

The Bethlehem Manor case: field trip!

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So have you been playing along? What decision would you make if you were on the Zoning Hearing Board?

At the historic commissions, planning commission, and zoning board hearings, Gadfly has often thought a field trip would be helpful for the members.

Those bodies work from photos, sketches, design plans, blueprints, verbal testimony, etc. I wonder why video is not used. A laptop set up at the “Mayor’s desk” would make it possible, I think. And maybe it could be helpful at times.

Gadfly was struck by neighbor Anne Lendzinski’s comment that what Bethlehem Manor wanted to do was appropriate at their Saucon Valley Manor facility but not the “homey environment” of Pennsylvania Ave.

So Gadfly decided to get a personal feel for the validity of her point and take a field trip to both locations and take (unfortunately) unprofessional videos.

Here are two short videos on Bethlehem Manor: [Bethlehem Manor 1](#) and [Bethlehem Manor 2](#).

And here are two short videos on another facility owned by the same company, Saucon Valley Manor, Main St., Hellertown: [Saucon Valley Manor 1](#) and [Saucon Valley Manor 2](#).

Does Anne have a point?

Would “being there” help the Board make a decision?