

Benner Township Supervisors
September 17, 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 members James Swartzell and John Elnitski, Jr. present. Also in attendance were Mark Saville, John Heim, Dale Moore, Clair Stem, Phillip Wigfield, Sandy Wigfield, Doug Weikel, Rick Grazzini, William Spedding and Renee Swancer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Breon noted that the Board held an executive session on September 14, 2007, concerning land acquisition at Senator Corman's office from 10 a.m. to Noon with all three Board members present.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Clair Stem: Mr. Stem noted that he and his grandchildren have recently almost been run over by bicycles traveling Purdue Mountain. He noted further that he has witnessed the cyclist not obeying traffic laws and stopping for school buses, as well. Mr. Elnitski noted that he has contacted the Bicycle Coalition to make them aware that we have received complaints about riders on Purdue Mountain Road and Fox Hill Road.

Phillip Wigfield: Mr. Wigfield noted that he would like to construct a new sign for the Buffalo Run Community Park for his Eagle Scout Project. A sketch was presented to the Board of what the sign could look like. Mr. Wigfield noted that he has consulted with a professional sign maker who has agreed to help him with this project. A cost estimate to construct this sign is \$262. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve Mr. Wigfield to construct this sign with Mr. Breon giving guidance on font type and size. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

The Board noted that there are also township border signs that a former Eagle Scout built that needs repainted and noted that if his troop is interested to repainting them for community service, that the township will pay for all the materials necessary to do the work.

William Spedding - Grazzini Plan: Mr. Spedding was present to update the Board on the Grazzini plan. It was noted that the property line survey has been changed to reflect the correct location. Buildings that have been removed are now reflected on the plan and the plan notes that have been requested have been added. The access easement has been obtained and recorded and is reflected on the plan. Mr. Spedding noted that they are now before the board to request a non-substantive change to construct a 12' x 20' pump house which will now also be reflected on the plan. Mr. Swartzell moved to grant to non-substantive change request. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Dale Moore - Youth Basketball Program: Mr. Moore noted that he would like to re-institute a township sponsored youth basketball program for boys 5th through 8th grade. Mr. Moore noted that this would allow children not picked for the school teams to still have the opportunity to continue to play. Mr. Moore noted that when the Township sponsored this league previously it was done under the township's insurance policy without an additional fee being charged. Mr. Moore noted that each child would be charged a nominal fee to participate which will go towards entrance fees for tournaments. Mr. Moore noted that he would oversee the entire program and act as a coach. All money received or spent would be run through the recreation account. The Board noted that they didn't see a problem with this as long as the insurance company was ok with it.

Mark Saville/John Heim - Wolf Furniture Building: Mr. Saville was present to ask the Board if they would consider granting a waiver from the Township's parking regulations based on what is currently existing at the old Wolf Furniture Building. Mr. Heim noted that everyone who is interested in the building wants to keep part of the building for themselves and rent out the remaining building space to another entity. The Board noted that specific uses would need to be determined prior to a waiver being considered.

MINUTES

The minutes of September 6, 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 September 17, 2007, 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. Elnitski - yes Mr. Swartzell - yes Mr. Breon - yes

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Weikel reported on the items that he has been reviewing on the Board's behalf.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Teamsters - it was noted that the ZHB has granted them a variance.

Zoning Ordinance - The Planning Commission is reviewing Article 2 & 4 and is expecting to begin on definitions and the sign regulations shortly.

Highway Commercial - updated the board on Mattern's request for rezoning.

Centre Communications - it was noted that the some correspondence has been received on the tower along the Benner Pike. Is still awaiting information on the tower on Purdue Mountain.

OLD BUSINESS

Comcast Franchise Fee Agreement Renewal: Negotiations are continuing.

Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission: Mr. Elnitski noted that the September 20th meeting will be held at the Marion-Walker School and that the main topic of the meeting will be to discuss creating the Nittany Valley Regional Task Force.

Canyon Property Transfer: Nothing new.

Kepler Pool: This item is to be tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Boyle's Insurance - Life Works: It was noted that Boyle's insurance is seeking permission to have a meeting with township employees to see if they are interested in purchasing additional life insurance through a payroll

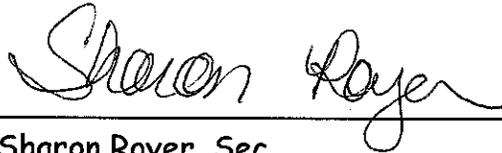
deduction. The Board noted that they didn't have an issue with this as long as employees are told that the program is not mandated or endorsed by the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board called an executive session with the time being 9:39 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. The meeting was reconvened the time being 9:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:51 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Royer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Sharon Royer, Sec.