must review and approve the Fire Training Facilities Standard Operating Procedure Manual. Mr. Swartzell moved to approve the decision with the additional wording. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

The hearing was adjourned the time being 7:44 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.

Benner Township Supervisors
September 20, 2004

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by the Chairman David Breon with members John Elnitski, Jr. and James Swartzell present. Also in attendance were Tim Boyde, Randy Rockey, Walter Wise, Doug Weikel, Dan Miltenberger, Jim Rogers, Louis Glantz, Thomas Eby, Tom Kulakowski, Andy Pillot, Bob Jessop, Becky Dunlap, Rick Wardrop, Andy Swales, Ruthie Carlson, Neil Carlson, Joyce Watson, Mary Szeyller, Robert Szeyller, Reginal Crust, Nancy Crust, Francine Apichelle, Ron Apichelle, Joe Matis, Kathy Hillegass, Andrew Hillegass, Amy Antion, Allen Neely, Glen Cauffman, Lt. Watson, and Renee Swancer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Restek Plans for Signatures: Restek was present requesting final approval for their land development plan. It was noted that all of the remaining items have been completed and that the plan is ready for final signatures. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve and sign the plan. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Clearwater Conservancy: Rick Wardrop and Becky Dunlap were present to briefly go over the Water Resource Monitoring Project that they have been working on for the past three years. They noted that ClearWater would like to continue the project for an additional three years because of the valuable information that they have collected to date, as well as, to monitor situations that have taken place with roadway construction in the area. Mr. Wardrop noted that ClearWater is asking the Board to budget \$1,443 per year for the next three years as the township's contribution to this study. Mr. Breon noted that the Board expects to start working on the budget soon and will take their request under consideration at that time.

Andrew Pillot/PSU Manure Storage: *Mr. Pillot* noted that he has serious concerns relative to the proposed manure storage area that Penn State wishes to start using.

Andrew Swales noted that he is a geologists and has concerns about ground water contamination

Mrs. Swancer went over the project's current status which is:

1. Penn State Department of Agricultural proposes to construct a manure staking facility on Seibert Road.
2. Manure will be stacked and dried and applied to the fields on the 200-acre site known as Jallo Tract.
3. Penn State is recognized by Department of Environment Protection (DEP) as a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO).
4. Penn State is required to have a Nutrient Management Plan under DEP's CAFO permitting requirements.
5. Construction of the facility has to meet the Nutrient Management Plan which is approved by the Centre County Conservation District.
6. Under CAFO, construction also has to meet the DEP's Water Quality Management requirements that reviews water runoff from the site. Included in this review is the amount of manure to be placed on site which is also regulated under this requirement.
7. Benner Township sent Penn State a violation notice ceasing all construction activity until Water Quality Management Permit is issued by DEP and the construction plans of the facility are reviewed by the Township Engineer for compliance with Township ordinances including zoning and stormwater management.
8. Construction cannot begin until the above items are addressed and a Zoning permit is issued by the Township.

Bob Szellyer noted that he has concerns regarding this project due to past experiences with Penn State. He noted that in the late 70's Penn State spread effluent on their fields at the University Park Airport that ended up going into a sinkhole and polluting wells along Seibert Road.

Tom Eby questioned where this manure is going to be spread.

Glenn Cauffman noted that the manure that is going to be stored on site will be spread at this farm only. He noted further that it is recommended that 20 tons of manure be spread per acre and that there is about 100 acres that is tillable on this farm.

Reginal Crust noted that manure hasn't been spread on this farm for years and that the crops are growing just fine.

Neil Carson asked how many other facilities of this type does Penn State currently have?

Mr. Cauffman noted that Penn State currently has three additional storage areas such as the one currently being built: Circleville Farm, Hawbeker Farm and on the Southside of the University Park Airport property.

Tom Eby commented that he wouldn't completely trust what the hydrogeologists have to say because they have been wrong so many times in this area with sinkholes, etc.

Andy Hillegass questioned how bad the odor from the piles would be.

Andy Pilot questioned how the manure would be hauled in. Trucks? Tractors? What about the debris from hauling the manure in on the roads?

Mr. Cauffman noted that the manure will be hauled in by trucks because it is cleaner.

Questions were raised regarding how much these trucks weigh and the posted weight limits of the township roadways. *Mr. Cauffman* noted that some of the trucks will weigh 30,000 lbs. and some will weigh 60,000 lbs.

Discussions were also held regarding organic fertilizer versus chemical applications.

Mr. Breon noted that the Township will continue to review this project and that the residents are more than welcome to call the office for updates or attend upcoming Supervisor meetings.

Tom Kulakowski: *Mr. Kulakowski* was present to update the Board on the water service for the Opequon Subdivision. It was noted that the well that was drilled for the development is 382' and will yield 75 gallons per minute but DEP has issued the permit to pump 60 gallons per minute. The water is hard, however. *Mr. Kulakowski* noted that discussions are taking place regarding joining this system with the Hampton Hills system. The county has expressed an interest in taking the system over after everything is complete. A 3" pressure line would need to be built linking the two systems.

Discussion was held on where the best location would be to run the lines. It was noted that the lines will be installed according to State College Borough Water Authority's guidelines and that the same meters will be used that they use. The Hampton Hills development water system was installed to these specifications as well.

Lieutenant Watson: Lt. Watson was present to give the Board an update on the incidents that the State Police have responded to in the township during 2003 and 2004 to date. Lt. Watson noted that in several of the categories that had increases in incidents, many were due to the new I-99 highway being opened.

MINUTES

The minutes of September 2, 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 September 20, 2004, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Weikel reported on the items that he has been reviewing on the Board's behalf.

Resolution 04-11 Millgate Road Dedication: It was noted that all remaining items have been addressed, therefore, the road is ready to be accepted by the Township. Mr. Breon moved to approve Resolution 04-11 accepting Millgate Road in the Hampton Hills Subdivision. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Resolution 04-12 Quarry Street Dedication: It was noted that all remaining items have been addressed, therefore, the road is ready to be accepted by the Township. Mr. Swartzell moved to approve Resolution 04-12 accepting

Quarry Street which is located in the Paradise Hills Subdivision. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mrs. Swancer went over the pending items that she has been working on.

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.

Parking Lot Paving: Tabled.

Adelphia Franchise Fee Agreement Renewal: Tabled.

2005 County Liquid Fuel Applications: The Board noted that they have decided to apply to the county for liquid fuel money for Fox Hill Road.

T-Tag Truck Loan : A resolution was presented for the Board to approve for the truck loan. Mr. Breon moved to approve resolution 04-10 for the two year/\$25,000 loan from PNC Bank. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Radio for T-Tag: Mr. Bernhard provided the Board with information on a new Kenwood TK980 800 mhz mobile radio for the new T-Tag. The cost of the radio, installed, is \$519.10 through Centre Communications. Mr. Breon moved to purchase the new radio. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Plow for 1984 GMC: It was noted that the Valk Plow is in need of some major repair work. Mr. Bernhard received a quote for a used plow from Bradco Supply for \$1,650 that includes trading our Valk plow in. Mr.

Swartzell moved to purchase the used plow from Bradco Supply at the cost of \$1,650. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Disaster Declaration: The resolution declaration 04-13 was presented for the Board's approval to declare the township a disaster area due to the recent flooding. Mr. Breon moved to adopt the disaster declaration. 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. SBWJA Minutes August 23, 2004
2. Pleasant Gap Fire Company Land Development Plan Comment Letter
3. Opequon Hill Subdivision Sewage Planning DEP Comments
4. NPDES Permit Municipal Notification for Fillmore Farms Manufactured Home Community

NOTES

More discussion was held concerning the FAA Pilot Program in which development rights of private/public airports can be purchased.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 10:21 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.