

**Benner Township Supervisors**

**June 1, 2015**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chairman, David Wise with member Mark Capriani present. Mr. Moyer was absent. Also in attendance were Dennis O’Leary, Don Franson, Nate Campbell, Paul Kurtz, Ed Galus, Chris Anderson, Tom Moyer, Shirley Gryczuk, Paul Urbanik, Fred Gay, Doug Lorenone, Mark Capriani and Sharon Royer.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTICE:** Mr. Wise noted that the Board held an executive session at the conclusion of the May 4, 2015 meeting to discuss personnel matters. No actions were taken. Mr. Wise also noted that an executive session will also be held at the conclusion of this meeting to discuss personnel matters.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Fred Gay: Mr. Gay was present to discuss the Township’s Septic Management Program. He noted that he has been a responsible home owner and has been pumping his septic tank on his own without being told to do so. Mr. Gay noted that being a surveyor for over 41 years, he is knowledgeable and can tell when a septic system is malfunctioning and knows that his isn’t. He noted that he last had his system pumped a year and a half ago. Mr. Gay noted that he wishes to apply for a waiver. He noted that has had past dealings with Mr. Herr and doesn’t wish to have him on his property. He noted that he would, if necessary, pay for another SEO to inspect his property so long as this person isn’t affiliated in anyway with Mr. Herr. Mr. Gay noted that he would put his concerns in writing to the board.

Nate Campbell – Benner Township Planning Commission: Mr. Campbell noted that the Planning Commission has made a very quick look over of the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Zoning Ordinance that was given to them. He noted that the three top items that popped out at them were:

1. It only has one residential zone. The Planning Commission recommends that at a minimum it should have three. A mobile home park section should be added back in so it complies with the Nittany Valley Joint Comprehensive Plan as it was Benner Township’s responsibility to allow for that use across the region.
2. The Quarry Zone has been eliminated and therefore, quarries can be allowed in a much larger part of the Township near and next to residential homes. The Planning Commission feels that this zone needs to be added back to protect the township.
3. The Planning Commission is considering adding an executive summary at the beginning of each zoning district as a quick reference for each chapter.

Mr. Wise noted that he has spoken with Sue Hannegan from the County Planning Office and she has indicated a willingness to review our draft ordinance to see if it is in compliance with the Nittany Valley Joint Comprehensive Plan.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of May 4, 2015, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. Capriani moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Wise seconded the motion.

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

**BILLS**

The bills of June 1, 2015, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. Wise moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

**ENGINEER’S REPORT**

Mr. Franson reported on the following:

\*He has been reviewing two plans for the Centre County Airport Authority. The first is for the apron expansion and the second is for the new parking lot.

\*He noted that the Phase I study field work for the Spring Creek Canyon trail has been completed. Nothing major was found. The most notable item was a button. The parking lot area was clean

**ROAD SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. O’Leary reported on the following:

\*Some repairs are being made on the benches and pavilions located at the township building and at the Buffalo Run Community Park.

\*Mr. O’Leary noted that Dave Benner has been contacted again this year for groundhog removal before Summer Park & Rec begins.

\*Mr. O’Leary noted that he has made application for the Dirt and Gravel Road Funds to replace some pipes and clean out drainage ditches. The total of the projects is \$51,000 of which \$40,000 is being requested.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

NVJPC: Mr. Wise noted that he attended the NVJPC meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup> at Marion Township.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Gary Shultz Resignation: The Board was in receipt of a letter from Gary Shultz stating that he was resigning his position on the Benner Township Water Authority due to moving out of the area. It was noted that Warren Miller and other Board members are making inquiries regarding finding a new member to fill Mr. Shultz’s position.

Christopher Anderson – Zoning Officer: Mr. Wise moved to appoint Christopher Anderson as the Township’s Zoning Officer for the remainder of 2015. It was noted that initially this will be a part time position. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

Pipe Bids: Sealed bids were opened for the pipe job replacement project. The Bids were as follows:

- HRI, Inc. - \$81,555.00
- Ameron Construction Co., Inc. - \$82,540.00
- Maxwell - \$61,795.00
- John Claar Excavating, Inc. - \$41,370.00

Mr. O’Leary noted that the cost estimate from Penn Dot for this project was around the amount that was bid by John Claar Excavating. Mr. Franson noted that he is familiar with John Claar Excavating’s work and has been very pleased with the work that has been done. It was noted that the work on these projects will not be able to be started until all of the necessary permits are received. Mr. Wise moved to award the contract to John Claar Excavating in the amount of \$41,370.00. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

Sewage Planning Module for TD2, LLC: It was noted that a Planning Module Exemption form has been completed and is being presented tonight for the Board’s review and approval. It was noted that all of

the required letters from Bellefonte Borough and SBWJA are included in the packet. Mr. Wise moved to approve the Sewage Planning Module for TD2, LLC. Mr. Capriani seconded the motion.

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

Benner Circle Road Vacation: It was noted that Restek is formally requesting that the Township vacate Benner Circle and dedicate the land back to the adjoining property owners so that they can proceed with their lot consolidation plan and land development plan for their new fitness facility. The Board noted that they agreed to this some time ago and asked that the Vacation process be started.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Centre County Planning Office
  - a. Centre Peace HOP Application
  - b. Yeagle's Mini-Storage time extension
2. Spring Creek Watershed Commission Minutes of May 20, 2015
3. SBWJA Minutes
  - a. April 27, 2015
  - b. May 11, 2015
4. BTWA Minutes of March 17, 2015
5. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2015 - Minutes of NVJRA
6. DEP Letter Re: Bellefonte Borough Wasteload management Report
7. Notice of GP-01 Permit approval for Fish Commission

#### **NOTES**

Mr. Capriani noted that he would like the Township to include information on its website regarding the Kepler Pool to help promote it. Mr. Wise agreed that this would be a great idea. Mrs. Royer noted that she would take care of it.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned the time being 7:26 p.m.

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Sharon Royer, Secretary