

**Bethel Township
Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission
Joint Zoning Ordinance and Map Amendment Meeting
September 25, 2018**

The Bethel Township Joint meeting was called to order by Chairman Jake Meyer at 6:03 p.m. in the Bethel Township Meeting Room, Bethel PA.

Attending the hearing were Lee Groff, Michael Graby and Jacob Meyer, Bill Straw, Brian Bauer, George Shollenberger and Michael Orendo. Also, in attendance were Solicitor Christopher Garrell, Engineer Gary Kraft, Zoning Officer Robin Royer and Township Sec Treas Jayne Seifrit.

Bill Straw called out the remaining properties from the transcript summary for discussion; those being 780 Frystown Rd, 1141 Little Mt Rd, 371 Airport Rd, 61 Brown Rd, Farm behind 20 Deck Dr, 162 Deck Dr and 610 Brown Rd. The summary of the discussion for those property concerns is they would like them to stay in what they are currently zoned, no changes needed. During the discussion it was stated it doesn't seem fair for the powers that be to be able to change property owners zoning and cost possible hardship either by ability to use property as the owner wishes or financially. Another concern identified in the Neighborhood Commercial District is the ability for apartment buildings and townhouses. It was stated the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) is not changing so the rules outlined in there would still be in affect and the size property would still impact on number of lots/houses.

It was decided to go through the language in zoning districts to tweak, add, or remove language to address concerns, and hopefully aid in the protection of the entire township.

There was a request for 281 Midway Rd to be included in the IC district. It was stated it is an ideal location for a small warehouse (300,000 sqf). The Bowman's reiterated they would like to see their properties remain in IC, Dick Wells, 655 Brown Rd owner would also like their property to remain IC. Cory Cummings is totally opposed to a warehouse next to him/behind Best Trucks on Daub Rd. He said he is getting boxed out. Steve Burkhart stated we should be saving farm land, put some of the IC back in Ap.

Another meeting scheduled for October 23, 2018 at 6:00 pm to look at language in the districts. Bill Straw asked Robin Royer and Gary Kraft to look at language changes. Attorney Mark Koch stated he would draft language to aid in his clients (560 Schubert Rd) property concerns if it would help. He will submit language to Robin Royer.

Brian Bauer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm., seconded by Jake Meyer. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne K Seifrit
Township Secretary