

Benner Township Supervisors

June 18, 2007

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman, David Breon with member James Swartzell present.

Mr. Elnitski was absent. Also in attendance were Doug Weikel, Helen Alters, David McCaslin, Charles Addleman, Jonathan Light, Chris Force, Albert Drabka, Bruce Kirkpatrick and Renee Swancer.

Centre County Airport Authority Conditional Use: This item is tabled until the Board's meeting of July 2nd.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Teamsters: Bruce Kirkpatrick (G.O. H. construction Services) was present to share with the Board the sketch drawing for the Teamster's new building that they would like to build in Airport Park. Mr. Kirkpatrick noted that when the Teamsters purchased their lot, the rear yard buffer was 30'. Since then, an ordinance amendment was adopted making the buffer 75' which renders much of their lot useless. Mr. Light noted that if they had been made aware of this potential change they probably would have chosen a different lot. Mr. Kirkpatrick questioned if the conditional use plan that was shown with their application could be grand-fathered in for them. If it cannot, would the board consider revising the rear yard setback when the new ordinance is drafted. The Board noted that they would check with the Solicitor to see what, if anything, could be done to accommodate them. The Board also suggested that they attend a Planning Commission meeting to request the change in the buffer language.

Remodeler's Workshop: Mrs. Swancer noted that the final inspection was completed and that all remaining items have been completed thus the plan is ready for the Board's signatures. Mr. Swartzell moved to approve the Remodeler's Workshop Plans. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Elnitski - absent

Mr. Swartzell - yes

Mr. Breon - yes

Helen Alters: Mrs. Alters noted that she has concerns about the increased pedestrian traffic along Spring Creek Road making a hazardous condition due to the narrowness and blind spots of the roadway. Mrs. Alters noted further that she is asking the Board to carefully consider where the driveway entrance to the athlete fields, should they be built, enter onto Paradise Road.

MINUTES

The minutes of June 4, 2007 were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Swartzell moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Elnitski - absent

Mr. Swartzell - yes

Mr. Breon - yes

BILLS

The bills of June 18, 2007, 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 - absent

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 Board's behalf.

Discussion was held regarding the sign in Grove Park. The Board asked Mrs. Swancer to get a legal opinion from the solicitor regarding this issue.

The Board asked that Mr. Bernhard have the revisions to the No Parking and Speed Limit ordinance back to them for their next meeting.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Comcast Franchise Fee Agreement Renewal: Negotiations are continuing.

NVJPC: Appears that only one more meeting will be held.

Canyon Property Transfer: Mr. Breon noted that he spoke with DCNR regarding the draft of the RFP and that they hope to have their comments sent out in a few days.

Municipal Building Repairs: Nothing new to discuss.

Recreation Manager/Grant Writer: Copies of the draft ordinance to create a regional Park Board were distributed to the Board in their packets. It was decided to hold off advertising for the position of Park Director to see how well the ordinance is received by the other municipalities.

Dr. Clair Driveway: This item remains tabled.

Joint Co-Operation Resolution for Nittany Valley Municipalities: It was noted that this proposed resolution would be for items such as bidding bulk salt, cell phone contracts, etc. that the different Nittany Valley Region townships could go together and receive cost savings. Mr. Swartzell moved to approve Resolution 7-06. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Summer Newsletter: Discussion was held concerning various items that could be included in the summer newsletter. An ATV draft article was submitted by Douglas Mace. Mr. Swartzell noted that he will edit that article for the newsletter. Other items suggested were zoning ordinance update, fall festival, Bellefonte Pool, Recreation Peer Study, and slogan contest.

CATA 2007/2008 Local Share Agreement: The 2007/2008 local CATA Share Agreement was presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Breon noted that he has contacted them to get the exact amount of the cost for the bus to travel to the airport. That portion will be billed to the Centre County Airport Authority, which they have agreed to pay. Mr. Swartzell moved to approve and sign the agreement. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Elnitski - absent

Mr. Swartzell - yes

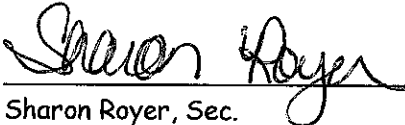
Mr. Breon - yes

CORRESPONDENCE

1. SBWJA - May 29, 2007 minutes
2. Nittany Engineering Associates letter Re: Bellefonte Borough Sewage Treatment Plant Capital Improvements
 - a. SBWJA letter to Bellefonte Borough Re: Nutrient Removal Upgrades
3. Correspondence Re: Spring Creek Watershed Commission Agreement
4. May Bellefonte Fire Department Report
5. SBWJA letter Re: Wolf Furniture Holding tank
6. Centre County Planning Commission Letters
 - a. Hunter's Park Subdivision
 - b. Quici Time Extension
 - c. Remodelers Workshop Time Extension
 - d. Grazzini Plan
 - e. Glen at Paradise Hills North

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned with the time being 9:13 p.m.


Sharon Royer, Sec.