

Benner Township Supervisors

June 15, 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 David Breon present. Also in attendance were AJ Swartz, Dennis O'Leary, Ed Perry, Doug Weikel and Renee Swancer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Ed Perry - Representative of Spring Creek Canyon Alliance: Mr. Perry was present to express his support of Representative Kerry Benninghoff's bill which would sell the property to the Pennsylvania Game Commission instead of Penn State University. Reasons behind his support were gone over. Mr. Perry noted that he believed a public meeting in which Penn State, Benner Township and the Game Commission could explain their plans for the property would be an excellent idea.

Mr. Breon noted that Penn State has endorsed the Spring Creek Master Plan Study that was prepared by Environmental Planning and Design.

The Board noted that Mr. Perry is welcome to attend any of their upcoming meetings.

AJ Swartz: Mr. Swartz noted that Mr. Elnitski contacted him and asked him to attend this evening's meeting to discuss his firm's proposal to prepare special zoning regulations for the Canyon area. Mr. Swartz outlined the different issues and considerations that they would consider when drafting the new zoning regulations for this area. Mr. Elnitski moved to hire the firm of Environmental Planning and Design to prepare a "Canyon Protection Zoning Ordinance" for the sum not to exceed \$8,000. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of June 15, 2009, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Swartzell moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Weikel went over with the Board on the items that he has been reviewing on the Board's behalf. It was noted that the Township's re-permitting of their MS4 permit will be due on September 9th and that it is hoped that the Township can once again receive a waiver from this permit.

MINUTES

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

The minutes of the June 4, 2009 work session, 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

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. O'Leary reported the following:

- *New school zone lights have been ordered.

- *Paving projects are to begin next week.

- *B & H Tree service is the low bidder to have the trees at 2290 Purdue Mt. Road removed at the cost of \$800.

- *Opequon is scheduled to be paved later in the week for Phase I

- *Backhoe - there continues to be a problem with the cab door leaking.

A company representative is scheduled to come and look at it to determine if a new cab needs to be put on it.

- *Basketball posts have been removed and straightened.

- *A second demonstration has been given by College Township on their used street sweeper. They are waiting approval from the state to be able to sell it since it was purchased with grant money.

- *Sign replacement program has began. Signs are be replaced in the Rock Road, Walnut Grove and airport areas of the township.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mrs. Swancer noted that the Planning Commission will start to look at the sign ordinance to see if modifications need to be made.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Creek Canyon Property: Nothing new to report.

Bellefonte Borough Fire Protection Agreement: Noting new to report.

Opequon Hills Surety Extension - Phase I: It was noted that the Township has received the paperwork for the Opequon Hill Phase I surety extension.

NEW BUSINESS

Mary Confer Subdivision Planning Module: It was noted that the planning module for the Mary Confer subdivision is being presented to the Board for their approval. Mrs. Swancer noted that the module is complete and ready for signatures. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve Resolution 09-2 approving the Mary Confer Planning Module. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Mary Confer Subdivision Plan: The Mary Confer Subdivision Plan was presented to the Board for their review. Mrs. Swancer noted that she has a few comments on the plan to submit to the County Planning Office. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the plan with Mrs. Swancer's comments. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

CATA 2009/2010 Budget: The 2009/2010 CATA agreement for services was presented to the Board. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the agreement as presented. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

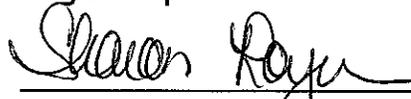
CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Conservation District - Acknowledgment of Receipt of Complete Application for General NPDES Permit for State Correctional Institution at Benner Township
2. SEDA-COG Activity Report
3. Letter from Rev. Vogan Re: Spring Creek Canyon
4. SBWJA Minutes of May 26, 2009
5. College Township Official Map for review
6. Copy of McBride Gap Dam Emergency Action Plan
7. Information of the firm of DeBrunner & Associates
8. Time Extension - Self Storage for You

AJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:20 p.m.



Sharon Royer, Secretary