

**BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
December 27, 2016**

The Bethel Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Jacob Meyer at 8:32 pm in the Bethel Township Meeting Room, Bethel PA.

Attending the meeting were Jacob Meyer and Michael Graby. Also in attendance were Solicitor Eugene Orlando Jr., Engineer Gary Kraft, Zoning Officer Robin Royer and Township Manager Jayne Seifrit.

Hearing of Visitors

Zoning Officer – Robin Royer

8415 Old Route 22 - Robin Royer stated she has still been receiving complaints. The Supervisors received an email inviting them to listen to the noise that is produced from the truck and refrigerator unit. Jake Meyer and Mike Graby stated they will go to the site.

791 Frystown Rd – Robin Royer stated she has inspected the property and was observed five bedrooms with locks, security cameras, smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and two ways to exit. Robin Royer was told people don't pay if they don't have money they then do tasks around the property. Robin Royer told the owners they could request relief from the zoning ordinance. Robin Royer stated she is currently drafting a letter to address issues.

Camp Swatara and 551 Beagle Rd – large buildings, Jake Meyer made a motion authorizing Jayne to send letters, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comments

Carl Kauffman – absent

Jake Meyer – nothing at this time

Mike Graby – nothing at this time

Randall Haag was sorry that Carl Kauffman was not in attendance to answer for himself; what is the Board doing to enforce Carl Kauffman needing to get a permit and at this time has not. Mike Graby stated he thinks it is stupid that a permit is needed for the tent type garage. Jake Meyer stated that may be true but at this time it is in the ordinance, and the church project got their permit when they found out they needed one. Jake Meyer made a motion authorizing Robin Royer send Carl Kauffman a letter, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Actions from Planning Commission

MRD/Dieffenbach Subdivision and Land Development Plan

Several waivers are being requested. Jake Meyer made a motion to approve recommendation from Planning Commission to approve deferral of Section 5.13.A curbing with language to be satisfactory to the Township noted on the plan and contingent final approval of plan as proposed, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. Jake Meyer made a motion to approve recommendation from Planning Commission to approve deferral of Section 5.13B sidewalks with language to be satisfactory to the Township noted on plan and contingent final approval of plan as proposed, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. Mike

Graby made a motion to approve recommendation from Planning Commission to approve deferral of Section 5.13.C street lights with language to be satisfactory to the Township noted on plan and contingent final approval of plan as proposed, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Mike Graby made a motion to approve recommendation from Planning Commission to waive Section 5.12 monument boxes to be a minimum of two on plan and balance can be steel pins and contingent final approval of plan as proposed, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Jake Meyer made a motion to approve recommendation from Planning Commission to require existing streets improvements referring to Section 5.11.C.10.b along Old Route 22 widening west of existing driveway to parking lot driveway with the same taper distance as shown on MRD plan and defer balance of road frontage improvements in future with language to be satisfactory to the Township noted on the plan and contingent final approval of plan as proposed, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. Mike Graby made a motion to approve recommendation from Planning Commission to waive Section 5.22 Environmental Impact and contingent final approval of plan as proposed, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Jake Meyer made a motion to approve recommendation from Planning Commission to waive Section 4.03.C.8 Traffic Study and contingent final approval of plan as proposed, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. Mike Graby made a motion to accept extension until April 18, 2017, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor Report – Eugene Orlando Jr

Eugene Orlando stated a meeting has been scheduled for January 4, 2017 for Township Engineer, Township Manager and Solicitor to work on Denying permits until delinquent fees paid.

Engineer Report – Gary Kraft

Sheetz – Gary Kraft stated he has seen a revised design for their storm water management. They are not using all the capacity, so they are looking at a second outlet. Nothing finalized at this time.

Unfinished Business

Dates for 2017 – Mike Graby made a motion authorizing Jayne to advertise the meeting dates for 2017 with changes for April 17, November 20, and December 18, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Zoning Ordinance Meetings – Mike Graby made a motion authorizing Jayne advertise the joint meetings for Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors for the fourth Tuesday of the month in January, February, and March at 6:00 pm, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

New Business

Election Form – Jake Meyer made a motion to have Jayne sign the form and send back to Berks County Board of Elections, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Guide Rail, Bashore Street Bridge – The Township received two quotes; it was decided to check to see if both companies are Penn DOT approved.

Payment of Bills

Mike Graby made a motion to pay bills from check number 31611 to 31621, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Funds – Jayne Seifrit stated there is \$190,000.00 that can be allocated somewhere else. Jake Meyer and Mike Graby stated \$150,000.00 should go on the Township Building principal and \$40,000.00 in the capital reserve account for roads and bridges. Jayne will prepare the check and the resolution for the year end meeting.

Public Comment**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mike Graby, seconded by Jake Meyer to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jayne K Seifrit