

Benner Township Supervisors

May 1, 2023

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 Thomas Moyer present. Also in attendance were Bruce Donovan, Kimberly Fragola, David Rishel, Hailey Bird, Camille Schoch, Marlena Chronister, Genevieve, Jay Selfridge, Fonda Nevel, Heather Bird, Audrey Schoch, Lindsay Schoch, Kaleen Selfridge, Morgan Colpetzer, Lereili Colpetzer, Thomas Eby, Tessa Pringle, Lauren Pringle, Catherine Dolan, Alexandria Dolan, John Elnitski, Ed Galus, Gene Stocker, Linda Johnson, Steve Johnson, Rod Beard and Sharon Royer.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Girl Scout Troop 40050: Leaders and members of Girl Scout Troop 40050 from Bellefonte were present to ask the Supervisors permission to construct an 8' X 8' flower garden at the Rock Road Spring Creek Canyon trailhead to ultimately earn their Bronze Award. It was explained that the flower garden would represent the Journey component towards earning the Bronze Award. After the garden is completed, the last component would be to build and install a bench with a plaque overlooking the flower garden. The girls noted that they would appreciate the Township's roadcrew assistance with the removal of the ground cover in the area of the bed location. Mr. R. Moyer moved to allow the Girl Scout project to proceed at the Rock Road trailhead with the assistance of the Township and to contribute financially where needed for the supplies. Mr. T. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

Ed Galus: Mr. Galus questioned if there were any updates on the running of the sewer line to his area. The Board noted that the last update that was received was thought that notices to connect would happen around the fall of 2024. Mrs. Royer indicated that SBWJA shared that update in the Spring edition of the Crossroads newsletter.

Gene Stocker: Mr. Stocker questioned what the status of the EDB water sample test results that DEP took. He noted that EDB was first found in his water in 2016. Mr. Stocker explained that it has been checked on and off over the years. He noted that it had disappeared but that it is now once again showing up. Mr. Stocker noted that he has researched EDB and that after 100 days it degrades to 50%. He continued that this is an indication to him that there must be leaking fuel tanks and that this is where it is coming from. He asked if the Board is aware if the tanks at the airport are inspected regularly. Mr. Stocker also noted that he feels that the Supervisors should be contacting the Department of Health and asking them to do a door to door survey in Walnut Grove to take a health history of the residents living there.

MINUTES

The minutes of April 3, 2023, were presented to the Board for their review and comments. Mr. R. Moyer moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer - yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

BILLS

The general fund bills for May 1, 2023 in the amount of \$122,904.52, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Mr. R. Moyer moved to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

The State Fund bills for May 1, 2023 in the amount of \$2,255.08 were presented to the Board for review and approval. Mr. R. Moyer moved to approve the state fund bills. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.
Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

OLD BUSINESS

Rezoning of Parcel 12-003-213: Mrs. Royer noted that this request is being advertised for a public hearing at the Board's June 5th meeting.

Zoning Ordinance Amendments: Mr. Beard noted that he has prepared the text amendments to the Township's current Zoning Ordinance that has been accumulated over the last year. Mr. R. Moyer moved to proceed with the circulation and advertisement of these amendments for a hearing at the June 5th meeting. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

NEW BUSINESS

Blair/Fredericks/Bertram Subdivision: Mrs. Royer noted that the Blair/Fredericks/Bertram subdivision consists of dividing the remainder of the family estate into three parcels, one each for the three family members. It was noted that soil testing has been completed for the parcels. Driveway accesses can be located for each of the lots. The Board noted that they didn't have any comments on the plan that was presented.

Blair/Fredericks/Bertram Subdivision Sewage Planning Module: Mrs. Royer noted that this plan requires a sewage planning module to be submitted to DEP. Soil testing for each of the lots has been completed by Mr. Horner. Mr. R. Moyer moved to approve the sewage planning module. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

CATA Operation and Local Match Resolution 2023-01: The CATA fiscal year 2023/2024 Local Match share agreement for participating municipalities was presented to the Board for their review and comments/approval. The financial assistance requested in the presented agreement was \$6,188 to match state funds and \$839.00 to contribute towards capital funding. Mr. R. Moyer moved to approve Resolution 2023-01 as presented. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

Group Health Insurance: Mrs. Royer noted that we have received our renewal rates from Geisinger and that the prices have increased by 6 %. Mr. R. Moyer moved to renew the current plan. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

Walnut Grove Pipe Replacement Job: It was noted that the one pipe that needs to be replaced is 5' in diameter and it is felt that it is too large of a job to be handled effectively inhouse without the rental of additional equipment. Mr. R. Moyer moved to place this pipe replacement job out for bid. Mr. Lingle seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. T. Moyer – yes Mr. Lingle – yes Mr. R. Moyer – yes

CORRESPONDENCE

The board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence.

1. SBWJA Minutes – March 27, 2023 & April 10, 2023

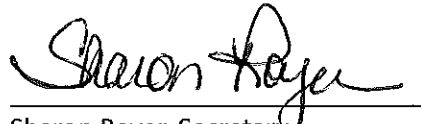
2. Centre County Planning Commission Letters
 - i. Time Extensions
 1. Benner Pike Hotel
 - ii. Formal Withdrawal of GM McCrossin LD Plan
 - iii. Lot Addition/Replot Proposal Airport Park
3. DEP PFAS investigation Report update for April 2023
4. Letter from Centre County Commissioners RE: Broadband Update
5. DEP Act 537 Planning Exemption for Benner Pike Shopping Center
6. Copy of Recorded Lot Consolidation plan for Barry W. King
7. Notice from PA Fish Commission Re: DEP Restoration Waiver request.
 - i. Upper Spring Creek Dam
 - ii. Benner Spring Dam Restoration
8. Notice from DEP RE: Bellefonte Borough Wastewater Treatment Annual Report Review approved.
9. Bellefonte EMS Quarterly Report

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. R. Moyer noted that the Board was going to have an executive session on personnel matters and that the meeting would not reconvene at its conclusion.

ADJOURNMENT

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


Sharon Royer, Secretary