

## Benner Township Supervisors

June 1, 2009

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

### PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Clair Stem: Mr. Stem questioned how the County would be able to entertain the idea of allowing State prisoners to be housed in the County prison. Discussion was held. Mr. Elnitski noted that it doesn't appear that the Township will be able to do anything about it.

Purdue Mountain Towers: Mr. Stem noted that he believes additional antennas have been placed on the towers on his property without approval. Mrs. Swancer noted that the previous solicitor was looking into this matter but that nothing got resolved. The Board asked that the file be forwarded to Mr. Schoonover for his review.

### MINUTES

The minutes of May 18, 2009, 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. Breon - yes                      Mr. Swartzell - yes                      Mr. Elnitski - yes

### BILLS

The bills of June 1, 2009, 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. Breon - yes                      Mr. Swartzell - yes                      Mr. Elnitski - yes

### ZONING OFFICER REPORT

Mrs. Swancer noted that she had nothing new to report.

### OLD BUSINESS

Spring Creek Canyon: Mr. Elnitski noted that at Thursday's work session Representative Benninghoff and the Game Commission will be present to

discuss the benefits of the Game Commission owning the Canyon uplands instead of Penn State.

Bellefonte Borough Fire Protection Agreement: This item remains tabled.

Spring Creek Watershed Commission Membership: It was noted that there was confusion as to the appointments to the various committees. Mr. Breon noted that he would be the appointee for the Watershed Commission with Genny Robine being the alternate. Mr. Breon noted that he received an apology for the content of the Spring Creek Watershed Commission's website. It was noted that when the Watershed Community was created, it was a small group that vowed never to take a political stand and only offer advice (be an advisory group) to the Watershed Commission.

Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission: Mr. Breon noted that he attended the recent Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission meeting and expressed the Board's feelings about the Commission handling Recreation needs within the Nittany Valley's boundaries. It was noted further that Bellefonte is not sure about the creation of a Recreation Authority and Spring Township seems like they are on the fence.

Growth Projections: Mr. Breon noted that the county will be undertaking a growth study of the county in the upcoming months.

Watershed Commission: Mr. Breon noted that the Watershed Commission is looking at creating a model ordinance dealing with residential wells as well as wells that are drilled to operate geothermal heat pump systems.

Zoning Regulations for the Canyon Area: Discussion was held as to the Planning Commission beginning to do research for the creation of these special regulations for the canyon. Mr. Breon noted that he would speak with Environmental Planning and Design to see if they would be able to assist with this task and how much they would charge.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Benner Township Scholarships: The 2009 applications for the Benner Township scholarships were received from the school district for the Board's review and selection. It was noted that the award for the highest

grade point average has been given to Julia Flick and Brett Corl and was determined by the school's guidance office. After much discussion, Mr. Elnitski moved to award the General Excellence Award to Kira Wetzel and Brett Corl. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Elnitski moved to award the Athletic/Scholastic Participation Award to David Radziak and Leanna Walker. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

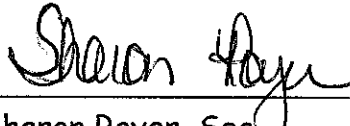
### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Benner Township Water Authority Minutes - April 21, 2009
2. SBWJA Minutes May 11, 2009
3. Conservation District Letter Re: Lyn Lee Farms NPDES
4. County Letter Re: Benner Commerce Park
5. County Letter Re: Fox Ridge Subdivision Comments
6. Notice Fiore NPDES Permit Renewal - Bohn Property fill site Rishel Hill Road

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned the time being 8:16 p.m.



Sharon Royer, Sec.