December 8, 2020

The Bethel Township Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Bill Straw at 7:03 pm. Members present were Betsy Bowman, Lisa Hassler, George Shollenberger, Sheldon Martin, Michael Orendo and Bill Straw. Also, present were Stephen Price, Solicitor, Jeffrey Steckbeck, Engineer, Zoning Officer, Robin Royer (via Zoom) and Jayne Seifrit. Other interested persons were in attendance and on Zoom.

Public Comment on Agenda

Hearing of Visitors
Bryan Rohland was present to discuss the Forino plan and possible changes for possible new owner. He is asking for feed back on access to the property. There is a steeper slope from the road to driveway on Airport Rd. (from when they raised the bridge). They would like to use the easement drive that is for emergency access as the principal driveway and the Airport Rd entrance as the emergency one. They are also in discussion with Horning’s to purchase land to have a driveway instead of the easement. Planning Commission members are open to new idea with driveway, but stated they need to be sure access can be obtained for emergency vehicles.

Approval of Minutes
Michael Orendo made a motion to approve minutes from joint meeting with BOS November 10, 2020, seconded by George Shollenberger. Betsy Bowman made a motion to approve minutes from November 10, 2020, seconded by Bill Straw. Five members approved with Lisa Hassler opposing. Motion carried.

Solicitor – Stephen Price
Stephen Price stated they are all caught up, no report.

Engineer – Jeffrey Steckbeck
Jeffrey Steckbeck stated he has nothing to report.

Zoning Officer – Robin Royer
Robin Royer stated she received a call concerning truck at 203 Kline Rd. They would like to have truck parking in addition to the Bio-Char processing. Jeffrey Steckbeck stated he would need information to evaluate the additional use. Stephen Price questioned the reefer trucks. Robin Royer will get more information from Linford Snyder.
Robin Royer stated there is a zoning hearing scheduled for Dec. 9th at the Gathering Place in Bethel for Helena Chemical at 7:00 pm.

Subdivisions
MAIT – Extension Letter, Michael Orendo made a motion to accept extension until March 31, 2021, seconded by Betsy Bowman. All agreed. Motion carried.
New Subdivisions
550 and 551 Brown Rd Land Development – Stephen Price stated he spoke to Lucky Khinda prior to the meeting concerning zoning proposal and his property at 551 Brown Rd. Lucky Khinda stated they might be able to amend but would like to submit the plan at this time. Bill Straw made a motion to accept plan for review, seconded by Michael Orendo. 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.

New Business
   Meeting dates for 2021, Jayne Seifrit stated they would be for the second Tuesday of the month. Betsy Bowman made a motion to approve meeting dates for 2021 being the 2nd Tuesday of the month, seconded by Michael Orendo. All agreed. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Adjournment
   A motion was made by Michael Orendo and seconded by Lisa Hassler to adjourn the meeting. All agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne K. Seifrit, Township Secretary