

Charter Township of Bedford
115 S. Uldriks Drive
Battle Creek, Michigan 49037-1165
Bedford Township Planning Meeting- Minutes

January 28, 2020

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Barry Beamish @ 7:01 pm
2. Members Present: Beamish, Brown, Cipic, Jones, Schotts, Stover (Greenwood-excused)
Several community members present as well as community AccessVision (Bob) recording meeting
3. First Order of business: Motion to elect 2020 officers with the following as nominated:
Barry Beamish (Current Chairperson) – for 2020 Committee Chair
Barb Jones for 2020 Committee Vice-Chair
Rick Stover for 2020 Committee Secretary
Motion made by Cipic and Supported by Stover-All in favor

Approval of the January 28, 2020 Agenda- Motion made by Beamish and Supported by Cipic-
All in favor

Approval of the November 26, 2019 Minutes- Motion made by Beamish and Supported by
Jones-All in favor

2020 Planning Commission meeting dates set for:

February 25, 2020

April 28, 2020

June 23, 2020

August 25, 2020

October 27, 2020

Note: Chair reserves the right to call additional meetings as needed to address any
important matter - Motion made by Beamish and Supported by Cipic-All in favor

4. Public Comment Time: AccessVision volunteer (Bob) advised that he was a resident of the
Township and would like to know what the business named "Harvest" on West Michigan Ave.
is doing? Beamish explained that it was a new Marihuana store (the 1st one provided a permit
in the Township)
5. Final acceptance/review of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan and recommendation to the
Board. Discussion was presented by Stover on potentially tabling the motion in order for
further review by himself. Motion was made by Shotts with Support by Stover to table
acceptance – Motion denied by majority of Board. After further discussion, Motion made by
Beamish and Supported by Cipic to move forward with acceptance of the Parks & Rec Plan-
All in favor with Stover abstaining
6. Tabled from November 26, 2019: Public Hearing: Conditional Use request for property 04-029-
006-04, 3301 West Michigan Avenue to allow for a medical marihuana provisioning center.
Retable for the June 23, 2020 Planning Commission to allow applicant time to receive
appropriate documentation from the State of Michigan. Motion made by Beamish and
Supported by Cipic-All in favor

7. Review of Master Plan Draft document presented by Joyce Foondle, Assessor for Bedford Township with discussion and review of the Township property classification maps. Ms. Foondle recommends further discussion/review to address the need for potential changes in the zoning maps. Several requests by the Committee were made with regards to specific types of maps needed to include possible topographical maps and others to be obtained from the County at a cost which would need to be approved by the Township Board beforehand. No action was taken at this time.
8. Public Comment Time: 1. Battle Creek Police Officer (Perry) requested that the Township provide the community with education on "lighting their addresses i.e. mailbox" with reflective numbers to allow the Police to assist with better response to situations. Commission members advised of reflective address signs available through the Township at \$20.00 per piece and will have further discussions as to how best to market that product to the community. 2. AccessVision volunteer (Bob) advised of the value/purpose of the community having videotaped access to the Planning Commission meetings. Advised that the taping would be available on AccessVision as well as U-Tube for community viewing. 3. Community member (John) expressed concerns with regards to being on U-tube with Bob explaining the protections of copy rights etc....
9. Planning Commission member time: Jones: Advised that if street lights are out, the community members need to advise Consumers Energy due to the fact that the company does not automatically check all lights. Jones: Thanked Township Supervisor Johnson for attending tonight's meeting. Stover: Expressed gratitude to the Commission for their support for joining the Planning Commission. Stover: Requested clarification from AccessVision as to the ongoing need for their presence at the monthly meeting and why the start of this process. Shotts: Expressed concerns in reference to the Commission Chair in regarding the handling of the Parks/Recreations draft vote. Shotts: Thanked AccessVision and Adam H. for their attendance at tonight's meeting. Beamish: Responded to concerns regarding the handling of the Parks/Recreations draft vote. Cipic: Expressed/acknowledged Sally and Joyce in regards to their work on the Parks/Recreations draft.
10. Motion made by Beamish and supported by Stover to adjourn at 8:10 pm. All in favor.

Recorded and presented by: Rick Stover, Planning Commission Secretary