

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD**  
**115 S. ULDRIKS DRIVE**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**BATTLE CREEK, MI 49037**  
**June 28, 2022**

1. **Call to Order**-6:30 pm by Chairperson Barbara Jones
  - **Pledge of Allegiance administered by attending body**
2. **Roll Call**- Barry Beamish, Board Trustee, Commissioners Barbara Jones, Shirley Tuggle, Kevin Villadsen, Claudia Brown, and Tawney Wolters. Quorum present.
3. **Approval of June 28, 2022, Agenda.** Moved by Claudia Brown, second by Beamish motion approved.
4. **Approval of May 24, 2022 minutes,** moved by Tuggle second by Villadsen, Motion approved.
5. **Liaison report: Trustee Berry Beamish** – Special Board meeting –June 27, 2022, working on the sewer project on River Road. It is a \$5.1 Million dollar project. We Can get Loans from the state with the Federal Government pushing loan forgiveness. We will have another meeting on Thursday to vote either up or down. Deadline July 1. Have 3 homes on River Road contaminated with PFAS. They have been provided filtration systems. A hook- up \$670.00 and \$30 a month depending on usage. Seems like a decent plan, CTS engineers working on it. Hope to know about loan forgiveness before we enter loan.
6. **B : (Building and Zoning Administrator ) Kara Dougherty**
  - Reviewing several different zoning violations. Someone started building a Pole Barn.
  - Finishing Master Planner Certificate.
7. **Public Comment Time:** No comments open/closed at 6:37 pm.
8. **Old Business:**
  - a. Master Plan Update-Kara Dougherty- (Building and Zoning Administrator) Raphael sending letters of intent to update our Master Plan to all the surrounding townships. Have a volunteer (community Service) looking at Zoning Ordinances from now to 2014. Some ordinances may be in violation. Raphael coming down to give Planning Commission an update. GIS Mapping was the last Master Plan in 1984. Our company is McKenna.

**9. New Business:**

**a.** Appointment of the new chairperson, discussion. It was moved by Trustee Beamish to nominate Kevin Villadsen as the chair of the Planning Commission. Second by Tawney Wolters. Motion carried. Trustee Beamish then moved that Barbara Jones be the Vice Chair- second by Claudia Brown, Motion approved

**b. Capstone presentation by Kara Dougherty** who is presently working on her Master Planner Certificate. Reference all the laws that must be reviewed, make it a real challenge. The display was an awesome PowerPoint on: **S.M.A.R.T** goals, consider set-backs-in compliance or not? Must be achievable and acceptable by Taxpayer, & Planning Commission, realistic? Timely? Trackable? (enforcement)- building permits are for 6 months.

Several zoning classifications and ordinances are given as examples.

**Open Public Comment Time:**

**7:03 pm Open Public Comment Time:** Adam Heikkila spoke on Zoning Ordinances-learning over decades that we need to be careful. All have rights - freedom on the property some under common law. We should aid our residents. Build a better Bedford.

Zoning Ordinances should protect everyone's rights per the constitution.

Public Comment closed at 7:09 pm.

**Planning Commission Member time:** Commissioner Wolters stated that Parks and Recreation were showing movies. Barbara Jones thanked Kevin Villadsen for stepping up and encouraged more community members (Bedford) to do the same. Tuggle thanked Kara for the educational power-point. Barbara also stated to keep Stacy, Rick, and Rory in your prayers. Claudia stated she had talked with Stacy who sent us a hello.

Commissioner Barbara Jones adjourned the meeting at 7:14 pm

**Next meeting July 26, 2022, at 6:30 pm**

*Shirley Tuggle, Secretary*