

**BENNER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 14, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Nate Campbell, Chairman, at the Benner Township Municipal Building.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Nate Campbell, Genevieve Robine, Lee Copper, Mike Anthony, and Paul Kurtz

MINUTES

The minutes from the February 14, 2013 meeting were presented for approval. It was noted that the date on the minutes were incorrect. With the correction of the date, Mrs. Robine moved to approve the minutes Mr. Kurtz seconded the motion.

Vote:	Mr. Anthony-Obstain	Mr. Copper-Yes	Mrs. Robine-Yes
	Mr. Kurtz-Yes	Mr. Campbell-Yes	

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No persons were present to address the Planning Commission

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None this month

NEW BUSINESS

1. Restek Minor Land Development Plan Discussion with Keller Engineers, Inc.

Michael Pratt was present to give an overview of the Minor Land Development for Restek. Restek wishes to add an additional 13,000 square feet to their building since business is doing so well. They plan to just "square out the building" keeping with the existing footprint.

There is a proposed sewer lateral, where gravity will pull to the rear of the building and tie into Penn Eagle; this will be a 500 foot expansion.

Parking area has decreased, but still fits within the standards and meets the current needs of the business.

It was noted that the maximum coverage for the site is 60%; currently the coverage is 40%.

A Zoning Letter is necessary to be sent to the County Planning Commission. Once all of the appropriate permits are processed, then they will be able to move forward.

Mr. Campbell made the motion to move the plan forward to the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Kurtz seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Anthony-Yes Mr. Copper-Yes Mrs. Robine-Yes
 Mr. Kurtz-Yes Mr. Campbell-Yes

2. Bellefonte Borough Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Bellefonte Borough is in the process of amending their Zoning Ordinance. The proposed Amendment is to eliminate the Maximum Building Width in the Central Business District (CBD).

Discussion was held regarding what Bellefonte Borough is anticipating, which is the Water Front District. Some concerns were that further down the road, any building in that district now will not be subject to a maximum building width.

It was agreed that this issue will be brought up at the Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission meeting later in the month.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Thoughts on recommendations for the Comprehensive Plan Update

The major recommendation for Benner Township is establishing sewer and water to the Shiloh Road interchange area.

The Spring Creek Canyon was also brought up, since it is used by people from all around the County and the Nittany Valley Region, it should be in the Plan.

These items will be brought up at the Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission meeting later in the month.

CORRESPONDENCE

A Thank You Note was sent to Mike Anthony thanking him for his efforts in preparing the aerial map of the Township.

NOTES

The Planning Commission was invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony and tour of the SCI Benner. It was noted that anyone interested in attending to please let the Township know so we can RSVP.

ADJOURN

With all business complete, Mr. Campbell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm

Respectfully submitted by:
Lindsay Schoch, Zoning Assistant