

Benner Township Planning Commission

February 8, 2018

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chairman, Nate Campbell with members Willis Houser, Lee Copper, Paul Kurtz, Jim Swartzell and Anthony Gallucci present. Sherry Dawn Jackson was absent. Also in attendance were Tony Fruchtl, Angelo Gallucci and Sharon Royer.

It was noted that Angelo Gallucci was present to observe the Board's meeting as a requirement to obtain a badge from Boy Scouts. The Board welcomed Mr. Gallucci to their meeting.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

It was noted with this being the Board's first meeting of the new year that the Board needs to appoint officers for 2018. Mr. Swartzell moved to appoint Nate Campbell as Chairman, Paul Kurtz as Vice Chairman and Lee Copper as Secretary. Mr. Houser seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Campbell – yes Mr. Copper – yes Mr. Houser – yes
 Mrs. Jackson – absent Mr. Kurtz – yes Mr. Swartzell – yes
 Mr. Gallucci – yes

MINUTES

The minutes of December 14, 2017, were presented to the Board for review and comment. Mr. Kurtz noted a typographical error on page one under Persons to Address the Board Nittany Express was listed in the past tense as "Expressed". Mr. Houser moved to approve the minutes with the noted correction. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Campbell – yes Mr. Copper – yes Mr. Houser – yes
 Mrs. Jackson – absent Mr. Kurtz – yes Mr. Swartzell – yes
 Mr. Gallucci – yes

NEW BUSINESS

Conditional Use Hearing Nittany Express: Tony Fruchtl from Penn Terra Engineering was present to go over the proposed plans of Nittany Express. Mr. Fruchtl noted that the property owner had owned two lots along High Tech Road and recently completed a lot consolidation plan of the two lots making it one 3.566 acre lot. It was noted that the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance 131 at their meeting on February 5, 2018, which amends the zoning ordinance to delete the requirement of a Taxi Cab Terminal being located along an arterial road and that they couldn't have outside fuel storage. It was noted that Nittany Express wishes to construct a 2,225 square foot taxi cab terminal building which will house their dispatch office, a light maintenance facility, car detailing area and storage. In addition, they want to construct a 225 stall parking lot that will be leased to existing airport car rental companies as overflow storage. It was noted that Nittany Express hopes to start construction this spring. It was noted that this project will be served by State College Borough Water and Spring, Benner, Walker Joint Authority Sewer. Mr. Kurtz made a motion to make a favorable approval to the Board of Supervisors for the Nittany Express conditional use application. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion.

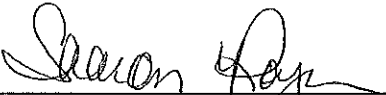
Vote: Mr. Campbell – yes Mr. Copper – yes Mr. Houser – yes
 Mrs. Jackson – absent Mr. Kurtz – yes Mr. Swartzell – yes
 Mr. Gallucci – yes

NOTES

Mrs. Royer noted that Penns Valley Code Enforcement Agency, Michael Lesniak, was appointed to serve as the Township's Zoning Officer.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 7:10 p.m.



Sharon Royer, Recording Secretary