The Bethel Township Joint meeting was called to order by Chairman Jake Meyer at 6:30 p.m. in the Bethel Township Meeting Room, Bethel PA.

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

Bill Straw stated he was not happy with last meeting conduct and comments that were made. He stated this meeting needs to be conducted respectfully regardless of your opinion or position on the issues. If it is not you will be asked to leave.

Jake Meyer thanked all who have come out to the meetings and gave points of view. He stated people know about federal and state government, but few people know government that is closest to the people and that is local government. He pointed out local government is of the people, by the people and for the people. This process is an example of it.

Map

645 area along Brown Road - Members looked at the map and stated they believe the change from last months meeting was AP behind Best Trucks to Martin Forestry, but not including Martin Forestry. It was shown on the map and all agreed. Robin Royer will make that change.

419 IC in the middle of Commercial – Discussion on this area. Robin Royer stated Met-Ed is having a hearing on May 8, 2019 concerning a parcel of land they would like to purchase and have equipment stored on it. Discussion ensued about uses and if the IC should be in Commercial to avoid appearance of spot zoning. A tally of IC or C was taken. 3 IC 5 C. It was stated Met-Ed and properties north of I-78 along 419 to be in Commercial District.

Bill Straw asked about cost to the Township for turn lanes and improvements at 645. It was stated Penn DOT would make that determination on improvements, and the Township has impact fees but would not begin to cover costs, and 50% Penn DOT and need to get on Penn DOT plan. It was stated 0 money would come out of the Township money; it would be developer funds.

Gary Kraft asked if it would be helpful if he and Robin Royer were to go over the commercial uses and look at the language to be sure current uses are covered. It was agreed it would be useful.

It was decided to have another meeting so the map changes recommended can be updated by Robin Royer and Gary Kraft and presented to the joint board. May 28, 2019 at 6:30 pm is the next date. Lee Groff made a motion authorizing advertising the meeting, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Lee Groff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm., seconded by Mike Graby. George Shollenberger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bill Straw. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jayne K Seifrit
Township Secretary