

A Regular Meeting of the Bedford Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 located at the Bedford Township Municipal Building 1007 Shed Road with the following members present:
Supervisors: Chairman Gregory L. Crist, Vice Chairman Dean Shuller, Supervisor Ricky P. Fetter
Secretary/Treasurer: Janie L. McMillen, Assistant Secretary: Dorine Smith(absent)
Foreman: Rodney Bartholow, GHD Engineering: Ryan Calhoun
Solicitor: Attorney Bradley Allison
Guest: Bette Slayton, John Rex, Johathan Rex, Josh Gunnett, Wesley Waltower
Township Resident's: Tom Heit, Tom Hickey, Nick Murdock, Glen Smith

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Crist

Flag Salute: Chairman Crist requested all to rise and led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

Foreman Report: Foreman Bartholow reported they have been plowing and cindering Township Roads. Cutting brush and trees with the bucket truck on Dibert Road. The employees have been provided with safety equipment for tree and brush cutting along with the bucket truck safety equipment. They have been working on equipment as well when needed. Rodney has been working on the mowing tractor as well.

Citizen Comments: Bette Slayton from BCDA introduced Rex Heat owners to the Board. John Rex spoke to the Board pertaining to their operations, and why they are requesting a waiver of the Decommissioning Bond. Solicitor Allison stated, the Board cannot spot zoning and provide waivers to some and not others. The Board applies the Ordinance fairly across the Board with all the Businesses in the Township.

GHD Engineering Report: Representative Kevin Hartman P.E, and Ryan Calhoun review and report to the Board: on the following submitted projects with regards to compliance with the Subdivision Land Development Ordinance.

JLG Front Yard Storage Final Plan: 1st review ltr GHD dated 1/2/2024 was provided. The Solicitor provided the signed Developers Agreement & Stormwater Agreement that was signed by JLG, the Board will sign both and the Solicitor will record. This plan has prior approval.

Bedford Rural Electric: 2nd submittal Preliminary Plan 1/11/24: New Building & Parking Lot in Business Park I. Kevin provided a review letter dated 1/2/2024. BCPC ltr 1/19/2024. DEP Exemption approved 2/2/2024. Outstanding yet, is a signed Preliminary Plan with the Lot Line Change Plan. 1/16/2024 preliminary approval was granted contingent on new plan submittal. They will be going to a Final Plan after Preliminary Plan.

Fishers Country Store: 4th submittal 2/16/24: Loading Dock, Paving & Excavation: GHD provided a letter 2/5/24 and BCPC ltr 12/11/23. Ryan stated they have not reviewed this submission yet.

HSHM Holdings LLC: 1st submission development plan: GHD provided a review letter 12/7/23. BCPC letter 12/4 23. DEP approved the planning exemption 1/24/2024. Ryan stated he is concerned with the Stormwater area and will place that in the review letter. No new information was provided.

Friendship Vlg: Campground & Duplex Expansion: 26 Duplex units 72 Mobile Home units: 1st submittal Preliminary Plan: GHD provided a review letter dated 9/29/23. BCPC ltr was received 9/21/23. Kevin stated they have reviewed the traffic study and did not consider the main entrance to Lakewood Manor. Kevin stated he addressed this in the letter to the Engineer. They will also be conducting road core bores for the placement of blacktop for Penn Dot standards. The 2nd DEP Planning Exemption information was received 2/5/2024 and was completed and mailed to DEP 2/15/2024.

MABB: Chemical Feed Bldg: 1st Submission Preliminary Plan: GHD provided a review letter dated 1/2/2024 and BCPC review letter 12/7/23. Kevin stated they will need to address the items and resubmit another preliminary plan. They will follow with as-built plan after it is built. They will also need a Road Bond on Fairlane Drive. Prior approval contingent on a new plan submission.

Astor Rd LLC: Solar Project: A Final Plan was received 12/5/23. GHD review ltr: 12/14/23. Kevin stated everything on the Final Plan was addressed. This has prior approval: Outstanding is Decommissioning Bond and Executed Developers Agreement. We have received the Final Plan and Development Bond.

American Trailer: Engineer Coughenour: Preliminary Plan has prior approval. The building must be placed before the Final Plan is submitted per GHD. The Final Plan Royce submitted 2/8/24 will not be reviewed, he will need to submit another Final Plan once the building is placed.

The remaining plans remained tabled with no new updates:

MDL: Lingsch Properties LLC: 2nd submission Preliminary Plan 9/26/23 Commercial Building & Addition: GHD provided a review letter dated 9/29/23 and reviewed with the Board. The Planning Exemption was approved by DEP 10/11/2023. Contingent Approval has been granted, remaining yet is the agreement from Sunoco. They will build from Preliminary Plan approval and submit as built plans when completed. The plan will not be executed by the Board until the Sunoco agreement is provided to the Township.

Rex Heat: 1st submittal Installation of Solar Photovoltaic System: GHD provided a review letter dated 9/18/2023. They are requesting a waiver for the Bond for Decommissioning. The Board will not grant this waiver.

Escheverria: 2nd Submittal Subdivision Plan: GHD provided a 2nd review ltr dated 10/10/2022 they are securing required HOP information through PennDOT. Provided a 90-day extension: 1/16/2024.

GHD: Continued: open items report: No new updates were provided by GHD

Backsprings Road: easements to be signed and soli testing will be starting by 3rd party entity.

Patio Ranch Rd: Township sent a letter to the property owners to sign easement at Solicitor Allison's office.

Chicken Barn: Final Inspection will be needed once Stormwater is updated.

Solicitor's Items: *Solicitor Allison reported on the following items:*

- ❖ EMS Intergovernmental Agreement: Bedford Ambulance Association: working on this.
- ❖ Shuster Way Trail: Updated Ordinance, working on this.
- ❖ Hold harmless & Developers Ag: JLG Sunnyside Front Yard Storage was signed and the Solicitor will have it recorded and return to Township.
- ❖ DEP; Form B-Non Bldg Waivers: Solicitor Allison has found no law stating Section E of the waiver. Dean made a motion to send a letter to Altoona DEP, requesting where it states that section E is Law and not policy, second by Supervisor Fetter and carried unanimously.
- ❖ Shuster Way Heritage Trail: Preparing the new Ordinance for this Trail.
- ❖ Solicitor will record the Hold harmless agreement from the Omni Bedford Sprgs for a fence placement.

NEW BUSINESS: as follows: was reviewed acknowledged or discussed by the Board.

Waltower: Sunnyside Rd Sketch Plan: Josh Gunnett discussed with the Board the plan of a Building and parking area and asked if they had any questions about the sketch before providing a Preliminary Plan.

Steven & Monika Fierro: Lot Line change: 2nd submittal: BCPC sent the review letter to property owners and the Engineer corrected the note on the plan and submitted a second plan prior to the Township meeting. The Board approved on a motion by Supervisor Fetter, second by Chairman Crist and carried unanimously. The Plan contingent on the Township review. This will also have a community operation and Maint. Agreement.

Barry Shatzer: 1st submittal Lot Line Change will be forwarded to BCPC for review and the Board for review.

Sharon Hagerich: 1st Submittal Lot Line Change to be forwarded to BCPC for review and the Board for review.

Kuharchik Construction: provided an acceptance of proposal for pricing for services rendered. They bought out Tel-Power for Traffic Signal Maintenance. Chairman Crist made a motion to accept, second by Supervisor Fetter, and carried unanimously.

Bedford Borough: Intergovernmental Agreement: Shuster Way Heritage Trail the Borough provided signed and approved agreements for the Board. Chairman Crist made a motion to approve, second by Supervisor Fetter, and carried unanimously.

Correspondence: as follows:

Stiffler & McGraw: Act 14 notice: Notice of application for SRBC Annual Permit.

Executive Session was called to order by Chairman Crist for litigation item at 5:50 pm. The session was over at 6:09 pm with no motions made.

There being no further business, Chairman Crist made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 6.09 pm second by V/Chairman Shuller and carried unanimously.

Acronyms:

BTMA: Bedford Township Municipal Authority
BCAM: Bedford County Assoc of Municipalities
BJMA: Bedford Joint Municipal Authority
BSC: Bedford Sanitary Corporation
BCPC: Bedford County Planning Commission
CDBG: Community Development Block Grant

Respectfully Submitted,

Janie L. McMillen, Secretary/Treasurer