

Benner Township Supervisors
September 15, 2003

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman, Dave Breon with members John Elnitski, Jr. and Richard Lahr present. Also in attendance were Doug Weikel, Tom Zilla, Adam Huggins, Mike Shamalla, and Renee Swancer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Tom Zilla/Centre Region Planning Office: Mr. Zilla was present to go over the growth projection study that the Centre Region Planning Office did on the Township. The forecasting study showed growth projections through the year 2030. Much discussion was held. Mr. Zilla asked the Board if they agreed with the findings of the study or if they see areas that need adjusted. The Board noted that they agree with the study's findings realizing that adjustments may need to be made in the future should some unexpected developments occur some years from now.

Adam Huggins/Bellefonte YMCA: Mr. Huggins was present to ask the Board permission to temporally close Potter Street on Sunday, October 26 between the hours of 12:45 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. for a 5K race and 1-mile fun walk. The Board presented Mr. Huggins with a copy of a road closing agreement, which outlines conditions that would need to be met in order for the road to be closed. After reviewing the agreement, Mr. Huggins agreed to abide by the agreement and signed it.

Mike Shamalla: Mr. Shamalla gave the Board an update on the items that he has been working on. It was noted that Mr. Shamalla has received a brochure on a material called polypavement that he would like to try up at the park on the trail. The material is supposed to be cheaper and longer lasting than asphalt and looks like natural dirt. Mr. Lahr moved to approve the purchase of 5 gallons of the material to try on the park trail. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Shamalla also noted that he is preparing a recreational survey that he would like to include in the next edition of Crossroads. Discussion also took place on the Fall Festival for next year.

MINUTES

The minutes of September 4, 2003, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Elnitski noted that he would like the minutes of September 4, 2003 clarified to read - "Mr. Elnitski noted that as a Supervisor he did not have anything against the hangars being built but that as an individual associated with an airport he has a funding issue problem." Mr. Lahr moved to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of September 15, 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 was present to go over the items that he is reviewing on the township's behalf. Mr. Weikel discussed with the Board the county liquid fuel application. The Board noted that they would like to apply for \$25,000 in funds from the County to overlay Fox Hill Road.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Avis Car Rental - It was noted that the Planning Commission is reviewing a draft ordinance to include valet parking.

County Prison Construction - It was noted that the contractors for the new prison wish to work 12 hours days from 6:30 to 6:30. Discussion was held. It was noted that because of an existing ordinance, construction is not permitted to begin until 7 a.m. and may continue until 6:30 p.m.

Paradise Hills - it was noted that these plans are near completion and that construction will soon begin.

Zoning Hearing Board Case/John Thomas- It was noted that the Zoning Hearing Board has denied the John Thomas case.

Fillmore Farms - It was noted that the owner of the property is asking for the township's findings on the development's status.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Conservation District
 - a. Earth Disturbance report Centre Co. Prison
 - b. Willowbend Phase III, Section II, Lot 25
2. DEP Notification of Application for Water Quality Permit for Fish Commission
3. HRG Comments on Paradise Hills

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 10:02 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.