

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

October 27, 2020 7:00 pm

1. **Call to Order – 7:10 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, (Present-teleconference), Commissioner Cipic , (Absent), Commissioner Jones , (Present-teleconference), Commissioner Brown , (Present-teleconference), Commissioner Stover , (Present-teleconference), Commissioner Shotts , (absent), Commissioner Greenwood , (Present-teleconference),

4. **Approval of the October 27, 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 October 27, 2020 agenda, as submitted.

5. **Approval of the August 25, 2020 Minutes** -Moved by Commissioner Beamish, supported by Commissioner Greenwood **NOTE:** correction for the need to change Commissioner Stover’s presence at the 5/26/2020 whereas it was indicated that he was present but was absent. Commissioner Jones advised that the 5/26/2020 Minutes were correct and did not require amendment. 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. **Revisit to 275 N. Uldriks, rezoning request from August 25, 2020 Planning Commission meeting.. The Township Board has returned the recommendation to the Planning Commission requesting additional information as to how it fits into the Master Plan.**

Commissioner Beamish (Chairman) will draft a letter to the Township Board addressing the concern. **No Vote taken**

8. **Public Hearing: (7:27 pm) Conditional Use request for 20475 Hubbard Road to become an outdoor medical marihuana grow facility. Site approved by Mark Hires –**

Guests Attending: Gary Edwards – Bedford Township Resident (via Zoom), Carol and Brad Duck – Bedford Township Resident (via Zoom) and representing Albert Duck, Bedford Township Resident, Barb and John Henderson– Bedford Township Resident (via Zoom), Betty Everhart (via telephone) and Endrit Cali, Applicant (via telephone). **NOTE:** Letter was presented to the Planning Commission from Joy Neulieb, Bedford Township Resident – Mr. Cali presented to the Planning Commission and Guests the proposal to build a Class C licensed grow facility on 5 acres of a 62.79 acre plot. All State of Michigan Licensing requirements are in place. Mr. Cali advised that construction would begin in the spring of 2021 and employ appropriately 5 employees. Residents expressed concerns related to possible increase in crime activities, environmental and odor concerns, possible decrease in property value and being located “too close to a residential community. Also discussed was the concern of being located at a dead-end street presenting traffic issues. Mr. Cali addressed all Residents concerns and Planning Commissioner’s questions. Motion moved by Commissioner Beamish, supported by Commissioner Greenwood, **Roll Call:** Commissioner Beamish,-Yes Commissioner Cipcic , (Absent), Commissioner Jones , Yes, Commissioner Brown , Yes, Commissioner Stover , Yes Commissioner Shotts , (absent), Commissioner Greenwood , Yes Resolved by the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Bedford.

9. **Public Comment Time:** Barb and John Henderson – Bedford Township Resident (via Zoom) expressed their concerns again.

10. Planning Commission Time:

Commissioner Stover advised that he attended the October 2, 2020 Calhoun County Parks and Recreation Board Meeting as a Bedford Township Resident and was advised that the Calhoun County Parks and Recreation Board is recommending to work in conjunction with the Bedford Charter Township on building a new boat ramp on the Kalamazoo River under the bridge on Fort Custer Road. Noted that the property belongs to Calhoun County and will be paid by the County respectfully. No further action is required at this time.

Commissioner Jones expressed her gratitude to the Residents for expressing their concerns in reference to the presented new marihuana grow facility. **Commissioners Stover and Beamish** concurred with that opinion. **Commissioner Brown** requested from Sally Shaw (Zoning) a listing of all newly licensed marihuana facilities as well as number of licenses that remain to be applied for at this time.

11. Chair adjourned the meeting @ **8:26 pm** – Next meeting is January 26, 2021 @ 7:00 pm