

**BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
April 23, 2019**

The Bethel Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairman Jake Meyer at 8:07 p.m. in the Bethel Township Meeting Room, Bethel PA.

Attending the meeting were Jake Meyer, Mike Graby and Lee Groff. Also, in attendance were Solicitor, Eugene Orlando Jr., Engineer, Gary Kraft, Zoning Officer, Robin Royer and Township Secretary Treasurer, Jayne Seifrit. Several interested residents were in attendance.

Public Comment on Agenda

Hearing of Visitors

Zoning Officer – Robin Royer

No additional questions as the Board was in attendance for the Planning Commission meeting.

Supervisors Comments

Lee Groff – Lee Groff stated he has the signed Viking agreement. Lee Groff made a motion to sign the agreement, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. Lee Groff said the Recreation board recommended to the Board they approve Viking to get sponsor signs to be placed on the outfield fence and remove at end of season. Lee Groff made a motion to approve recommendation from the Recreation Board to allow Viking Baseball Club to get sponsor banners and allow them to be hung on the fence in the outfield condition they are removed at end of season, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. Recreation Board has not received the combination locks to date and they need to have a hasp replaced. Jake Meyer will take care of it. Recreation board is asking about the Flag Pole lighting repair – confusion on who was taking care of it. Mike Graby stated public works is very busy. May need to get an electrician. The well pump might be shot, public works should talk to Don Almond for further details. The Recreation Board is recommending to the Board they authorize the purchase of two Trash receptacles and cans at \$735.00 each. Lee Groff made a motion to approve recommendation from the Recreation Board to purchase trash receptacles and trash cans, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Jacob Meyer – nothing at this time

Mike Graby – Mike Graby stated Chief Murphy talked to the Board concerning an additional part time officer. Jake Meyer stated he would like to conduct interview. Mike Graby will communicate with Chief.

Actions from Planning Commission

Bethel Business Park

Lee Groff made a motion to approve recommendation from the Planning Commission to waive maximum basin depth Section 507, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. Lee Groff made a motion to approve preliminary plan contingent on all items completed on the Kraft Engineering review letter dated April 17, 2019, the McCarthy Engineering review letter dated April 23, 2019 and conservation district compliance, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Daub Road Warehouse

It was stated the building has been reduced. Developer Jim Vozar stated the vacation of Daub Road came up about a year ago. The Board stated the fields will be farmed by someone new and needs access from Daub Road on the 645 side. Mike Graby stated he knows of a petition with hundreds of signatures against a warehouse on Daub Road. Eugene Orlando stated as it is zoned currently the owner/developer has the right to develop within the IC uses. It was asked if they can come up with an alternative access for the farmer would that allow for the vacation of Daub Road. Jake Meyer stated the Board would like to see the alternative access on the plan.

Solicitor – Eugene Orlando

Eugene Orlando stated an item not on the agenda is Horning's Market. They have provided the Township with recorded deeds with Penn DOT.

Central Blvd dedication – Eugene Orlando stated there are a couple of blanks on the information he received for the dedication of Central Blvd. Eugene Orlando anticipates it will be ready for May meeting.

Traffic Ordinance – Eugene Orlando stated the Board had authorized previously Swope Road stop sign be included in the Traffic Ordinance. It was decided not to include Swope Road or anything else at this time. Lee Groff made a motion authorizing the Solicitor to draft an ordinance for no parking on Chestnut Street, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Littering Ordinance – Eugene Orlando stated last week he gave the Board a copy of an amended Property/Structure Ordinance. It included changes from prior litigation issues and littering. The Board tabled until next month, more chance to read the amended ordinance.

Resolution 2019-29 Background Checks Emergency Services – Lee Groff made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-29, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Engineering – Gary Kraft

Logisticenter, 270 Midway Rd – Gary Kraft gave the Board a letter recommending the release of the bond for \$2,371,567.61 and start the maintenance period with maintenance escrow of \$237,156.76. Mike Graby made a motion approving recommendation and authorizing the release of bond and starting maintenance period with escrow of \$237,156.76, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Web Design – Received quote from Mountain Creek Technology. Jake Meyer made a motion to have Mountain Creek Technology do website and authorize the Chairman to sign document, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Holding Tank and Escrow account signature card – Lee Groff made a motion to sign signature cards for the Witman Holding Tank and the Frystown School escrow accounts, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

New Business

Frystown School DIA and SW – Lee Groff made a motion authorizing signing the agreements, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Frystown Playground use – Application received for the use of the playground June 16, 2019. Lee Groff made a motion authorizing the Mennonite Church to use the facility on June 16, 2019, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Linda Marks asked if IC is more than warehouses. It was stated it is.

Steve Burkhart asked if heard right the Board is open to discussion on vacating Daub Road. Jake Meyer stated if they can come up with a plan that serves all the needs, it may be reviewed. Steve Burkhart will request letter from Kraft Engineering to the Daub Road people. What is a good date to submit the petition?

Herb Zechman stated 22 years ago IC was looked at for the interchanges. Vision was for businesses like MRD and Dieffenbach. He stated distribution became the hot use.

Bob Kessler asked about drainage plans along Old Route 22 prior to paving. Mike Graby stated they are working on it. They are crack sealing currently. Bob Kessler asked if there are engineering plans and when is the paving scheduled. Mike Graby stated they are still working on it and sometime in May.

Adam Martin stated Midway Road narrows just before the I-78 bridge. He was told Penn DOT plans did that.

Lloyd Brubacker stated the traffic on Brown Road is terrible, he had 31 cars pass him.

Thomas Hassler also commented on traffic and the need for enforcement.

Bill Straw stated the items being pointed out now are the reasons the joint boards are working on the zoning.

Michael Orendo stated we do need more traffic enforcement.

Betsy Bowman agreed with Michael Orendo.

Jake Meyer stated there is another part time officer being hired. There was an officer to start doing DOT inspections but cannot start at this time because of family obligations.

Larry Schmehl wanted to confirm where the trucks were going to enter the Daub Road warehouse according to the plan and the car traffic. It was stated trucks off of 645 and the cars from Brown Road.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mike Graby, seconded by Lee Groff to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jayne K Seifrit, Township Secretary