

Benner Township Supervisors
August 2, 2010

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by the Chairman, John Elnitski, Jr. with members David Breon and Randy Moyer present. Also in attendance were Charles Welch, Raina Lindemuth, Edward Galus, Clair Stem, Renee Swancer and Sharon Royer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Clair Stem: Mr. Stem asked if the bushes that are growing in the waterway along the road at his property could be removed. He stated further that they are located within the township's ROW. The Board noted that he would have staff relay this information on to the Road Superintendent.

MINUTES

The minutes of July 19, 2010 were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Breon moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Moyer – yes Mr. Breon – yes Mr. Elnitski – yes

BILLS

The bills of August 2, 2010, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Breon moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Moyer – yes Mr. Breon – yes Mr. Elnitski – yes

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Act 32 EIT: Mrs. Royer reported that the Committee has selected State College Borough to act as the District's Earned Income Tax Collector. Discussion has been held within Committee as to how to distribute the costs. It was noted that most of the Taxing Districts that are set up state wide are charging the fee on the amount collected. Ferguson Township is proposing to distribute the fees by a weighted vote. It was noted that if our costs are determined by weighted vote that our fees will be higher as would most other Township's and Boroughs. The Board decided that they would like our vote to be cast that the method used for determining costs to be on the actual amount collected.

Spring Creek Watershed Commission: Mr. Breon noted that he didn't attend last week's meeting due to illness. Mrs. Robine attended in his place.

Fire Task Force: Mr. Elnitski reported that the date of the first Task Force meeting has been scheduled for September 22nd. It was also decided to hire Dean Fernsler to act as the facilitator for these meetings. Mr. Fernsler will

charge \$300 per meeting to attend which includes his travel expenses. Bellefonte, Spring and Benner have committed to pay for three meetings each, while Marion has said that they would pay for one. It was noted that Dean will most likely not need to attend every meeting.

MPO: Mr. Elnitski noted that he is checking the with MPO on the availability of trail money that may be able to be used for the Spring Creek Canyon project.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Creek Canyon: Mr. Elnitski distributed a draft of an agreement from the Fish Commission that they are saying has already been reviewed by all other state agencies that are involved with canyon. He asked that if anyone had any comments to please get them back to him before Friday.

Canyon Overlay Ordinance: It was noted that the Ordinance was advertised with the hearing scheduled for September 2nd.

Right of Way Regulatory Ordinance Proposal: This item remains tabled until further information is received.

NEW BUSINESS

Nittany Glen Road Bonding: It was noted that Nittany Glen wishes to bond Fillmore Road so that they may begin their clubhouse project. All required information has been received for the bond. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the bond for Nittany Glen. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Moyer – yes Mr. Breon – yes Mr. Elnitski – yes

Minor Subdivision Plan for Jesse & Barbara Schaeffer: It was noted that the Schaeffers are subdividing a two acre lot from their farm for their son. The lot is located at the corner where the "T" intersection for Grove Park will be installed. Discussion was held to whether or not additional right of way should be requested should it be needed sometime in the future. Mr. Moyer noted that Grove Park has already purchased additional right of way to design this intersection so he didn't feel that any more was needed at this time. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the plan without comments. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Moyer – yes Mr. Breon – yes Mr. Elnitski – yes

Conditional Use Hearing Request Nittany Glen/Model Homes: Mr. Elnitski moved to pass Nittany Glen's request to install additional model homes on to the Planning Commission for their review and comments. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Moyer – yes Mr. Breon – yes Mr. Elnitski – yes

Renee Swancer building permit: It was noted that Renee and Frank Swancer are requesting permission from the Board to construct a 12' X 16' wooden deck with a 7'6" X 12' roof and associated walkways. It was noted that a building permit

will be obtained from Mr. Burd for this construction. Mr. Elnitski moved to approve the permit. Mr. Breon seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Moyer – yes

Mr. Breon – yes

Mr. Elnitski – yes

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Benner Township Water Authority May 18, 2010 minutes
2. SBWJA July 12, 1010 minutes
3. Centre County Planning Office
 - a. The Glen @ Paradise Hills South - Time Extension
 - b. Fox Ridge Subdivision – Time Extension
 - c. Grove Park Phase III – Time Extension
 - d. Hartle Subdivision/Lot Addition – Time Extension
 - e. Sheetz – commencement with construction
4. Pennsylvania Community Transportation Initiative Second Round of Applications
5. Aboveground Storage – Downstream Notification PSU
6. Minor Land Development Grazzini
7. YMCA Pool Report
8. Letter to Andrew Ramish from Ralph Houck re: septic system malfunction

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 8:00 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.