

**Charter Township of Bedford**  
**115 S. ULDRIKS DRIVE**  
**BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN 49037-1165**

CHARTER TOWNSHIP of BEDFORD PLANNING MEETING April 6, 2021

Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chairperson, Stacy Greenwood. Rollcall:  
Present – Beamish, Brown, Green, Greenwood, Jones Excused – McKnight, Stover

Motion by Greenwood @ Jones for acting secretary, Beamish seconded

Motion by Jones to approve 4/6/21 Agenda – Greenwood moved to remove Marijuana Licensing for discussion, seconded by Beamish, All in favor by rollcall vote.

Motion by Brown to approve 3/23/21 Minutes – Seconded by Greenwood

Public Comment Time – Opened at 7:12pm by Chair Greenwood with statement that the Planning Commission could address only “Zoning” matters as it pertains to Medical Marihuana.

Citizen’s comments: Mr. Kraig Dingman (Uldriks Rd) – Ms. Carol Duck (Hubbard Rd) – Mr. Tim Wood (Virginia Ave.) – Mr. John Henderson (Hubbard Rd.) All opposed to the community’s involvement in the allowance of marihuana establishments and provisioning centers based on several reasons such as: - State of Michigan’s lack of involvement & monitoring - bad for the Township - deceptive and incorrect information from outside sources on property values increase/decrease - we stand nothing to gain - the township tax revenues should not be used - other townships have no support from the State - wants it dropped - no deadline dates noted for provisioning centers to open after being approved

Also commenting was Mr. Dennis Cowande @ Wolverine Real Estate who believed there would be discussion on Recreational Marihuana at this scheduled meeting. He also stated the pleasure of being in the community and compliance as well as contribution. Chairperson Greenwood explained our zoning assignment and that Recreational would be a different hearing.

All Public Comments closed at 7:21pm.

Commissioner Discussion: In review of present Marihuana Ordinances such as: setbacks, floor space, lighting, odor, security cameras, hours of operation and physical appearance. Also reviewed the prospect of outdoor plantings (pine & lavender) to eliminate air odor and commissioner field trips to review grow areas before harvest. Motion to keep Ordinance as is by Chairperson Greenwood, Supported by Board Representative Beamish, Roll call vote: All in favor, Motion carried.

Chair Greenwood stated the fact that the Planning Commission has no jurisdiction in Licensing or in legislative matters. Planning responsibility is only as it pertains to “land use.” These facts were verified by Township Atty. Macfarlane.

Discussion concluded at 7:37 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:37 pm

Next Zoom Planning Meeting April 27, 2021 @ 7pm

Respectfully submitted, Barb Jones (Vice Chair) Acting Secretary