

**Benner Township Supervisors
May 18, 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 Ed Guenot, Garren Smith, Dennis O'Leary, Doug Weikel and Renee Swancer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Garren Smith and Ed Guenot: Mr. Smith and Mr. Guenot were present to discuss the street tree planting that they wish to do. It was noted that Mr. Weikel has prepared a memo outlining where the trees can be installed and how they should be installed. Mr. Elnitski moved to allow for the installation of the street trees as long as they are planted in the manner that Mr. Weikel outlined. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

MINUTES

The minutes of May 4, 2009, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Breon moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of May 18, 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. Breon - yes Mr. Elnitski - yes

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

*Park building door has been ordered.

*School Zone Sign: Mr. O'Leary noted that the Benner Elementary school zone signs are in need of serious repairs. We are in receipt of quotes from Tel-Power, Inc. To refurbish the signals will cost \$1,887.00. To replace the signals with new ones will be \$1,997.00 and to install new signals using

LED lights will cost \$2,789.00. Mr. Elnitski moved to replace the school zone signals at the cost of \$1,997.00. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

*Weed spraying license: Discussion was held regarding having an employee from the road crew get their license to spray for weeds. Mr. O'Leary questioned the Board if they would be willing to give such an individual a pay increase for getting licensed. The Board asked that the surrounding townships be surveyed to see how they handle this.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mrs. Swancer questioned the Board how they would like to handle the fabric covered storage structures. The Board noted that they would like these to be handled in the same manner as the metal ones.

It was noted that the Planning Commission should finish reviewing the remaining comments on the Zoning Ordinance at their next meeting.

Mrs. Swancer reported that regretfully, Dan Horner has issued his resignation from the Planning Commission citing family responsibilities.

Stormwater Ordinance - Mr. Weikel noted that he would check to see if there is any funding to help pay for updating the Township's Stormwater Ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Creek Canyon: Mr. Breon noted that Larry Williamson from Department of General Services contacted him today to see if the Board of Supervisors had any objections if the state were to sell Penn State the parcel of ground depicted on the map as area 2 as well as the 25 acre parcel that had previously been discussed as being used as playing fields. Discussion was held. Mr. Breon moved that the Township's position would be that Benner Township would not object to Penn State purchasing these additional parcels as long as the recommendations of the plan were followed. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Discussion was held concerning drafting a letter to send to legislators stating that the Township does not support the proposed land transfer legislature as written by Representative Kerry Benninghoff.

NEW BUSINESS

Road Project Bids: Sealed proposals for the township's 2009 paving projects were opened with the following results:

Item #	New Enterprise Stone & Lime	HRI, Inc.	Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.
1	40.00	50.00	76.00
2	2.10	3.00	5.10
3	55.20	76.00	58.95
4	71.25	79.00	83.20
5	67.80	78.00	74.15
6	27.50	25.00	32.00
7	17.00	30.00	99.90
Totals	\$70,766.15	\$84,087.00	\$87,390.30

Mr. Elnitski moved to award the bid to the low bidder, New Enterprise Stone and Lime Co. at the cost of \$70,766.15. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.
 Vote: Mr. Breon - yes Mr. Breon - yes Mr. Elnitski - yes

Opequon Hills Phase I Surety Extension: Mrs. Swancer noted that the Surety Bond for Opequon Hills Phase I will expire on May 23rd. Mr. Kowalski indicated that he has filed the paperwork for a one year extension, however the office hasn't received copies of the paperwork yet. Mr. Elnitski moved to extend the surety package for one year or move to execute the old surety agreement if the new one isn't received. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

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

Memo of Understanding Grove Park Phase III: The memorandum of understanding for Grove Park Phase III was presented for signatures. Mr. Breon moved to approve the Grove Park Phase III memorandum. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

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

Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission: The Board is in receipt of a letter from Sue Hannegan asking that each of the municipalities in the Nittany

Valley Joint Planning Commission decide on what direction the Commission goes. Discussion was held. The Board noted that they felt that dealing with Recreational issues should be the Board's next focus.

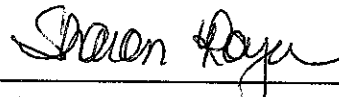
CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Centre Region COG Public Service Agenda
2. SBWJA Minutes - April 27, 2009
3. UAJA - Big Hollow Sewer Interceptor Overflow Mitigation Project
4. Minor Land Development second modular classroom unit Benner Elementary School
5. Time Extension Confer TJK Company

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 8:36 p.m.



Sharon Royer, Sec.