

Benner Township Supervisors

May 23, 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 members James Swartzell and David Breon present. Also in attendance were Pat Hubert, Doug Weikel, Genny Robine, Ed Galus, Renee Swancer, Elaine Mothes and Gary Sweeney.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Village of Nittany Glen- Phase 2: Pat Hubert was present to present the Board the surety package for the Village of Nittany Glen (Phase 2) modular home park. It was noted that these estimates were reviewed by the Township Engineer and everything was found to be in order. Mr. Breon moved to approve the Surety Package for the Village of Nittany Glen Phase 2. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Village of Nittany Glen – Phase 2 Plan: It was noted that all plan comments have been addressed. Mr. Breon moved to approve Phase 2 –Village of Nittany Glen plan. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Tom Kulakowski: Mr. Kulakowski was present to present the Board with his Subdivision bond for Phase 1 of the Opequon Hill development. It was noted that everything was in order to accept this form of surety. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the Subdivision Bond for Phase 1 – Opequon Hill Subdivision. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

MINUTES

The minutes of May 2, 2005, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Breon moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of May 23, 2005, 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. Breon – yes Mr. Swartzell – yes Mr. Elnitski – yes

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Weikel was present to go over the items that he has been reviewing on the Board's behalf.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mrs. Swancer noted that in addition to her written report, Teddy Brown will be in violation prior to the next regular meeting. A certified letter was sent to Ms. Brown stating that she must clean her property up. Mr. Elnitski moved that Mrs. Swancer begin proceedings against Ms. Brown after her time limit expires. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

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.

Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission: It was noted that Sue Hannegan was contacted and that she hasn't prepared the resolution for joining the group for the new Zoning Ordinance yet. She does expect to have it for the Board's next meeting. It was also noted that Department of General Services plans to be at the Joint Commission's meeting in either July or August to do their presentation regarding the Rockview property.

Gruendler Planning Module: Tabled.

Principal Financial Group Contract Amendments: Mr. Swartzell noted that these documents should be ready for action at the Board's next meeting.

Copier/Scanner/Printer: Tabled until another quote is received and another demonstration can be scheduled.

2005 Scholarships: The Board reviewed the applications that were received from the school. After discussion was held, Mr. Elnitski moved that the General Excellence Award be given to Jonathan Lumley-Sapanski and Erin Schaeffer and the Athletic/Scholastic Participation Award be given to Scott Johnson and Erin Kelleher. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Hampton Hills/Crestview Drive Intersection: It was noted that Mr. Jones from the Crestview Development stopped by the Township Building to express his concerns about parents parking along the intersection of Crestview/Hampton Hills waiting to drop off and pick up their children creating a hazardous situation. Mr. Jones also suggested the installation of a dusk to dawn light at the intersection. Discussion was held. The Board asked that a letter be sent to the school to see if pickups/drop offs could occur in the developments for next school year. The Board also agreed to pay for the monthly Allegheny Power bill for a dusk to dawn light at this intersection as long as the development pays the initial cost of installing the light.

Genny Robine: Mrs. Robine was present to thank the Board for allowing the clean up crew to place the roadside garbage they collected in the riff raff trash bins. Mrs. Robine noted that 86 bags of trash were collected from Barns Lane, Slaughterhouse Road and Gyp Road.

NEW BUSINESS

Memo of Understanding Amberleigh Subdivision: Mr. Swartzell moved to approve the memo of understanding for the Amberleigh Subdivision. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Purdue Mt. Bond Release for Young: It was noted that Mr. Young has completed his timbering activities on Phyliss Thomas's property and wishes to have his bond released. It was noted further that Mr. Bernhard conducted a road inspection and recommends that the bond be released. Mr. Breon moved to release Young from his road bond. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Andrew Swales/Water Authority Appointment: The Board is in receipt of a letter from Andrew Swales indicating an interest in serving on the Water Authority. Mr. Elnitski noted that he has come to know Mr. Swales with his

involvement in the school's playground project and believes that he would make an excellent Water Authority member. Mr. Elnitski moved to appoint Mr. Swales to the Water Authority to serve out the remainder of Mr. Mauser's appointment (12/31/2009). Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.
Vote: Mr. Breon – yes Mr. Swartzell – yes Mr. Elnitski – yes

Minor Subdivision Plan for Grove Park/Lot addition of Jesse Schaffer: The Board reviewed this plan. Mr. Breon moved to approve this plan without comments. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. PSATS News Bulletin
2. Letter from Fire & Emergency Services
3. HRG Comment letters
 - a. Preliminary Plan Opequon Hill
4. Letter from Adelpia Re: sale announcement
5. Letter from County Planning Office Re: West Nile Virus Surveillance and Control
6. Ralph Houck response letter Re: James Stokfo
7. Centre County Affordable housing newsletter
8. Letter from SBWJA RE: Sewer Service Area

NOTES

Mr. Elnitski noted that he would like to see if there is anyway that the Township can prevent any more land being made tax exempt. He noted concerns that the Centre County Airport Authority is checking into purchasing several lots in Airport Park that would make these parcels tax exempt. Discussion was held.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 8:58 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.