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Dear Neighbor,

Many of us have received a notice of a March 13th meeting being conducted by a developer proposing to construct residences on the former Silverstri's Mushrooms site ("Silverstri's"). Others may have become aware of the meeting through social media. We encourage you to attend, listen and voice your opinion on the issue. The intent of this letter is to provide the context under which the proposed developer has called this meeting and to let you know that **this is not a Township sponsored event.**

Silverstri's is located in the Township's R-1 Residential Zoning District. Among other criteria, this district requires each lot to be a minimum of 30,000 square feet. This developer approached the Township with a request to change the zoning to permit him to construct 48 homes on approximately one-quarter acre lots. The Township's Solicitor and Engineer met with him and then polled the Supervisors to determine whether the Board had any interest in accommodating a zoning change. **Each of us indicated that we would not support a zoning change,** and we declined to advance this request any further.

We believe this meeting to be an effort by the developer to garner community support for a zoning change to allow more density at Silverstri's. Attendees will likely hear of environmental challenges at the site, including a cesspool and contamination. While we acknowledge these challenges, we believe them to be a factor of the market value of Silverstri's and not a circumstance that warrants a zoning change to accommodate increased density.

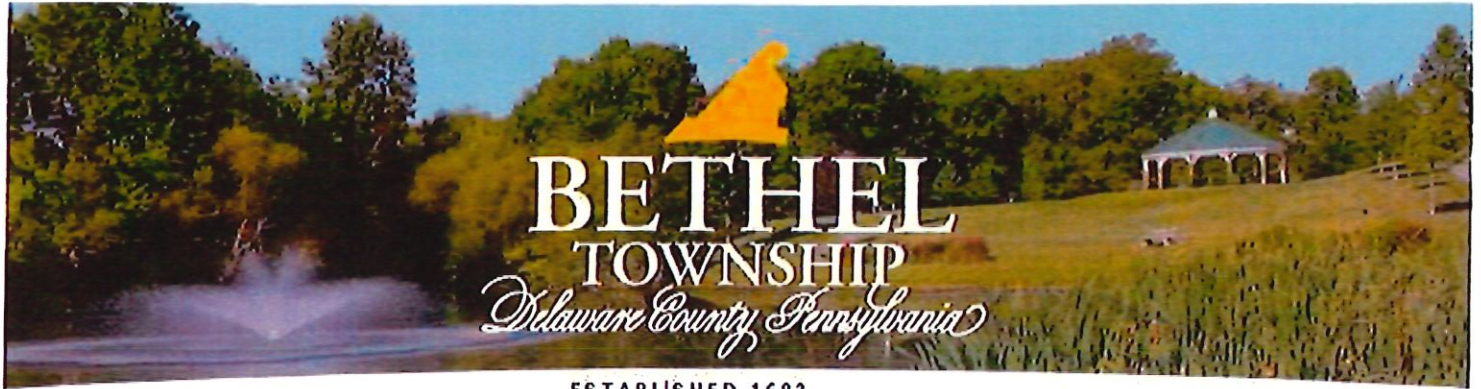
All of this being said, we value community input, and you will likely see Township representatives at the March 13th meeting. Please do not mistake our presence as an endorsement of a zoning change; rather our attendance will only be to observe and gauge your opinions on the proposal.

Please feel free to contact any of us with any opinions or questions about this important issue. Our contact information is included with this letter and also available on the Township website at www.betheltwp.com.

Very truly yours,
Bethel Township Board of Supervisors

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