

**Benner Township Supervisors  
March 5, 2007**

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, Jr. present. Also in attendance were Renee Swancer, Genny Robine, Ed Galus, Mike Joseph and Patrick Bernhard.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Mike Joseph: The Board gave Mr. Joseph a brief overview of what took place at their meeting with DCNR and the Western Conservancy concerning the study on the Spring Creek Canyon.

Mr. Elnitski noted that he also would like to make it clear that he disagrees with the statements that Mr. Exarchos has made concerning the Board's opinion on workforce housing. Mr. Elnitski noted that he and the rest of the board are not against work force housing, they just do not believe that the proposed piece of ground is the right location for it with all of the obstacles that it has to overcome.

Genny Robine: Mrs. Robine informed the board that Rob Fugate will be replacing Bob Morril on the Spring Creek Canyon Citizens Advisory Committee.

Mrs. Robine also reported that the annual roadside clean up will be held on April 21, 2007.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of February 19, 2007, were presented 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 March 5, 2007 were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Swartzell moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Comcast Franchise Fee Agreement Renewal: Negotiation team has been established.

Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission: Nothing new.

Canyon Property Transfer: The Board is in receipt of a letter dated 2/27/07 from Trout Unlimited stating what their position is on the land transfer. Mr. Breon noted that the

Citizen's Advisory Committee will be broken up and three new committees will form as follows: Steering Committee, Technical Advisory Committee and Public Advisory Committee.

Municipal Building Repairs: Discussion was held. Mr. Breon went over the document that he prepared concerning square footages and possible options.

Job Description Recreation Manager: Mr. Swartzell gave the other Board members the draft of the job description that he has prepared. Mr. Swartzell also noted that he has received the names of several firms that do grant writing. He will now contact several of them and ask them for information on their firms and examples of work that they have done.

Fall Festival: Discussion was held concerning the Fall Festival. It was noted that the vendor information forms need to get mailed out soon if a festival is going to be held this year. Mrs. Swancer discussed with the Board about creating a pumpkin theme to the festival this year. Mr. Elnitski moved to hold the Township's annual festival on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Gerald Clair Driveway - Table. No new information has been provided.

Centre County Wide Emergency Services Mutual Aid Agreement: Discussion was held concerning this agreement. It was noted that is agreement would fulfill the requirements of Title 35, PA Emergency Management Services Code, Section 7504, the new National Incident Management System and the Homeland Security Presidential Directive. Mr. Swartzell moved to approve and sign the agreement. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

PA Recycling Technical Assistance Application - Composting: It was noted that the Centre County Solid Waste Authority has prepared a grant application to investigate the possibility for a multi-municipal composting site. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the grant application to be submitted. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

EDA - CBIICC Grant Application: Mrs. Swancer and Mr. Swartzell gave an update of the telephone conference that was held today regarding this grant application. It was noted that a memo of understanding will be drawn up between CDICC and the Township to spell out that the Township will not be responsible for any financial, environmental, audit or other requirements that come with this grant.

Kepler Pool: Discussion was held. Mr. Swartzell moved to approve a one time contribution, if needed, of \$1 per township resident minus the inmates at the Rockview Correctional Facility to aid in the Kepler Pool funding short fall. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Nate Campbell: Mr. Swartzell moved to appoint Nate Campbell to fulfill the remainder of Mr. Morill's term on the Benner Township Planning Commission. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Purdue Mountain Road Bonding: It was noted that Penn Recycling, Inc. wishes to bond Purdue Mountain road so that he may haul crushed cars from the Tressler Junk Yard. The Engineer has review the roadway and prepared the necessary paperwork for the bonding. A cashiers check in the amount of \$35,000 has been provided for the bond. Mr. Swartzell moved to approve the bond. 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. Centre County Planning Commission Letters
  - a. Lease Consolidation Plan - PA National Guard
  - b. Franklin & Esther Thomas Subdivision Plan Conditions
  - c. Restek Final Plan comments
  - d. Final Plan Eagle Point Subdivision Phase III
2. SBWJA - February 12, 2007
3. State College Volunteer Firefighter's Relief Association Audit

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned the time being 8:55 p.m.

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Sharon Royer, Sec.