

**Benner Township Supervisors
March 4, 2024**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chairman, Randy Moyer with members Larry Lingle and Kathy Evey present. Also in attendance were Susan Rockey, Cindy Kunes, John Elnitski, Therese Hollen, Thomas Eby, Allen Strouse, Treva Strouse, James Lanning, Everett Spicer, Ronald Spicer, John Kostas, Rodney Beard, Brian Dunn, and Sharon Royer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Cindy Kunes/Sue Rockey – NVJRA: Mrs. Kunes noted that she was present to give the Board an update on the status of the Kepler Pool project. It was noted that the committee is still awaiting word on the LSA grant that was applied for late last year, adding that it will be later this year until they hear anything on that application. Mrs. Kunes noted that this project has been quite the challenge. The Authority currently has 1.2 million secured in grant funds as well as local community funding in the amount of \$34,000. She noted that they applied for one million from the LSA funds, with the realization that they probably won't get all that they asked for but are hopeful that they will get a couple hundred thousand dollars from that application. It was noted that the estimated cost of Phase I of the project is projected to cost 2.9 million dollars. This includes the cost of the main pool, all of the operating systems, decking, concrete, electrical and a splash pad feature. Phase II will come later on and will include updating the restrooms and additional water features. The final design is complete. Mrs. Kunes noted that the group is applying for an additional DCNR grant in this current round of funding which is due April 1st as well as a Greenways Trails and Recreation grant and a Planning and Neighborhood Assistance Application Grant. Mrs. Kunes noted that the Authority is asking that the Township authorize the previous \$50,000 donation that was given to the Authority be used as a match for the DCNR application that will be submitted next month. The Authority is also asking that the Township work to try to find an additional representative from the Township for the Recreation Authority. Mr. Moyer moved to allow the previous \$50,000 donation to the Nittany Valley Recreation Authority from the township to be used as matching funds for the DCNR grant that is being applied for and to write a letter of support for the grant. Mrs. Evey seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Evey – yes

Mr. Lingle – yes

Mr. Moyer - yes

Jim Lanning/Tom Eby: Mr. Lanning noted that he is here for the water and that everything affects the water. Mr. Eby noted that they are available for questions when the water topic comes up later in the meeting.

Tom Eby: Mr. Eby questioned if there are regulations concerning the placement of power poles in the right of way adding that some of the new poles along Rock Road seem extremely close to the edge of the roadway. Mr. Moyer noted that the power company is regulated by the PUC. Mr. O'Leary noted that he spoke West Penn Power to see if the poles could be moved back and they indicated that they couldn't be. That they needed to remain in a straight line.

MINUTES

The minutes of February 5, 2024, were presented to the board for their review and comments. Mrs. Evey commented that a reason for Mr. Moyer abstaining from voting on the Barns Lane Sewage Planning Module was not given and needs to be listed in the minutes. Mrs. Royer read the section of the minutes where the Barns Lane Sewage Planning Modules was discussed and it was stated in the minutes, "Mr. Moyer indicated that he is involved with the subdivision, therefore, he will be

2. Comment letter
 - a. Non-Substantive Change for McDonalds L.D. Plan
 - b. Tru by Hilton Hotel & Retail Building Comment letter
 - c. Barns Lane Subdivision
3. Sullivan Mini Storage – Phase VIII Buildings 9-11
4. Eppers Commencement with construction
5. Withdrawl of Bellefonte Warehouse Land Development
4. Engineering Reviews
 1. McCormick/Taylor TIS Review of Arby's
 2. McCormick/Taylor WaWa TIS Review
 3. Franson Engineering review Sheetz Rebuild
5. DEP Letters
 - a. Cascade NPDES needed corrections/time extension
 - b. Barns Lane Subdivision Planning Module Approval
 - c. Letter from Walnut Grove Alliance to DEP and DEP's Response
6. PA Department of Corrections notice of application to renew Title V Permit 14-00005
7. Copy of letter to SCBWA from Sierra Club Moshannon Group re: public water to Walnut Grove Development
8. Copy of support letter from Bellefonte Borough to MPO RE: Benner Pike Corridor Improvements
9. Zoning Review Letters
 - a. Sheetz Store Demo and Rebuild
 - b. McDonald's
 - c. Sullivan's Mini Storage Phase VI
 - d. Barns Lane Subdivision
10. Notice that Pat Burns Salvage & Excavating renewal of NPDES Stormwater permit
11. 2022 Liquid Fuel Audit

John Kostas questioned if a reason was given as to why the Bellefonte Warehouse Land Development Plan was withdrawn. It was noted that they decided to change the configuration of their facility and that a new plan is to be submitted in coming months.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board noted that they will be going into an executive session at the conclusion of tonight's meeting on personnel matters and that the meeting will not be reconvened after.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the time being 7:53 p.m.



 Sharon Royer, Secretary