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To: Honorable Members of the Bethlehem Township Board of Commissioners
Doug Bruce, Township Manager
From: Amanda L. Raudenbush, AICP, CFM, Planning Director
Date: September 10, 2019
Re: September 16, 2019 Board of Commissioners Meeting Report

Departmental Activities

- Presentation of submitted projects to Lehigh Valley Transportation Study for inclusion in the Long Range Transportation Plan
- Staff attended petition for hearing regarding culverts
- Staff attended multiple meetings for land development applications

Pre-Application Meeting

No Pre-Application Meetings were held with Township Staff this month.

Board of Commissioners New Business

Lehigh Valley Academy Charter School – Sketch Plan – The plan proposes development of a new K-12 Regional Charter School for 1,950 students, 2 parking areas (401 spaces total), a bus drop off area (35 bus capacity), 2 soccer fields, and a stormwater management facility on an existing 60-acre lot located north of Route 22, east of Hecktown Road, and west of Farmersville Road. Access to the school is proposed via a new road connection to Hecktown Road over an adjacent 29-acre parcel. The project is located within the Agricultural (AG) Zoning District. The applicant proposes to bring public water and public sewer to the site.

Notre Dame High School – Auditorium Addition – Sketch Plan - The plan proposes an 18,000 square foot auditorium expansion on the north side of the existing Notre Dame High School over an existing lawn area. Additionally, 3 parking spaces are proposed to be relocated, and curb or a berm is proposed along the western edge of an existing

parking area to direct runoff to a proposed Stormwater Management BMP. The High School Campus is located on a 39 acre parcel west of Church Road and east of Farmersville Road, and is within the Rural Residential (RR) Zoning District. A note on the plan indicates that water and sanitary sewer services will be provided from the existing building. A private secondary school is listed as a Conditional Use in the RR Zoning District. Per the Zoning Ordinance, this is reviewed as a Site Plan.

Board of Commissioners Old Business

- **Bamboo**, 3512 Driftwood Place – A hearing for the Preliminary Injunction was scheduled for September 10, 2019. The property owners were in attendance; however they did not have legal representation and requested that the hearing be continued until they were able to obtain representation. It was decided that the property owners and the Township would work together to obtain an estimate for the work that is needed to bring the property into compliance. The property owners will then contract to get the work done. The hearing will be continued on October 8 at 11:00 am to update the judge of progress and move forward. Additionally, as there are still outstanding citations regarding this issue, a hearing at the District Magistrate is currently scheduled for Tuesday September 17.

-**Culverts**, 3268 Easton Avenue & 3276 Easton Avenue – A hearing for Preliminary and Special Injunction is scheduled for Thursday, September 19 at 11:00 am.

Current Submissions for September 23, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting

- **Basile Oakland Street Subdivision – Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan**

- **Hecktown Road Business Park Lots 6 & 7 – Final Plan**