

**BETHEL TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION WORK SESSION MINUTES  
APRIL 4, 2025**

A work session was held with Bethel Township Planning Commission Board, Bell & Evans, and Steckbeck Engineering at 10:00 a.m. at the Bethel Township Building, 3015 South Pine Grove Street, Fredericksburg, Pa with the following people present.

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| Beverly Martel   | Chairman            |
| David Brubaker   | Vice-Chairman       |
| Dale Snader      | Board Member        |
| Kathleen Sheroky | Recording Secretary |
| Matthew Mack     | Township Engineer   |

Approximately 7 audience members were in attendance.

**COMMENTS** – Mike Mengel, Gary Lentz, and James Mentzer all commented in regards to Bell & Evans - Chestnut Hill Road / Blue Mountain Road Improvements.

**BUSINESS**

**Bell & Evans - Chestnut Hill Road / Blue Mountain Road Improvements** – Scott Sechler and Michael Bracella from Bell & Evans, along with Alex Kinzey from Steckbeck Engineering provided three different concepts to improve Chestnut Hill Road / Blue Mountain Road. Alex will forward an electronic copy of “Concept B” to the Board. Concepts included:

- **Cul de sac (Concepts A & B - #250327)** – Bell & Evans would create two Cul de sacs on Chestnut Hill Road. One would be for Bell & Evans’ employees and truck traffic to the West. The other would be for the Chestnut Hill Road residents and traffic would flow out to the East. Implementing the use of Guard Shacks and a Gate on the Bell & Evans side of Chestnut Hill Road to stop traffic from traveling through. Letters would be sent out to the residents with neighboring properties for approval/disapproval. Sidewalk would remain open to the public.
- **Alignment Plan / 4-way stop (Concept 2 - #221212)** – Constructing a partial new road with a larger intersection and 4-way stop on both roads.  
***\*The Board is in favor of this plan.***
- **Intersection Alignment Plan / 2-way stop** – More invasive concept, restructuring and widening Chestnut Hill Road and Blue Mountain Road with 2-way stops on Chestnut Hill Road only.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed that more research needs to be done. First, a Traffic Study needs to be done. Then, Matthew Mack to have a meeting with our Traffic Engineer, Alex Kinzey, and ELA.

**ADJOURNMENT** – With no further business, David Brubaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Seconded by Dale Snader. All voted in favor.

***Respectfully Submitted,***

***Kathleen Sheroky, Recording Secretary***