

**Benner Township Supervisors
May 6, 2013**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman, David Wise with members Randy Moyer and John Elnitski, Jr. present. Also in attendance were Rick Bair, Paula Snedeker, Kermit Tressler, Lisa Welsh, Helen Alters, Michele Aukerman, Tom Moyer, Genny Robine, Lindsay Schoch and Sharon Royer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Rick Bair – ParenteBeard: Mr. Bair was present to report his conclusions of the 2012 year end audit. Mr. Wise moved to accept the 2012 year end audit report submitted by ParenteBeard as presented. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Genny Robine: Mrs. Robine was present to report on the road side cleanup that took place on April 20th. She noted that she didn't have as many participants that she has had in the past, however .74 tons of trash was collected from along the roadways in the Township. Mrs. Robine thanked the Board for allowing the roadcrew to collect the bags and take them to the transfer station.

MINUTES

The minutes of April 15, 2013, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Wise moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

BILLS

The bills of May 6, 2013, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Wise moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Tressler Rezoning: Mrs. Schoch reported that the Planning Commission reviewed the rezoning request of the Tressler's at their April 25th meeting and is making the recommendation that the property be rezoned. She noted further that the property would be zoned from Conservation to Airport Industrial and would also fall under the Airport Overlay District and the Spring Creek Canyon overlay.

NWJPC: Mrs. Schoch noted that the Planning Commission also has completed their review of the previous Comprehensive Plan recommendations and feels that in the update that regional police and fire should be addressed.

Zoning Hearing Board Hearing: It was noted that the Zoning Hearing Board has approved a variance request from the Centre County Airport Authority to allow impervious coverage to increase from 40% to 60% on the lot where they are proposing to construct additional long term parking.

It was also noted that the Zoning Hearing Board will be scheduling a hearing for the Robert Berk property along Axemann Road. A potential owner is seeking approval to install a mobile home on the lot.

Airport Signage: Mrs. Schoch noted that the Airport Authority's attorney has provided her with case law showing that they are considered a Government Agency and are therefore exempt from the Township's sign ordinance regulations.

Complaints:

*A complaint was received regarding excess rubbish/junk at a property along Seibert Road. The homeowner was going to clean up/organize his items and the property will be rechecked on 5/31.

*A complaint was also received from a resident in Amberleigh concerning excessive noise coming from the Restek company. Mrs. Schoch noted that she will be looking into this further.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nittany Valley Joint Recreation Authority: It was noted that the first scheduled meeting of the Rec. Authority will be held on Wednesday, May 8th at 6:00 p.m. at the Bellefonte YMCA. Mr. Wise noted that he will be attending.

MPO: Mr. Wise reported that the next MPO meeting will be held on May 15th at 6 p.m. to continue discussion on the upcoming budget.

OLD BUSINESS

Kermit Tressler Rezoning Request: Attorney, Lisa Welsh, noted that she was in attendance representing Mr. Tressler. Mr. Tressler would like his property that is 8.3 acres in size to be rezoned from AR-1 Zoning District to the Airport Industrial Zone. She noted that all of the properties surrounding Mr. Tressler's property are presently owned by Penn State University and that his parcel of ground is also adjacent to the Airport Industrial District. She continued that it is the Tressler's wishes to develop their property into a self storage facility. A concept sketch was shown to the Board. Mrs. Schoch, Zoning Officer, noted that the Planning Commission has reviewed this request and, as was stated earlier, is recommending approval. Mr. Elnitski moved to proceed drafting the zoning amendment. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Krout Road Bridge: It was noted that the GP-11 permit has been issued. PennDot submitted additional comments early last week. Those comments have been addressed and resubmitted back to PennDot. Mrs. Aukerman noted that as soon as Mr. Pretash's signature is obtained the advertisement for bids will be placed in the paper. She noted that all the work in the stream must be completed no later than October 1st due to the trout spawning. Mrs. Aukerman indicated that they checked with several steel contractors today and that they have indicated that the steel order would require a 4 to 8 week lead time to be fabricated. She continued that they are still hoping that the Notice to Proceed can be issued no later than early July.

Valentine Hill Road Closing: Mrs. Royer noted that there will be an on site meeting in the Amberleigh Development on May 7th with Glenn O. Hawbaker, Dennis O'Leary and Don Franson. Hawbaker is now indicating that they have concerns with how some of the inlets in the development have been set. The original phase of the paving was done by Hawbaker and they were the ones that set the stormwater inlet boxes to begin with however they are indicating that they don't know why they were set the way they were set. No time lines on when the work will be started has been given to the Township.

Mr. Elnitski moved to proceed to advertise the paving job in the Amberleigh Development on May 15th if no activity has been started by then with the bids to be opened on June 3rd. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

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

Spring Creek Canyon Conservation Easement: Mr. Elnitski noted that he will continue to work on this item with Clearwater.

ConLime Billboard sign: Mr. Elnitski noted that he has contacted ConLime about the current condition of their billboard sign along Buffalo Run Road. They indicated that they were unaware of its condition and will have someone address it.

NEW BUSINESS

Scholarship Winners: The Board reviewed the scholarships that were submitted and selected the following to receive the 2013 scholarships:

Athletic Scholastic Participation Award:

Erica DeVinney

Emmanuel Meinen

General Excellence Award:

Hannah Rock

Nicholas Feather

Academic Achievement Award:

Kati Caldana

Seth Weaver

YMCA Donation: The Board is in receipt of a request from the YMCA seeking sponsorship of their annual giving campaign. Mr. Elnitski moved to give the YMCA \$250 for a sponsorship. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Linda Whitlock B & B Conditional Use Request: Mr. Moyer moved to accept and pass the conditional use request of Linda Whitlock on to the Planning Commission for their review and comments. Mr. Elnitski seconded the motion.

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

Zoning Hearing Board: Mrs. Schoch noted that she was asked by the Zoning Hearing Board members to approach the Board regarding the replacement of Don Baum on the Zoning Hearing Board. It was expressed that they are compassionate about his situation but feels that a new member who is able to attend meetings should be appointed. Mr. Moyer indicated that he would speak to Mr. Baum about resigning. The

Board asked that staff check with Willie Houser or Elaine Meyers to see if either of them would be interested.

CORRESPONDENCE

The board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Membership Application form from Elaine Meyers
2. PSATS News Bulletin
3. Notice of first application for Jesse & Barbara Schaeffer Farm
4. Benner Township Water Authority Minutes January 15, 2013
5. Letter from James Meyer CCAA RE: crosswalk
6. Centre County Planning Office
 - a. Remodelers Workshop – commencement with construction letter
7. Centre County Conservation District
 - a. Village of Nittany Glen Phase 3A
8. Franson Engineering review letter – Mammoth Construction
9. SBWJA minutes of April 8, 2013
10. Copy of CCAA Variance decision
11. April 2013 Building permit report
12. CATA draft budget

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 8:37 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Sec.