

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2020

1. **Call to Order – 7:05 pm** by Chairman Beamish who outlined the process for a virtual (ZOOM) meeting and the protocol to address questions and/or concerns in reference to facilitating this type of meeting.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call:** Commissioner Beamish, (teleconference), Commissioner Cipic , (teleconference), Commissioner Jones , (teleconference), Commissioner Brown , (absent), Commissioner Stover , (teleconference), Commissioner Shotts , (teleconference), Commissioner Greenwood , (teleconference),

4. **Approval of the August 25, 2020 Agenda** – Motion moved by Commissioner Beamish, supported by Commissioner Greenwood, and resolved by the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the August 25, 2020 agenda, as submitted.

5. **Approval of the May 26, 2020 Minutes** -Moved by Commissioner Beamish, supported by Commissioner Stover with the correction of the need to change Commissioner Stover’s presence at the 5/26/2020 whereas it was indicated that he was present but was absent. Resolved with the correction by the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the May 26, 2020 Minutes, as submitted.

6. **Public Comment Time:** None

7. **Public Hearing: Opened Discussion 7:11pm-** Rezoning request for 275 N. Uldriks, parcel 13-04-530-048-00 to change zoning from RB-Medium density residential to AG Agricultural. Resident Oscar Etienne presented information about the request indicating the rezoning purpose

was to join his two adjacent plots to this RB-Medium density residential plot. Residents Deb and Tom Quinn addressed questions and concerns regarding this potential change. Commissioners presented questions relevant to the future of the property and the possible need for rezoning again in the future if all three (3) properties are sold. Motion moved by Commissioner Beamish, supported by Commissioner Jones and resolved by the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Bedford to recommend to the Township Board that 275 N. Uldriks, parcel 13-04-530-048-00 be rezoned from RB-Medium density residential to AG Agricultural as submitted. **Closed Discussion at 7:44 pm** **Vote:** Commissioner Beamish- Yes, Commissioner Cipicic- Yes, Commissioner Jones- Yes, Commissioner Stover- Yes, Commissioner Shotts-Yes, Commissioner Greenwood- Yes – Motion Approved

8. **Discussion to establish a Parks & Recreation Committee-** Discussion was made in reference to the proposal as presented by Commissioner Beamish to develop a Charter Township of Bedford Parks and Recreation Committee. The purpose of this Committee as described by Commissioner Stover is to provide “guidance” to the community and the Board of Trustees for future planning of the allocated funds being distributed to all Calhoun County Townships. These funds were voted and approved 8/4/2020 as a Millage. It was explained that the Millage allocated funds in the amount of \$25,000 (estimate) that would be provided to Charter Township of Bedford. These funds would complement the current Township Parks and Recreation Plan. Commissioners provided input into the purpose, development and need for such a committee. There was also long discussion on the selection of the committee members and the Chairperson. **Motion** moved by Commissioner Beamish to propose to the Township Board the following: “ The development of a Parks and Recreation Committee consisting of no greater than 10 individuals and Chaired by Commissioner Stover” Supported by Commissioner Stover. **Vote:** Commissioner Beamish- Yes, Commissioner Cipcic- Yes, Commissioner Jones- Yes, Commissioner Stover- Yes, Commissioner Shotts-No, Commissioner Greenwood- Yes – Motion Approved.

9. **Public Comment Time:** None

10. **Planning Commission member time:**

Commissioner Cipic , Expressed his gratitude to Commissioner Stover for “stepping up to help with the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Commissioner Jones, Reiterated the importance of reviewing and utilizing the Township Parks and Recreation Plan that several hours were spent developing.

Commissioner Stover, Expressed the support for the development of the Committee and the need to involve community residents into the planning/committee to receive their input.

Commissioner Shotts , Expressed his concerns in reference to the ongoing Chairperson’s handling of the Commission meetings. Cited several issues related to bias and irregularities to the functioning of the meeting both present and pass.

Commissioner Greenwood, No Comment

Commissioner Beamish, Expressed his responsibilities as the Chairperson and cited the importance of maintaining order and for the Commission “not to present personal attacks” on each other. Voiced his opinion on the importance of developing the Parks and Recreation Committee.

11. Chair adjourned the meeting to end @ **8:15 pm** – Next meeting is October 27, 2020