

**BENNER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM by the Chairman, Nate Campbell who led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Nate Campbell, Willis Houser, Sherry Dawn Jackson, Paul Kurtz, Jim Swartzell, and Lee Copper.

Members absent: Greg Jeffries

Others present: Sign-in Sheet attached to minutes

MINUTES

The minutes from the March 10, 2016 meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Houser made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Vote:	Mr. Copper - yes	Mr. Campbell - yes	Mr. Houser - yes
	Ms. Jackson - yes	Mr. Kurtz - yes	Mr. Swartzell - yes

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

1. Ms. Swancer presented a review of the bio-solid issue. She has had discussions with a hydrologist, Dr. Parazak. They had also won an appeal of an approved permit (the Spicer's have agreed not to spread bio-solids on their property). An excerpt of the Sourcewater Protection Plan was distributed, prepared by Bellefonte Borough Water Authority and the Milesburg Borough Water Authority. Discussion continues on the application of bio-solids. It is interesting that the Sourcewater Protection Plan lists Class B Bio-Solids as a Potential Source of Contamination, yet was willing to apply it to properties located within an area slated for protection from these elements. The Department of Environmental Protection does not consider Sourcewater Protection Plans in their approval process. Planning Board members agreed that more work needs to be done, and protections are headed in the right direction.

2. Dr. Clair asked about utilities service to Shiloh Road area. There has been no response from the Board of Supervisors, except to reiterate that decisions are not up to the Board, and that service extension appears to be based on potential development, in that a proposal needs to be presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS: Benner Township Zoning Ordinance

The Planning Commission continued its review of the Zoning Ordinance. Work continued with the Article on the Agriculture zoning district. Permitted uses were considered with much discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Zoning Officer report

Mr. Anderson summarized the recent permits issued, variance request for Amberleigh and the Airport.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. The Chairman signed a proposal from the Spring Benner Walker Authority to revamp a pump station.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Christopher Anderson, Zoning Officer
By listening to the tape of the recorded meeting.