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To: Honorable Members of the Bethlehem Township Board of Commissioners
Doug Bruce, Township Manager
From: Amanda L. Raudenbush, AICP, Planning Director
Date: July 11, 2019
Re: July 15, 2019 Board of Commissioners Meeting Report

Departmental Activities

- Residential permitting software operational
- Continue implementation of planning software
- Continue cleaning and straightening of office area
- Finalizing proposed 503 amendment package for Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry

Pre-Application Meeting

Two Pre-Application Meetings were held on July 10, 2019 with Township Staff.

- Notre Dame High School Auditorium

The applicant proposes an addition on the north side of the existing school. The proposal consists of an auditorium of approximately 18,000 square feet with approximately 600 seats. The conversation focused on the required stormwater controls for the additional impervious coverage. Further conversation on the practical use of the facility and its possible impact on parking suggested the applicant be aware of that relationship. This property is located on Church Road and is currently zoned RR – Rural Residential.

- Grace Church – 4301 Hecktown Road

The applicant proposes a new church at 4301 Hecktown Road. The initial phase of the project would replace the existing structures on the site with an approximate 60,000 square foot church. The church representatives are also planning on a future phase with an approximate 40,000 square foot addition. A pre-school component is not currently proposed but has not been expressly decided against at this point. The church will be served by public

water and public sewer. The applicant acknowledged that they desire to be good neighbors and will work with the Township and the neighbors to mitigate any impacts.

Board of Commissioners New Business

- **Lehigh Valley Underground – Preliminary/Final Plan** - The applicant has submitted a preliminary/final plan for a 12,000± square foot (sf) commercial construction building on Falmer Drive. The project site is a 2.02± acre parcel is located within the General Industrial (GI) District and the Commercial Enhancement, and Streetscape Enhancement Overlay Districts.

Board of Commissioners Old Business

- None

Current Submissions for July 22, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting

- **Green Pond Country Club Barn Addition – Site Plan** – Due to improvements required by the HOP for Green Pond TOA, a garage and an addition to a barn at Green Pond Country Club needed to be removed along Farmersville Road. The applicant would like to recoup the lost storage area by building a 3,000 square foot addition on the existing barn. The Township ordinances require a site plan for any building expansion of more than 2,000 square feet of floor area built in any consecutive twenty-four month period.