Bethel Township
Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission
Joint Zoning Ordinance and Map Amendment Meeting
August 27, 2019

The Bethel Township Joint meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Straw at 6:02 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, Brian Bauer and George Shollenberger. Also, in attendance were Solicitor Stephen Price, Engineer Jeffrey Steckbeck and Township Sec Treas Jayne Seifrit.

Jake Meyer stated it is the intent to address the areas where there are questions on the map. It would then be anticipated to be able to move this process forward in the near future.

Map

Jeffrey Steckbeck had a large map with six areas to be discussed and finalized. Jeffrey Steckbeck gave an overview of the six areas, those being: 1. Boltz at the north west area of 645 in the area of the Bowman properties. He stated it looks odd to leave it in AP when it would fill in the IC area in that location. 2. South of Flying J/Pilot west side of 645, it is IC, is a change desired? 3. 81 Daub Road is IC, clear it should remain IC. 4. West of Bordner Road showing C, may remain in IC. 5. 14 properties along 419 south of Old Route 22 showing C, could remain AP. 6. Burkhart property near interchange of 419 and I-78. Was IC now shows C, not clear from notes if it should be IC.

The Joint Board looked at each one, discussed and decided which district it should be in, and is as follows: 6. IC not C, 5. AP not C, 4. AP not C, 2. Remain in IC, 3. Remain in IC and 1. Boltz go into IC by a vote of 5 – 4.

Larry Schmehl asked about the property on Daub Road going to AP. He stated the Township would be gaining AP if the plan/warehouse is not approved. It was again decided to keep the property in IC, as to not create a non-conforming situation.

Ordinance Text

Any questions on the text of the Ordinance? They would like to have the Ordinance resent and or printed to verify it is what is desired. Jeffrey Steckbeck stated when he reviewed the Ordinance it does not allow for flag lots. He stated in the Township’s he works with they do allow for flag lots. He will get verbiage together for the members to review if members would like. Another area that is not in Bethel Township’s Ordinance is about all lots abutting public streets, other Ordinances he works with have/allow for shared driveways. Not interested in shared driveways.

Brian Bauer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm., seconded by Corey Houser. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne K Seifrit
Township Secretary