The Bethel Township Planning Commission meeting was held via Zoom and in person. Participating members were Betsy Bowman, Michael Orendo, George Shollenberger, Corey Houser, Sheldon Martin, Lisa Hassler and Bill Straw. Also, participating were Stephen Price, Solicitor, Jeffrey Steckbeck, Engineer, Zoning Officer, Robin Royer and Jayne Seifrit. Other interested persons were in attendance.

Public Comment on Agenda–

Hearing of Visitors

Approval of Minutes
Lisa Hassler made a correction to meeting minutes from May 12, 2020, that being her no vote was omitted in the NorthPoint approved final plan motion. George Shollenberger made a motion to approve minutes from May 12, 2020, seconded by Lisa Hassler. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor – Stephen Price
Stephen Price stated he has nothing at this time.

Engineer – Jeffrey Steckbeck
Jeffrey Steckbeck stated he has nothing at this time.

Zoning Officer – Robin Royer
Robin Royer stated 429 Frystown Road owner has a zoning hearing scheduled for July 8, 2020. They have three uses and need to apply for relief.
Robin Royer stated she has sent a letter to the property owner of 1000 Airport Rd. Robin Royer stated they were operating an AirBnB, mulch sales, farm stand and an HVAC business from the property. The owner stated they will stop the AirBnB immediately. They have permission to sell mulch until the end of June to deplete inventory. Robin Royer is looking into the additional driveway and contacted Penn DOT.
Robin Royer stated the person interested in putting in fast food at the property along 501 and Schubert Rd are continuing to do due diligence.

Subdivisions
MAIT
Corey Houser made a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors they accept extension to September 30, 2020, seconded by Lisa Hassler. All agreed. Motion carried.

Bowman et al LDP
Fred Bowman stated there is nothing to report at this time as they have not received any additional reviews.

New Subdivisions
None
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.

New Business

Public Comment

Betty Martin asked if the Berks County Planning Commission review letter for the Bowman plan would be discussed in the future. It was stated at some point it would be.

Judy Apgar questioned the no trucks on 645 and how they relate to the warehouses. She stated in 2006 she filed forms and received a permit from Penn DOT to travel on the road to get to their property on Little Mt. Road. Judy Apgar showed a picture taken of a tractor and trailer across both lanes of 645. Blocking the entire road way. Lisa Hassler stated enforcement of the no trucks has to happen. Judy Apgar also asked if the members go out and see the exact location for the plans they are approving prior to approving. The members stated they are very familiar with the locations of the plan as they are long time residents of the Township and travel the roadways daily. Judy Apgar stated truck traffic is going to continue to be an issue for the Township. Betsy Bowman agreed with Lisa Hassler when she said it comes to enforcement. Fort Henry Road has also had its share of trucks ending up where they don’t belong. Judy Apgar stated Betty Martin still has not gotten an answer to her question about why properties around the 645 interchange went from Ag to IC, which is not what the Comprehensive Plan supports.

Sheldon Martin stated the Daub Farm was already in IC.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Corey Houser and seconded by Bill Straw to adjourn the meeting. All agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Jayne K Seifrit, Township Secretary