Subject: Request by J & B Partners, LLC for subdivision sketch design approval of “Bingham Ridge”, consisting of 24 lots on approximately 97 acres, located off S. R. 1536, Lamont Norwood Road, Baldwin Township.

Action Requested: See Recommendations.

Attachments:
1. Major subdivision application.
2. ArcView map, parcel #63779

Submitted By:
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Keith Megginson, Planning Director          Date

County Manager Review:
Charlie Horne, County Manager
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Date

This abstract requires review by:
☒ County Attorney  Date Reviewed
☒ Finance Officer  Date Reviewed
☐ Budget Officer  Date Reviewed
Introduction & Background:

Zoning: RA-40
Minimum lot size: 1.50 acres
Watershed District: WSIV-PA
Water hazard setback: 50 feet
Water source: Private wells
Within 100 year flood: No

Discussion & Analysis: The developer is requesting sketch design approval of 24 lots to be accessed by a state maintained, public roadway. Properties to the north owned by Runyon and Beckwith are lots within The Hills of North Chatham subdivision and are accessed by a private road off Gilmore Road, SR-1535. The Thad J. Bingham property is a 103 acre tract which appears to be landlocked. Due to the location of the proposed roadway within the subject property and the distance from the Thad Bingham tract, approximately 800 feet, staff is not recommending a stub-out be provided.

Each lot is to be served by an individual well, septic system and repair area. The lot design is based on the areas of suitable soils. The soil scientist’s report and map have been reviewed by Thomas Boyce, Chatham County Environmental Health Specialist, and found to be adequate for the sketch design proposal. Several adjacent property owners were present at the Planning Board meeting and expressed concerns regarding the number of proposed lots (24) with each having individual wells.

The creek shown on the sketch design map is shown on the USGS Topographical map as an intermittent flowing stream. A 50 foot stream buffer has been shown along both sides of the creek as required by the Watershed Ordinance.

Budgetary Impact:

Recommendation: The Planning Department and Planning Board recommend granting sketch design approval of the plat as submitted with the following condition:

1. Prior to preliminary plat submittal, the developer shall evaluate a more efficient septic layout for lots 17 – 24 (taking into consideration the location of the well on the Thomas Harris property).