

**Benner Township Supervisors**  
**February 7, 2005**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman, John Elnitski, Jr. with member Dave Breon present. Mr. Swartzell was absent. Also in attendance were Robert Hoffman, Kathy Putt, Randy Putt, Scott Tudor, Ron Rovanseck, Manson Neely, Randy Rockey, Tim Schreffler, Todd Smith, Edward Galus, Pat Hubert, Gary Sweeney, Denny Nau, Richard Manning and Renee Swancer.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Denny Nau – Centre County Sheriff's Department: Mr. Nau was present to update the Board of Supervisors on the law enforcement activities his office is performing in the township. Mr. Nau noted that the Sheriff's Department has had law enforcement officers stationed at the University Park Airport since 9/11 overseeing the screening operations and patrolling the perimeter of the airport. Mr. Nau reported that his officers support other law enforcement agencies and can pretty much do anything that the State Police can do including writing traffic citations when the officers see them occur.

Fire Training Facility/Bob Hoffman: Mr. Hoffman noted that he was present to go over with the Board the revised phasing plan for the Fire Training Facility Site. He noted that an additional training module is planned to be added. University Park Airport has indicated that they will give the training facility a section of an airplane for practicing rescue. No burning will take place at this module. Mr. Manning noted that he is investigating the use of smaller interceptors in several locations instead of using just one large one to collect and filter the water runoff. Mr. Hoffman indicated that they are seeking additional quotes concerning the monitoring well and the signage. Discussion was held concerning the Phasing Plan. Mr. Hoffman noted that the phasing plan would need to pretty much stay as indicated because the items that could be cut at this time won't give them financially what would be needed to construct the burn building. Mr. Hoffman noted that they will keep the Board up to date as they receive other information.

Putt's Crane Service: Scott Tudor and the Putts were present to ask the Board if they would allow the Putts to construct a building to operate their

crane business and warehousing on Lot 10 of Airport Park. Mr. Tudor noted that the Putts intend to store items that have been ordered by others that are received before they are needed or can be put in place. Mr. Tudor noted that examples of such items would be couches or furniture for large apartment complexes, cell phone towers, water tanks, air conditioning chillers, etc. Items like the cell phone towers would be delivered and put together on site and then transported and installed with the use of the crane that he rents out. The Board noted that they will need to research this request further before they can make a decision.

Todd Smith - Opequon Hills Subdivision: Mr. Smith presented the Board with the Preliminary Plan of the Opequon Hills Subdivision for signatures. It was noted that the Final Plan for Phase I will most likely be presented to the County in March. The Board asked if the plan shows a water connection being made to Crestview through Reichenbaugh Lane. Mr. Smith noted that there is a stub on the Lane but it is not showing the two lines connected together. Mr. Breon noted that it was the Board's intent that the back section of Crestview be served with water from this development. Mr. Breon moved to conditionally approve the Preliminary Plan for the Opequon Hills Subdivision with the condition that a note be placed on it stating that a water connection will be provided to Phase III of Crestview. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Village of Nittany Glen: Pat Hubert and Gary Sweeney were present with the surety package for Phase I of the Village of Nittany Glen (Fillmore Farms). Mrs. Swancer noted that all of the paperwork is now in order for the surety package of 1.3 million. Mr. Breon moved to approve the surety package. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Final Plan - Phase I Village of Nittany Glen (Fillmore Farms): The Final Plan for Phase I of Fillmore Farms (now known as the Village of Nittany Glen) was presented to the Board for signatures. Now that the surety package has been approved, the plan is ready for signatures. Mr. Breon moved to approve the plan as presented. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Memorandum of Understanding Village of Nittany Glen - Phase II: Mr. Breon moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Phase II of the Village of Nittany Glen. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

## **MINUTES**

The minutes of January 17, 2005 were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Breon moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

## **BILLS**

The bills of February 7, 2005, 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 - absent Mr. Breon - yes Mr. Elnitski - yes

## **ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT**

Eagle Point Rezoning Request: Mrs. Swancer noted that the Planning Commission has reviewed the rezoning request and recommended that it be advertised for a public hearing.

It was noted that Richard Price has called the office to note that Spring Township has decreased the speed limit of Valentine Hill Road to 25 mph and wondered if Benner Township would do the same.

Mr. Elnitski noted that Philipsburg Borough has a "Jake Brake" ordinance and would like to request a copy of the ordinance for review.

## **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: This item continues to be tabled.

Adelphia Franchise Fee Agreement Renewal: This item remains tabled until a renewal agreement is reached.

Rezoning Request for Harman Farm: Mr. Elnitski moved to advertise this request for public hearing for March 21, 2005. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Centre County Prison Fencing Request: The Board is in receipt of a letter from Gene Lauri asking the Board if they would allow the prison to erect a nuisance fence around the housing unit areas of the new prison. It was noted that this was already discussed back in September and the Board was fine with the fence addition. Mr. Breon moved to approve the fence request and send a letter to the County that this amendment to the conditional use permit for the Centre County Correctional Facility has been approved. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Nittany Valley Planning Commission Update: Mr. Breon updated the Board on the next items that the Nittany Valley Planning Commission will be undertaking. Attorney John Miller is currently revising the implementation agreement. When ready, this document will be advertised for adoption in the same manner as the Comprehensive Plan was done.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Household Hazardous Waste Program: The Board is in receipt of a letter from the Centre County Local Emergency Planning Committee asking if the Board would consider a contribution to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection to be held on May 6 & 7. It was noted that the Board has budgeted funds to go towards this event. Mr. Breon moved to contribute \$3,300 to this collection program. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Daffodil Planting Program: Mr. Breon noted that Benner Township has been asked if they would once again want to participate in the Bellefonte Garden Club's daffodil beautification program. Last year several thousand bulbs

were donated and planted in various locations throughout the township. Mr. Breon moved to participate in the 2005 daffodil planting program. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Resolution 05-1: Mr. Elnitski read resolution 05-1 aloud. This resolution amends the traffic light signal agreement with Centre County for the Rishel Hill intersection light. This amendment allows for direct payment by the county of invoices dealing with the traffic light instead of a reimbursement arrangement. Mr. Breon moved to approve Resolution 05-1. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Centre County Bi-Monthly Housing Newsletter
2. Letter from SCBWA Re: Permitted Uses/lot requirements around or near the Alexander Well Field & response letter from Richard Tressler regarding SCBWA's letter
3. SBWJA Minutes of January 10, 2005
4. Letter from Kerry Benninghoff Re: Fire Training Facility Funds
5. County Planning Office Letters
  - a. Time Extension - Central Counties Youth Center
  - b. Comment Letter Preliminary Plan Airport Park Phases 2, 3 & 4
6. HRG Comment letter Re: Opequon Hills

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned the time being 10:17 p.m.

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Sharon Royer, Sec.