

Benner Township Supervisors
March 17, 2003

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman, David Breon, with members Richard Lahr and John Elnitski present. Also in attendance were Doug Weikel, Linn Auman, Thomas Eby, Justin McCullough and Renee Swancer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Linn Auman/Penn Terra: Mr. Auman was present to ask the Board to sign the DEP Planning Module Post Card for the Comly Subdivision. It was noted that letters have been received from both Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority and Bellefonte Borough indicating that they will accept the flows from the lot. Mr. Lahr moved to approve the DEP postcard. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Tom Eby: Mr. Eby indicated to the Board that he lives at 232 Armagast Road and that he has been having flooding problems over the last several years. Mr. Eby noted that on Thursday and Friday he received a tremendous amount of water, mud and gravel that apparently came from fields on the upper side of SR550 as well as Armagast Road. Mr. Eby noted that the water hit his home with such force that it cracked his foundation wall. Much discussion was held. The Board noted that they would try to schedule a meeting with Penn Dot to go and take a look at the water problems in this and other areas in the township.

MINUTES

The minutes of March 3, 2003, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Lahr moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of March 17, 2003, 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. Lahr – yes Mr. Elnitski – yes Mr. Breon – yes

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Weikel brought the Board up to date on the various reviews that he has been doing on the Township's behalf. It was noted that an exemption was prepared and submitted for the MS4 Program. DEP has also required that a Notice of Intent be submitted incase the exemption is not granted.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mrs. Swancer noted that she didn't have anything further to add other than what she had mentioned in her written report.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Township Agreement/Boundary Change: Tabled.

Patton Township/Benner Township Boundary: Tabled.

Beezer Hill Road Closing: Tabled.

Park & Recreation Director: It was noted that Kristen Roth is interested in the position of Summer Park & Rec. Director again this year. However, she will miss time because she must take college classes to finish up her Masters degree. Discussion was held. The Board decided that they would like to program to run from June 16 thru July 25. Mr. Breon moved to retain Kristen Roth as the Summer Park & Rec. Director for this upcoming program year. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

Park & Recreation Director Job Description: Mr. Lahr presented the Board with a draft of a new job description for the position of Park & Recreation Director. After a review by the Board, Mr. Breon moved to adopt this job description. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Dates and Times to meet with Spring Township: The Board noted that they would like the data from Spring Township prior to a meeting being scheduled.

Purdue Mt. Traffic Concerns: It was noted that Sharon Gummo contacted the Township expressing concerns about the speeders on Purdue Mountain. She was

told that she should send the Board a letter expressing all of her concerns in writing. Ms. Gummo indicated that she spoke with someone at the state police barracks who told her what would need to take place before the speed limit could be enforced. The Secretary noted that she contacted Trooper Montessor and questioned what was needed to enforce the speed limit on the road and has found that everything is already in place and the speed limit can currently be legally enforced.

Riff Raff: Mr. Elnitski moved to hold the Township's riff raff days from April 26 thru May 3rd. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was noted that the Board held an executive session on March 4, 2003 from 12 to 1 at the township building to discuss pending legal issues.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. SBWJA Minutes – February 24, 2003
2. Spring Echo Newsletter
3. Centre County Comprehensive Plan Update
4. County Comment Letters
 - a. 4-lot Commonwealth of PA
 - b. Paradise Hills Subdivision
 - c. Benner Chiropractic land development
 - d. Avail – Minor Land Development Request
5. 2003 PSATS Resolutions
6. PSATS Alert
7. Notice of University Park Airport 5-year Environmental Assessment

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:45 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.