

**BETHEL TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

March 26, 2019

The Bethel Township Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Bill Straw at 8:15 pm. Present were members Betsy Bowman, George Shollenberger, Michael Orendo, Brian Bauer, Corey Houser, Lee Groff and Bill Straw. Also, present were Eugene Orlando Jr., Solicitor, Gary Kraft, Engineer, Zoning Officer, Robin Royer and Jayne Seifrit.

Public Comment on Agenda–

Hearing of Visitors

Met-Ed – Attorney John Muir stated Met-Ed is looking to purchase a 12.3-acre property to place electrical component for their use. The area would be paved with no buildings. The irregular shape is due to wetlands and the required buffer around wetlands. They would need zoning relief in the form of a special exception and a variance for lot coverage. They would need electricity for lighting but it was stated they have spoken to the SEO saying no sewerage is proposed on the property.

Approval of Minutes

Brian Bauer made a motion to approve minutes from February 26, 2019, seconded by Corey Houser. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor – Eugene Orlando

Eugene Orlando stated he has nothing other than the agenda items.

Engineer – Gary Kraft

Gary Kraft stated he has nothing other than the agenda items.

Zoning Officer – Robin Royer

Robin Royer asked if there are any questions on her report.

Robin Royer stated 8424 Lancaster Ave property owners have received the relief they were seeking for a 6-unit apartment building from the Zoning Hearing Board

Robin Royer stated the owners of 751 Airport Road will be requesting zoning relief so they can hopefully operate a Home Premise Business

Robin Royer stated at 8495 Lancaster Ave, she has received and approved a zoning permit to increase the footprint of the existing structure. They are expanding to include restrooms and walk-in cooler.

Lee Groff asked what is happening with 351 Midway Rd – Robin Royer stated she didn't have time to check into further at this point. She will be in contact with the stated fire marshal.

Brian Bauer stated people are back in 491 Frystown Rd. They have found drug paraphernalia etc. Robin Royer stated she will bring up at the Supervisor's meeting.

Subdivisions

Bethel Business Park

Gary Kraft stated they are working on revisions.

Daub Road Warehouse

Gary Kraft stated they are doing further testing.

New Subdivisions

Kegerreis-Hoover Annexation

DeVon Henne presented a plan for annexation, the majority of the property is in Upper Tulpehocken Township. He explained the portions to be annexed. He said he spoke to the Berks County Recorder of Deeds Office and they would be fine with a letter from the Township relinquishing the review of the plan to Upper Tulpehocken. Brian Bauer made a motion recommending a letter be done relinquishing the review from Bethel Township, seconded by Corey Houser. All agreed. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

SALDO – nothing at this time

Act 209 revisions – We are waiting for the Zoning/Map to be completed prior to moving forward in projecting the future land use assumptions for that report.

Zoning/Map Amendments – meeting set for April 23, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Ethics forms – need back by May 1, 2019

New Business

Public Comment

Lisa Hassler was asking about RAR2 Plan and where the back up area for water is for the project. Gary Kraft stated it is all overseen by DEP and needs follow their requirements.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Corey Houser to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Jayne K Seifrit, Township Secretary