

**Bethel Township
Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission
Joint Zoning Ordinance and Map Amendment Meeting
November 19, 2018**

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

Attending the meeting were Lee Groff, Michael Graby, Jacob Meyer, Bill Straw, Betsy Bowman, Brian Bauer, Michael Orendo and George Shollenberger. Also, in attendance were Solicitor Eugene Orlando Jr., Engineer Gary Kraft, Zoning Officer Robin Royer and Township Sec Treas. Jayne Seifrit.

Hearing of Visitors

Attorney John Muir representing Met-Ed summarized the uses and sizes of the properties Met-Ed currently owns off of Route 419. He also stated Met-Ed is interested in purchasing land from Robert Wolf. John Muir stated they would like to see the properties currently owned by Met-Ed remain in Industrial Commercial. He also noted the property they are considering purchasing from Robert Wolf, they would not object to the proposed Neighborhood Commercial zoning. Gary Kraft stated the impact would be minimal as it is a utility use.

Fred Bowman stated he was asked by Robin Royer to describe the current uses on the properties. Fred Bowman showed the proposed zoning change map, the current zoning map and explained each use building by building. They included uses 720.7, 720.08, 720.15, 720.21, 720.22, 720.23, 720.33, 720.19 and 720.20; namely barrier yard, transfer property, truck tire and service shop, paint shop, large truck diesel engine, street sweeper/sewer shop, truck owner operator terminal, bare land, general and intensive agriculture. Fred Bowman further stated they don't want to see additional housing whether it is apartments or a trailer park. The IC use would not affect township roads as they would be using Route 645. IC would not bring in additional children for the school district. Fred Bowman stated it would have an adverse financial affect on his family if changed from IC to NC. Gary Kraft stated the uses stated are almost all permitted in the NC District.

Bill Straw stated the surveys that went out and returned in doing the Comprehensive Plan stated no more warehouses. The proposed zoning changes were going towards not allowing more warehouses or intensive agriculture near residential areas. Bill Straw stated not everyone will like the changes but in looking at the entire township they are changes that would protect the township as a whole. Several members of the committee commented the existing IC areas should remain in IC. Additional discussion ensued. Mike Graby stated Best Trucks, Bowman properties and Burkhart (419) should stay in IC.

It was stated a meeting on December 17, 2018 will be held at 6:00 pm. Jake Meyer made a motion authorizing advertising the meeting, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jayne K Seifrit
Township Secretary