

**Alexander Family Partnership  
Conditional Use Hearing  
February 2, 2015**

The Conditional Use hearing for the Alexander Family Partnership was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chairman, David Wise with member Randy Moyer present. Mr. Capriani was absent. Also in attendance were Greg Jeffries, Warren Miller, Timothy Miller, Ed Galus, Dennis O'Leary, Lindsay Schoch and Sharon Royer.

Mr. Wise noted that the Board is in receipt of a letter dated January 29, 2015, indicated that the Alexander Family Partnership and Harrison's wish to discontinue the Conditional Use Hearing proceedings and instead seek a zoning amendment. The Board noted that with receipt of this letter that the application will become void.

The hearing was adjourned the time being 7:04 p.m.

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Sharon Royer, Secretary

**Benner Township Supervisors  
February 2, 2015**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the Chairman, David Wise with member Randy Moyer present. Mr. Capriani was absent. Also in attendance were Greg Jeffries, Warren Miller, Timothy Miller, Ed Galus, Dennis O'Leary, Lindsay Schoch and Sharon Royer.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Warren Miller – Benner Township Water Authority: Mr. Miller reported that the Benner Township Water Authority is doing very well financially. He noted that the water line in the back section of Edward Drive loop has been sanitized and is available for residents to hook on should they so desire. He noted that approximately 2/3 of this loop is now available additional fire hydrants have also been installed.

Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority: Mr. Miller reported that the in-home inspection program is going well and that unnecessary flows into the sewer lines for treatment have been eliminated. Mr. Miller went on to give the Board an explanation of the various letters that are going back in forth between the Authority and Bellefonte Borough. It was explained that Bellefonte is claiming that the plant requires upgrades, but the information that the Authority has received substantiating the upgrades is conflicting and not supporting what they are claiming. The method in which they want to upgrade also keeps changing as well as the anticipated cost of the upgrade. Mr. Miller noted that currently approximately 70% of the flows going through the Bellefonte treatment plant come from SBWJA. It was noted that the agreement that is still being enforced states that Bellefonte Borough is responsible for 58% of the plant improvements with 42% going to SBWJA. However, SBWJA doesn't really have much say on what kind of improvements or how they are accomplished.

Tim Miller: Mr. Miller thanked the Board for their confidence in him to reappoint him to the Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority Board for an additional term. He noted that he would be glad to attend the Board's meeting when they feel the need to discuss public sewer issues. The Board noted that they are sure that they haven't heard the end of the Shiloh Road service area.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of January 5, 2015, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

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

## **BILLS**

The bills of February 2, 2015, 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. Capriani – absent                      Mr. Moyer – yes                      Mr. Wise – yes

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

In Mr. Franson's absence, he submitted the Board a written report. It was noted that the deadline for cutting the trees for the trail grant is March 15<sup>th</sup> due to the bats. He also mentioned that he was placing out RFPs for the Phase I archeological study that is being requested by ClearWater Conservancy.

## **ROAD SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. O'Leary reported on the following:

\*Lots of plowing and salting have been necessary the last couple weeks.

\*Still having parking issues in the Amberleigh Development. Noted that he wants to check into seeing if the vehicles can just be towed instead of messing around with ticketing. Will check with the solicitor to see how we can accomplish this.

\*Will be working on getting the road projects for this summer written up. Is trying to apply for the dirt and gravel road money. Noted that the parameters of the projects and the application process for the dirt and gravel funds have not yet been established. Noted that the main paving project again this year will be on Purdue Mt. with the remainder of work to consist of tar and chipping to maintain what we have.

## **ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT**

Mrs. Schoch reported on the following:

\*Two new members to the Planning Commission are being very involved and will make an excellent additions to the Board.

\*She went over the upcoming zoning amendments that the Planning Commission have been working on. They are suggesting allowing Convention and/or Conference Centers in the Airport Industrial District.

\*It was noted that the Nittany Valley Planning Commission reviewed the changes that the Village of Nittany Glen are proposing. Members stressed that they have concerns about how the roads will be constructed if at some point in time the Township is asked to take them over. Their other concern was that the amount of additional off street parking didn't seem adequate. They were recommending that it be .5 spaces per townhome unit be used. The County also is recommending that the front section of the development just be changed to the R-2 (Multi-family residential district). Mrs. Schoch also noted that the Township has also been asked if they would consider allowing Farm Stands in the Highway Commercial District. Consideration is also being discussed about taking Section 107 out of the ordinance since this is causing so many problems.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

MPO: Mr. Wise noted that the meeting was cancelled for the month.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mammoth Construction Sidewalk Bond: This item was tabled.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Rockview Addition: The Board was presented with a planning module postcard for approval for the building addition to the Rockview facility. It was noted that the addition will be added to the SBWJA collection system. Mr. Moyer moved to approve the planning module postcard. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

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

Benner Commerce Park Surety: It was noted that the owners of the Benner Commerce Park are extending their current surety amount of \$222,805.00 for an additional year.

Spring Creek Clean Up: It was noted that Mrs. Robine is seeking the Board's permission for the road crew to once again go around and collect the bagged garbage collected from the annual Spring Creek Clean Up to be held on April 25. The Board agreed that they will once again offer this service.

Alexander Family Partnership Zoning Amendment: The Board is in receipt of a zoning amendment application from the Alexander Family Partnership to allow for convention and/or conference centers in the Airport Industrial District. Mr. Wise moved to accept and forward this application on to the Planning Commission for their review. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Village of Nittany Glen Phase III-B.1 MOU: The Board is in receipt of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Village of Nittany Glen Phase III B.1. Mr. Wise moved to approve this reimbursement agreement paperwork. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

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

Egg Hunt: Mrs. Royer noted that the office received a phone call from Gloria Lohr asking if the Township would consider a monetary donation toward the annual skating/egg hunt event at Penn Skates. Mr. Moyer moved to approve a \$400 donation towards this event that is open to all township residents. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. SBWJA Minutes December 8, 2014
2. Benner Township Water Authority December 16, 2014 minutes
3. Letter from County Commissioners RE: award of \$18,070 county aid

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Sharon Royer, Secretary