

**BENNER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:05 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, Lee Copper, and Greg Jeffries.

Members absent: None

Others present: Sign-in Sheet attached to minutes

MINUTES

The minutes from the January 28, 2016 meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Swartzell made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Houser seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

1. None

Organizational meeting:

Election of officers were discussed. Mr. Swartzell made a motion to retain the existing officers, Mr. Houser seconded the motion with all voting in favor. Officers will be Nate Campbell, Chairman, Paul Kurtz, Vice Chairman, Lee Copper Secretary.

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

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 Forested Conservation zoning district. We discussed the difference with RV parks and campgrounds. We discussed churches and religious organizations. We discussed home occupations. We discussed recreation areas.

The Planning Commission vowed to continue the review of the Zoning Ordinance without focusing on the permitted uses at this point, but to focus in on the setbacks and bulk area regulations. We decided that if discussion lasted more than a couple of minutes, that we would mark the item for further review at some future time and move on.

Other minor typographical corrections were mentioned. The Planning Commission will continue at the next meeting by considering the A, Agriculture Zoning District.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Zoning Officer report

Mr. Anderson summarized the recent Board of Supervisors meeting, especially the issues of services to the Shiloh Road properties. David Wise promised to contact the Department of Environmental Protection to better understand the process of amending the 537 Plan and get back with the Planning Commission.

CORRESPONDENCE: Caterpillar cleared to commence construction. The County submitted their approval to allow Caterpillar to begin their addition.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

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