

**Benner Township Supervisors  
September 18, 2006**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman, Dave Breon with members James Swartzell and John Elnitski, Jr. present. Also in attendance were Gerald Clair, Doug Weikel, John Sepp and Renee Swancer.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Gerald Clair: Dr. Clair was present to determine the status of his request for permission to add another user to his current driveway access. The Board asked Dr. Clair if he received a copy of the September response letter that was sent to his attorney. A copy of the letter was provided to Dr. Clair. Mr. Weikel noted that documentation must be provided by Dr. Clair for him to review that shows required sight distances can be met. Mr. Weikel noted that the bank area must maintain a 3 to 1 slope for any new construction. Dr. Clair asked if hidden driveways signs could be installed along Rock Road due to the many driveways located along the roadway. He also questioned if the speed limit could be reduced to 25 mph.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of September 7, 2006, were provided to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

**BILLS**

The bills of September 18, 2006, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the bills as presented to the Board. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Weikel was present to go over the items that he has been reviewing on the Township's behalf. A copy of Mr. Weikel's report was given to each Board member.

## **ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT**

*Comprehensive Plan Amendment Response letters:* Mrs. Swancer noted that she drafted a response letter to the County's comments for the Board to review and amend. She noted that she would also draft one for Spring Township's comments. Mr. Breon noted that he too drafted a reply to their comments.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Spring Township Agreement/Boundary Change: This item continues to be tabled.

Patton Township/Benner Township Boundary: This item continues to be tabled.

Comcast Franchise Fee Agreement Renewal: Reviews are continuing with the Master Regulatory Ordinance. It was noted that legislation is pending that would turn cable franchising over to the Federal Government.

Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission Zoning: Mr. Breon indicated that he sent Mr. MacMath an e-mail stating the he didn't think Benner Township would be interested in a regional TDR program until the group works through other issues with the TDR program and that he didn't think that this would happen in time to have the model zoning ordinance approved. Discussion was held. It was noted until the meetings are held with the Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission and the other townships on the Comprehensive Plan amendment and zoning ordinance change, no decision on TDRs can really be made.

Legislation for Canyon Property Transfer: Nothing new to report.

Emergency Management Coordinator: It was noted that the candidate for the position has decided to decline the offer. Mr. Elnitski moved to offer the position to Steve Barr. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

2007 Spring Creek Watershed Community/Water Resources Monitoring Project: The Board noted that it is their intention to following through

with their monetary commitment of \$1,433 for the water monitoring work for 2007.

Recorder of Deed Ordinance Amendment: The Board is in receipt of a notice that the Township will most likely have to amend their ordinance dealing with the collection of Real Estate Transfer Taxes. Mr. Elnitski moved to forward this information on to the Township Solicitor for his review and ordinance amendment. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Spring Creek Canyon Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting: Mr. Breon noted that he has scheduled the Spring Creek Canyon Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting for September 20, 2006 at the Centre County Prison meeting room.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Copy of letter from D. W. LaSota to County Planning Re: Rockview Electrical Upgrade
2. Nittany Valley Regional Comprehensive Plan Amendments/Benner Township Zoning Amendments
  - a. Centre Co. Planning Commission comment letter
  - b. College Township comment letter
  - c. Spring Township comment letter
3. SBWJA Minutes of August 28, 2006
4. Centre County Conservation District Letters
  - a. Pleasant Gap Fish Hatchery
  - b. Grove Park Subdivision
5. Letter from Boy Scouts of America Re: Scouting for food

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:12 p.m.

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Sharon Royer, Sec.