

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD**  
**TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037**

**July 27, 2021- 7:00 PM**

1. **Call to Order** -7:01 pm EST by Commissioner Greenwood, Chair
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**- Barry Beamish, Board Trustee (Present), Commissioner Ty Green, (Absent) Commissioner Nikki McKnight, (Absent) Commissioner Barb Jones, (Present) Commissioner Claudia Brown, (Present) Commissioner Rick Stover, (Present) Commissioner/Chair Stacy Greenwood (Present)
4. Commissioner Greenwood, Chair provided meeting guidance to facilitate a highly structured meeting. Requests included:
  - a. Speak clearly and direct questions to the Chairperson
  - b. 3 minutes per resident to speak during Public Comment time.
  - c. Residents provide name/address when requesting time to speak during Public Comment time.
5. **Approval of the July 27, 2021 agenda** – Moved by Commissioner Brown with second by Trustee Beamish – Roll Called-Passed
6. **Approval of the June 23, 2021, meeting minutes**- Moved by Commissioner Greenwood with second by Commissioner Brown – Roll Called-Passed
7. **New Business** -Motion by Chair Commissioner Greenwood to have Barry Beamish, Board Trustee be designated as the official Liaison between the Planning Commission and the Board of Trustees – Trustee Beamish advised that the Board would be potentially sending a request to the Planning Commission to review the current truck ordinances. Roll Called-Passed
8. **Public Comment Time for non-agenda items** None Closed at 7:08 pm
9. **Open Discussion regarding recreational/adult use marijuana, and what if any facilities should be allowed. Documentation regarding this topic was sent to all members prior to the meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup> to review the medical marijuana ordinances. Options for recreational/adult use marijuana include retailer (provisioning center); grower, processor, microbusiness, secure transporter, safety compliance, designated consumption establishment (social club), event organizer, and temporary event. Started at 7:07 pm**

**Discussion:** Commissioners/Trustee expressed concerns/issues related to the following:

- Commissioner Greenwood reviewed the findings of discussion with Battle Creek Police Department (Lt. Bagwell), Battle Creek Planning/Zoning Coordinator, Liaison to the Planning Commission and Harvest Corporation-Doug Steward,
- Commissioner Brown reviewed the findings of discussion with Harvest Corporation-Doug Steward from their Marshall location
- Commissioner Jones expressed concerns after review with the City of Battle Creek to include the lack of state compliance inspections/monitoring Suggestion that there be a designated Township marijuana administrator paid for by the revenue generated through the marijuana licensure fees. Also included in that discussion was the suggestion to the board to use that revenue to assist with Parks and Recreation for the Township
- Commissioner Stover interviewed residents who expressed the same concerns as were expressed with the medical marijuana licensures
- Amount of current medical marijuana (licensed) in the township whereas the buildings are empty, the lack of state monitoring of the compliance issue.
- Commissioner Green advised that he had reached out and discussed the issue with a business owner in Dowling.

**10. Open for comments, discussion with residents/business owners.** Opened at 7:10 pm

- Business owners expressed concerns related to time delays on submitting requests for recreational marijuana licensures and the lost potential revenue to their companies. They also reviewed the overall benefits to the township and addressed concerns expressed by the Planning Commission. Those businesses were: Business Educational Growth Company, Harvest Corporation-Doug Steward and Brant Johnson representative for the Family Pizza.
- Resident Doug Cieslak Udricks Ave expressed support for the recreational ordinance.
- Board Trustee Jones expressed for the need for further research and asked questions to the business owners. Discussion closed at 7:36 pm

**11. Commissioner Greenwood made the Motion to table any further Planning Commission involvement and to move it to the Board of Trustees to take up for consideration. Encouraged business owners and residents to attend the 8/12/2021 Board meeting Motion seconded by Trustee Beamish Roll call- Passed**

**12. Planning Commissioner time- None**

**13. Public Comment Time: None**

**14. Chairperson Commissioner Greenwood adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.**

Next Meeting is August 17, 2021

Respectfully submitted by Rick Stover, Planning Commission Secretary