

Benner Township Supervisors

April 3, 2006

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 James Swartzell and John Elnitski present. Also in attendance were Bryan Rodgers, Warren Miller and Renee Swancer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Bryan Rodgers: Mr. Rodgers was present to review the Environmental Assessment that was completed on the University Park Airport Improvements for the Airport Traffic Control Tower and the Instrument Landing System. The steps and time lines for the environmental assessment were gone over with the Board. Mr. Rodgers reported that University Park Airport was the busiest airport in the nation without an Airport Traffic Control Tower. It was noted that the over all height of the control tower would be approximately 100' with the eye height around 70'. Several potential sites for the tower were looked at. The study is recommending that Site #2 be the location for the tower. This area is adjacent to the TSA building. Mr. Rodgers noted that the airspace surrounding the Airport will change from a Class E to Class D when the air traffic control tower is operational. This will require that aircraft establish two-way radio communication with the control tower prior to entry into the airspace. The control tower will provide traffic advisories and coordinate the arrival and departure of aircraft from the airspace, however the tower will not control Instrument Flight Rules traffic nor will it provide separation services to VFR traffic. Mr. Elnitski noted that this will have a financial impact on those individuals who do not have two-way radios currently in their planes. Planes flying within a 5 mile radius of the tower are required to have two-way radios. Mr. Rodgers noted that the Airport will be applying for a conditional use permit and submitting a land development plan with the county after the study is completed. They are not anticipating construction to begin until 2007.

Warren Miller/Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority: Mr. Miller told the Board that the Authority has decided to issue a moratorium on any new requests for public sewer. He noted that the Bellefonte Sewage Treatment Plant has a 3.4 million gallon capacity. Currently 2.6 to 2.7 of that capacity is being used. Mr. Miller reported that currently the authority has 1750 EDUs reserved for new development for the next two years which would take the authority over their allotment of flows. Mr. Miller noted that the

Authority is paying for 42% of the debt service of the sewage treatment plant. The Bellefonte plant is fifteen years old. Mr. Miller noted that when plants reach 20 years old they are usually updated. The Authority and Bellefonte will need to begin negotiations regarding flows and rates paid. Mr. Miller noted that he hopes that this process is smooth and begins fairly soon. Mr. Miller noted that he would keep the Board updated on this process.

The Board noted that they would like the township's authority representatives contacted to see if they would attend an upcoming meeting.

MINUTES

The minutes of March 20, 2006, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of April 3, 2006, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Breon moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mrs. Swancer noted that the Teamsters Union has inquired about building a new union hall in Airport Park. They also would like to open the hall up to union members for their own personal use such as wedding receptions, birthday parties, etc. The Board noted that the Teamsters should submit a conditional use application and that these issues will be addressed during the hearing process.

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: We are waiting for the solicitor to prepare and advertise an ordinance for the abandonment of Valentine Hill Road aka Beezer Hill road at the intersection of the Benner Pike.

Adelphia Franchise Fee Agreement Renewal: The renewal report is being finished up. It is anticipated that by June negotiations will begin with Comcast.

NVJPC - Zoning Ordinance: Nothing new to report.

Emergency Management Coordinator: The Board asked that interviews be scheduled with the two applicants.

Jake Brake Study: The Board asked that PennDot be contacted to see if we can have a copy of the complete study and to see if we can add "unless an emergency" to the signs that will be erected.

NEW BUSINESS

Road Material Bids: The Board opened the following bids for road materials:

	<u>Glenn O. Hawbaker</u>		<u>HRI</u>		<u>Hanson</u>	
	<u>Plant</u>	<u>Delivered</u>	<u>Plant</u>	<u>Delivered</u>	<u>Plant</u>	<u>Delivered</u>
2,000 tons of 2A	<u>4.95</u>	<u>7.45</u>			5.00	7.75
2,000 tons of 2RC	<u>4.20</u>	<u>6.70</u>			5.50	8.25
400 tons of #4	<u>6.70</u>	<u>9.20</u>			7.90	11.65
100 tons of 2Bs	<u>5.90</u>	<u>8.40</u>			7.00	9.75
500 tons Washed 1Bs	<u>6.30</u>	<u>8.80</u>			8.00	11.00
300 tons 1Bs	<u>6.10</u>	<u>8.60</u>			8.00	11.00
400 tons Surge	<u>7.00</u>	<u>9.50</u>			7.90	10.65
100 tons Limestone Sand	13.00	15.50			<u>8.00</u>	<u>11.25</u>
100 tons Cold patch	50.00			<u>43.50</u>		
900 tons ID2 Wearing	39.00			<u>38.50</u>		
600 tons ID2 Binder	37.00			<u>34.50</u>		
	Whitaker Roads Corp.		Eastern Industries, Inc.		Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.	
3,000 MC 70 Road Oil	<u>2.20</u>		2.55		2.50	
2,000 E-3 Road Oil	1.90		<u>1.58</u>		1.60	

Mr. Elnitski moved to award the road material bids to the low bidders on each item. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Gerald Clair Driveway issue: Discussion was held. Mr. Elnitski moved to pass this correspondence on to Mr. Weikel for his review and recommendations. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Chante Farm Planning Module: Mr. Swartzell moved to table the planning module. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Conditional Use Nittany Glen Club House/Lot Lines: Mr. Elnitski moved to forward the conditional use request of Nittany Glen on to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendations. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Sickle Bar Mower: It was noted that Mr. Bernhard is seeking permission to order the sickle bar mower that he requested for the 2006 budget year. Mr. Swartzell moved to approve the order of the mower. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. County Planning Office
 - a. Time Extensions
 1. Polymics
 2. University Park Airport Phase 7A
 3. Victorian Village Subdivision Lot 1
 - b. Preliminary Plan Graymont, Inc.
2. SBWJA Minutes of March 13, 2006
3. PSATS News Bulletin & Proposed Resolutions
4. Letter from Adelpia Re: Franchise Fees
5. Grove Park NPDES Permit

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:05 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.