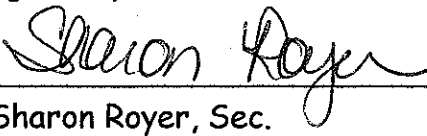


**University Park Airport
Conditional Use Hearing
March 2, 2009**

The hearing was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman John Elnitski with member James Swartzell present. Mr. Breon was absent. Also in attendance were Nate Campbell, Carrie Campbell, Edward Galus, Scott Juhnc, Andrew Bater, Eric Rittenhouse, Mike Hanna, Jon Eich, Genevieve Robine, Mike Joseph, Frank Tennis, Marc Goldberg, Liz O'Reilly, Brian Thompson, Shirley Smeal, Ian Taggant, Glenn Irwin, Bob Marsh, Al Drobica, Adam Brumbaugh, Mark Garlicki, Warren Miller, Joanne Shafer, Doug Weikel, Tim Schnoover and Renee Swancer.

It was noted that nothing new was being presented therefore, the hearing was once again continued until the next regular meeting to be held on March 16th.

The hearing was recessed the time being 7:33 p.m.



Sharon Royer, Sec.

**Benner Township Supervisors
March 2, 2009**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by the Chairman John Elnitski with member James Swartzell present. Mr. Breon was absent. Also in attendance were Nate Campbell, Carrie Campbell, Edward Galus, Scott Juhnc, Andrew Bater, Eric Rittenhouse, Mike Hanna, Jon Eich, Genevieve Robine, Mike Joseph, Frank Tennis, Marc Goldberg, Liz O'Reilly, Brian Thompson, Shirley Smeal, Ian Taggant, Glenn Irwin, Bob Marsh, Al Drobica, Adam Brumbaugh, Mark Garlicki, Warren Miller, Joanne Shafer, Doug Weikel, Tim Schnoover and Renee Swancer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Rockview State Correctional Facility Expansion Presentation: Marc Goldberg, Deputy Secretary for Administration Department of Corrections and Liz O'Reilly, Deputy Secretary for Public Works Department of General Services were present to provide the Board with an overview of the new

proposed correctional facility to be built on the Rockview Grounds. Mr. Goldberg noted that the project entails the construction of a new 2,000 inmate medium security institution on the state's property at SCI Rockview. The prison will be designed and built by a contractor selected by DGS via competitive bids. The new institution will serve as the central location for transporting state and county inmates around the state. The hub will be a modern secure facility. Department of Corrections transportation estimates that there are 10 to 15 transportation trips per week using secure DOC buses or smaller passenger vans.

Liz O'Reilly noted that a primary and an alternate building site have been identified. Core sampling and soil testing are in progress to determine which site will be used. Ms. O'Reilly noted that DGS has hired the firm of Gilbane Building Company to oversee the project. DGS and Gilbane will work with the primary contractor in the designing and building of the new facility. Ground breaking is expected to occur in this summer with occupancy planned for December 2011. DOC will begin staffing the new institution with management staff 9 to 12 months prior to activation so that the facility can be in operation when the construction activities are complete. DOC expects to hire approximately 600 employees to staff the new institution. Some senior staff positions will likely transfer from other Department of Corrections locations. Some of the typical types of positions that will be needed will include administrative staff, medical staff, education department, security staff, maintenance department and support staff. Ms. O'Reilly noted that it is the state's hope to have this new building LEAD Certified.

Mr. Elnitski noted that the Township does have some concerns that he would like to see a task force assembled to address these issues. Some issues of concern include added traffic impacts, emergency services for the facility, water and sewer services. Mr. Goldberg and Ms. O'Reilly noted that they would participate in this process but that it must begin immediately as construction will be beginning in just a few months.

MINUTES

The minutes of February 16, 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 - absent Mr. Swartzell - yes Mr. Elnitski - yes

BILLS

The bills of March 2, 2009, 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 Planning Commission has met with Mr. Roth to discuss the comments that were received at the January 19th public hearing on the new zoning ordinance. It was noted that Mr. Roth is preparing the first round of amendments to be adopted shortly after the ordinance is adopted.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Weikel noted that he had nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Creek Canyon Contract Amendment: Mr. Elnitski asked that this item be tabled until Mr. Breon's return.

Bellefonte Borough Fire Protection Agreement: Mr. Elnitski noted that he has met with the Borough and Spring Township and that amendments have been made to the proposed agreement. Mr. Elnitski moved to table action on this agreement. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Garbage Collection: It was noted that it is possible to join with the Centre Region's contract but that the window of time is very small. This item will be tabled until later in the meeting after Ms. Shafer and Mr. Onufrak arrive.

Dr. Clair Waiver Request for Driveway: Discussion on the waiver request was held. Mr. Schoonover noted that Dr. Clair's request wasn't completely clear and more information would need to be provided. Is this roadway going to remain a private drive or become a public street? Questions were also

raised as to the total number of lots that would be served from this roadway. More information is to be obtained.

Garbage Collection: Ms. Shafer did an overview of the Garbage study that was done last year for the Townships of Spring, Benner and Walker. She noted that currently the Centre Region's garbage rates are about 30% less than what Benner Township residents are paying. She went over some of the advantages that would be noticed should the township join with others for collection. Ms. Shafer noted that the options that they have are: a) create a contract just for itself; b) joint contract with Spring, Benner and Walker; c) join with the Centre Region contract

It was noted that should the township decide to join with the Centre Region, they would require the township to adopt the same ordinance which requires the Township to do regular yard waste collection which the Township is not equipped to do. More discussion was held. It was noted that if the Township decided to join with Spring and Walker the ordinance and terms could be modified which would allow the smaller haulers to bid the contract.

The Board noted that they would discuss this issue further with the neighboring townships in the next several weeks and make a decision.

Dr. Clair Waiver Request: (*At this time Dr. Clair and Jeff Stover are now in attendance.) Discussion was held. Mr. Stover noted that at this time Dr. Clair is requesting a waiver of the 50' right of way requirement. The Board requested that Mr. Schoonover review the entire file on this matter and report his recommendation back to the Board. Mr. Stover agreed with this suggestion.

NEW BUSINESS

Kepler Pool: It was noted that Bellefonte Borough is requesting confirmation that the Township is willing to contribute \$1.00 per resident - the inmates towards the operation of the Kepler pool for the upcoming season. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve this budgeted expenditure. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Buffalo Run Community Park: It was noted that the two sets of bleachers, pitchers mound, home plate for the other field at the Buffalo Run Community Park will cost approximately \$3,000. Mr. Swartzell moved to purchase these items. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Zoning Ordinance: The Board discussed the amendments recommended by the Planning Commission. It was noted that currently there are no regulations regarding prisons. Mr. Schoonover recommended that now would be the time to include regulations on the prisons. If these amendments are included in the original ordinance now, it would be considered a substantial change and start the review clock all over again. Mr. Elnitski moved to advertise the new zoning ordinance for adoption on March 16, 2009, as recommended by the Planning Commission. 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. County Planning Correspondence
 - a. Self-Storage for You - time extension
 - b. Lot Addition/Replots Commonwealth of PA/CCIDC
 - c. Fox Ridge Subdivision - time extension
 - d. University Park Airport Improvement Project, Phase 7B plan null and void
2. Benner Township Water Authority Minutes of January 20, 2009
3. Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority Minutes of February 9, 2009
4. Notice that Benner Pike/Rolling Ridge Road Traffic Signal has been turned over to the Township
5. PSATS News Bulletin
6. Centre County Conservation District
 - a. Benner Township Sewer Extension
 - b. Lyn Lee Farms

NOTES

*Township has submitted a request for two dry fire hydrants at the cost of \$200/ea. - part of a grant program through Headwaters RC & D

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 9:02 p.m.


Sharon Royer, Sec.