

## Benner Township Supervisors

July 21, 2008

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by the Chairman, John Elnitski, Jr. with member James Swartzell present. Mr. Breon was absent. Also in attendance were Renee Swancer, Tom Zilla, Doug Weikel, Dennis O'Leary, Larry Jodon and Ed Guenot.

### PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Tom Zilla: Mr. Elnitski noted that he asked Mr. Zilla to the meeting to give the Board an idea if there is any type of funding available to do the repair work to Purdue Mountain Road. Mr. Zilla noted that Purdue Mt. Road is not on the Federal Aid System and therefore it will not be eligible for normal CRMPO funding pools. Other funding is possible but very unlikely. There are Federal Authorization Bills but the appropriation earmarks are usually under one million and are very competitive and hard to get. One other option would be an infrastructure loan which must be paid back within 10 years. Mr. Weikel noted that he quickly ran some numbers and that the borrowing 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  million for 10 years would have a payback of approximately \$285,000 a year. Mr. Zilla noted that he would contact some other sources that he has to see if he can find another township that may have had a similar problem and how they may have dealt with it.

Larry Jodon: Mr. Jodon apologized to Mr. Elnitski for some of the recent conversations that they had with one another. Mr. Jodon requested that in the future when issues come up he would like to have meetings with all three board members present and not just conversations with one.

Mr. Jodon noted that he has contacted Mr. Glass like Mr. Elnitski requested, four different times, leaving messages and Mr. Glass has yet to return one of his calls.

Discussion was held. The approval process of the plans was gone over. Mr. Weikel noted that the requirements of Ordinance 84 that deals with stormwater need to be met at the preliminary plan stage. Discussion was also held concerning the closure of Valentine Hill Road and the driveway entrance for his proposed storage facility.

Ed Guenot: Mr. Guenot noted that he was present to discuss the dedication of the open space lot in the Grove Park subdivision. Mr. Weikel noted that he would recommend that the Township accept this offer at the same time that the roads are dedicated. Mr. Weikel noted that the development is still having erosion and sedimentation issues that need to be addressed. The grading of the development and the swales must be done as shown on the plans. Some temporary measures to address these issues were discussed.

## **MINUTES**

The minutes of July 7, 2008 were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Swartzell moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

## **BILLS**

The bills of July 21, 2008, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Swartzell moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

## **ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT**

Mrs. Swancer noted that the farmer group has stated that they are in favor of regulations similar to those that Patton Township have for their Agricultural District. Mrs. Swancer noted the differences between our proposed ordinance and Patton Township's ordinance. Questions were raised as to whether the farmers have a full understanding of Patton Township regulations. Further discussion will take place on this issue at the Planning Commission's meeting on Thursday.

Mrs. Swancer noted that Mike Fetzer from the Village of Peru has forwarded a copy of a water agreement that the Township Supervisors signed on behalf of the village residents with the Commonwealth in 1936. Mr. Fetzer indicated that the residents of Peru would like to have some of the water pipes enlarged and wants to know what the Township involvement will be. The Board asked that this information be forwarded on to the Water Authority to deal with.

## ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Weikel went over the plans that he has been reviewing on the Board's behalf.

Discussion was held concerning the Benner Commerce Park Plan. The Board asked Mrs. Swancer to draft a letter to the developers regarding some issues that they have not dealt with that themselves are causing their own delays and the fact that we will not be blamed for them.

## OLD BUSINESS

Comcast Franchise Fee Agreement Renewal: It was noted that the final documents are ready for advertisement. They will be forwarded on to the Township Attorney for the required advertising.

Canyon Property Transfer: Mr. Elnitski noted that the kick-off meetings for the Technical Committee and Public Committee will be held on July 29<sup>th</sup>.

Boy Scout - Bat Boxes: Tabled.

Robinson Lane Road Bonding: It was noted that Kenneth Courter has completed his job using Robinson Lane and is requesting the release of his bond. Mr. Elnitski moved to release Mr. Courter from his road bond on Robinson Lane. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Acceptance of Stonecrest Drive: This item remains tabled.

Nittany Glen Stipulation of Agreement Draft: This item remains tabled.

## NEW BUSINESS

DEP Roundtable Appointment: The Board is in receipt of an email from Genny Robine asking that the Board appoint Nate Campbell to take her place for the DEP Roundtable Committee. Mr. Elnitski moved to appoint Nate Campbell to take Genny Robine's position on the DEP Roundtable. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Clock: Mr. Elnitski moved to purchase a new clock for the meeting room.

Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Bellefonte Airport Act 14 Notification
2. County Comments Re: Benner Commerce Park Subdivision
3. SBWJA Minutes of June 23, 2008
4. Principal Financial Group Pension Quarterly Statements
5. Conservation District Correspondence
  - a. Grove Park Earth Disturbance Inspection
  - b. SBWJA Sewer Extension Earth Disturbance Inspection

### **NOTES**

It was noted that Mr. Breon was going to recommend a screen and projector to purchase for the Building. When this information becomes available, they will be ordered.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:00 p.m.

  
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Sharon Royer, Sec.