

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

April 27, 2021- 7:00 PM

1. **Call to Order** -7:00 pm EST by Commissioner Greenwood, Chair
2. 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 via ZOOM chat connect when requesting time to speak during Public Comment time. Everyone will be muted unless requesting time to speak
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Roll Call**- Barry Beamish, Board Trustee (absent), Commissioner Ty Green (present), Commissioner Nikki McKnight (absent), Commissioner Barb Jones (present), Commissioner Claudia Brown (present), Commissioner Rick Stover(present), Commissioner/Chair Stacy Greenwood (present)
5. **Approval of the April 27, 2021 agenda** – Moved by Commissioner Brown with second by Commissioner Jones. Rollcall completed and approved
6. **Approval of the April 6, 2021 meeting minutes**- Moved by Commissioner Stover with second by Commissioner Brown. Rollcall completed and approved
7. **Public Comment Time**- None Opened 7:04 pm Closed 7:05 pm
8. **Presentation and discussion regarding variance request by AR Engineering (Jason Raleigh) and (Scott Knowlton-Owner) for a reduction in the number of required parking spaces for the proposed commercial development project at 22300 N. Bedford Road. Copy of comments from Mark Hires included in packets regarding the subject. AR Engineering has indicated that our of 71 parking spaces is excessive, given the property and location, are asking for the variance to reduce to 35 parking spaces requirements.**
Discussion-
 - a. **Public Hearing- None**
 - b. **Commissioners asked questions regarding handicap space requirements****Roll Call – Yes (5) No (0) – Motion made by Commissioner Greenwood -Carried**
9. **Public Hearing Time**- None closed at 7:11 pm

10. Planning Commission member time – Commissioner Stover expressed concerns with trash along the VA grounds which is technically federal property but affects the overall landscape. Commissioner Jones thanked AE Engineering for their consideration of preserving the wetlands at the proposed new site. Commissioner/Chair advised the Planning Commissioners that work will begin soon with the need to start reviewing the Charter Township of Bedford’s Zoning Ordinance.

11. Chairperson Greenwood adjourned the meeting at 7:17 pm EST

Respectfully submitted by Rick Stover, Planning Commission Secretary