

**Benner Township Supervisors
August 1, 2016**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Vice Chairman, Randy Moyer with member Mark Capriani present. Mr. Wise was absent. Also in attendance were Chris Anderson, Ed Galus, Renee Swancer, Helen Alters, Melinda Conrad, Steve Lanich, Thomas Eby, Sean Janoscrat, Tervor Meyer, Aaron Simpson, John Kostas, Emily Janoscrat and Sharon Royer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Melinda Conrad: Ms. Conrad noted a number of residents from the Community along with Planning Commission and Water Authority members met to begin organizing a Town Hall meeting. The group has decided that a late September meeting would be best. As of now they are thinking that they would like to invite an independent water testing company to discuss water testing, members of the DEP staff that deal with Source Water Protection Plans and perhaps a soil scientist. Mr. Capriani asked to be kept informed and that he would try to make the next meeting.

MINUTES

The minutes of the July 7, 2016, meeting were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Capriani moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Capriani – yes Mr. Moyer – yes Mr. Wise – absent

BILLS

The bills of August 1, 2016, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Moyer moved to pay the bills as presented. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Capriani – yes Mr. Moyer – yes Mr. Wise – absent

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Anderson reported on the following:

*A total of 9 permits were issued in July – four of these for new homes.

*Current Land Development Projects being reviewed include:

State Police Barracks (Variance was granted)

State Police Hangar

Sullivan Mini Storage Phase 7

*Land Development Plans Completed

Jabco Motors

Hartman Group

*Zoning Ordinance review continues. – Was noted that the next step in the review process is the use chart for all of the zones.

Aaron Simpson: Owns a produce business. He noted that there is currently a steel building along the Benner Pike on the old Waite property that he would like to utilize for

storage for his produce and then would also like to open a roadside stand to sell produce. Mr. Moyer noted that he discussed this with Mr. Anderson prior to the meeting tonight and it sounds like everything that was mentioned can be accommodated through a conditional use and then accessory use. Mr. Simpson noted that he would gather his information and make an application by the end of the week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Royer noted that the Fire Executive Board meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

Municipal Building: It was noted that the drawings are being finalized and it is anticipated that we will have the bid package as soon as in the next two weeks.

Verizon Wireless: Tabled still awaiting information from University Park Airport if there could be any conflicts with heights and approach zones.

Bio-Solid Ordinance: It was noted that both the draft ordinance from the Planning Commission and the East Brunswick Ordinance has been forwarded to the Township Solicitor for his review and comments, however we have yet to receive comments back from him. It was further noted that the East Brunswick ordinance was amended with the assistance of the State Attorney General's Office to be in compliance with the Ag laws.

Mr. Capriani noted that he has read the East Brunswick ordinance and really doesn't see any benefit in adopting it. He stated that he believes that adopting a source water protection plan/ordinance would offer the township the most benefit. It was also noted that Representative Hanna is introducing legislation that would prohibit bio-solids from being spread in Source Water protection Areas. Ms. Conrad noted that Hanna is planning to hold a public hearing on this topic on August 29th in the afternoon at the Quality Inn in Milesburg and encouraged the Board and other present to attend.

Astare's letter RE: Sidewalk in Grove Park: The Township received an additional letter from the Astare's regarding their sidewalk issue. Mr. Moyer asked that this letter be forwarded to the Township's Solicitor for his review.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter from Greg Jefferies: The Board was in receipt of a letter from Greg Jefferies noting that he must resign from the Planning Commission as he is relocating out of the Township.

Suicide Awareness: The Board was in receipt of a declaration from the Centre County Suicide Prevention Task Force is asking that the Township adopt declaring the month of September as Suicide Awareness and Prevention month and September 10 as

Awareness and Prevention Day. Mr. Capriani moved to adopt Resolution 16-9. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Capriani – yes Mr. Moyer – yes Mr. Wise – absent

Centre County Community Map: The Township received communications from the Chamber of Business and Industry to see if the Board was interested in advertising the Township’s name and phone number on the Centre County Community map that is handed out at local hotels, places of interest, etc. at the cost of \$255. The Board noted that they were not interested in participating at this time.

Zoning Ordinance: Mr. Moyer noted that he would like to hold a joint work session with the Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors, the Zoning Officer and Chuck Herr to discuss the status of the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Moyer moved to hold the work session on August 15th at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Capriani – yes Mr. Moyer – yes Mr. Wise – absent

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Letter from Centre Co. Airport Authority Re: intention to apply for a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant
2. Copy of letter sent to Bellefonte Borough from DEP RE: Act 537 Plan
3. Rick Shawley (RSE, Inc.) Earth Disturbance Inspection Report
4. Centre County Planning Commission
 - a. Sullivan’s Mini Storage Phase VI
5. Letter from Renee Swancer RE: Consideration for the Planning Commission Vacancy
6. Benner Township Water Authority Minutes – June 21, 2016
7. Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority Minutes – June 27, 2016 and July 11, 2016
8. Copy of support letter the Planning Commission sent on behalf of the YMCA for Multimodal Transportation Fund grant application
9. Letter from DEP RE: MS4 program changes

Mrs. Swancer questioned the Board regarding her interest in the Planning Commission vacancy and the letter that she submitted. The Board noted that they would be advertising the vacancy in the Township Newsletter prior to making any decisions.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 7:32 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Secretary