

**BENNER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 28, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Benner Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM by the Chairman, Nate Campbell who led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Paul Kurtz, Jim Swartzell, Lee Copper, Nate Campbell, and Sherry Dawn Jackson and Greg Jeffries.

Members absent: Willis Houser was not in attendance at the meeting

Others present: Sign-in Sheet attached to minutes

MINUTES

The minutes from the May 14, 2015 meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Kurtz made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction that on Page 2, in the next to the last paragraph, the spelling of "consensus" be corrected. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Vote:	Mr. Kurtz-yes	Mr. Swartzell-yes	Mr. Copper-yes	Mr. Jeffries-yes
	Mr. Campbell-yes	Ms. Jackson-yes		

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Dr. Clair and William McMillan presented very conceptual plans for a data center near the intersection of Shiloh Road and Interstate 99. This information was shared with the concern about the new zoning ordinance and potential changes.

- 9 acres
- current zoning requires 35 acres per lot
- cool, clean industrial use
- potential customers would include hospitals, PSU, local banks
- back-up power generators
- minimal water/wastewater usage
- probably only 2 staff onsite, 24/7
- Prime location for commercial use

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Centre County Hazard Mitigation Questionnaire

The questionnaire was presented and advice requested.

Mr. Kurtz made a motion to table the issue and send the questionnaire to Sharon and the Township Engineer. Mr. Swartzell seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

Vote:	Mr. Kurtz-yes	Mr. Swartzell-yes	Mr. Copper-yes	Mr. Jeffries-yes
	Mr. Campbell-yes	Ms. Jackson-yes		

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Zoning Ordinance

The Planning Commission has been asked to give an initial impression of the Draft Zoning Ordinance, Draft #2, dated April 20, 2015. Comments included that the zoning categories are too broad, and that page numbers should replace Roman Numerals.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

NOTES: None

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Christopher Anderson, Zoning Officer
By listening to the tape of the recorded meeting.