

MINUTES- REGULAR MEETING
BEDFORD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MICHIGAN
JULY 8, 2015

PRESENT:

MARYANNE BOURQUE
JAKE LAKE
JEFF BIGGS
KORLEEN BIALECKI
ROBYNE BUSH
TOM ZDYBEK

EXCUSED:

PAUL PIRRONE

ALSO PRESENT:

KAREN M. KINCAID, PLANNING AND ZONING RECORDING SECRETARY

Bourque called the Bedford Township Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Biggs called the roll. Quorum present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Bush, supported by Zdybek, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Bialecki, supported by Bush, to approve the minutes of June 24, 2015. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (LIMIT 3 MINUTES)

None

NEW BUSINESS

A) REVIEW OF AND COMMENT ON PROPOSED 2015 UPDATE OF THE BEDFORD TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN AND RECOMMENDATION TO FORWARD TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD FOR AUTHORIZATION TO DISTRIBUTE TO ALL REQUIRED REVIEWING ENTITIES

Lucie Fortin, The Mannik & Smith Group, presented the Master Plan Update (drafted date June 30, 2015). Ms. Fortin said a public survey was conducted and two public forums were held to obtain input on the update.

Discussion took place regarding the procedures required to adopt the Master Plan Update, including the requirement to distribute the plan to all neighboring communities, utility companies and rail road companies for review and comment.

It was stated that all schools should be included, both public and private, when referenced in the Master Plan. Land Use categories were discussed and when asked, Ms. Fortin said the map was developed while taking prime soils, natural features, current infrastructure and development into consideration while focusing on mixed use around commercial that will give more flexibility in future development.

Discussion took place regarding agricultural preservation and secondary agricultural rural residential.

It was further explained that a Master Plan designation does not change the current zoning of a property.

Bialecki expressed appreciation to the Steering Committee who volunteered their time and effort in the development of the update, further thanking the Planning Commission for their input.

Motion by Bush, supported by Bialecki, to recommend to send the 2015 Master Plan Update to the Township Board and appropriate adjacent entities, agencies, and utility companies for their input.

Roll call as follows: Voting Aye: Bush, Bialecki, Zdybek, Biggs, Lake, Bourque. Voting Nay: None. Excused: Pirrone. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

INFORMATION – None

COMMISSION / STAFF COMMENT –

Bush thanked the Steering Committee and the Mannik & Smith Group for their work on the Master Plan.

Biggs thanked the Steering Committee and the Mannik & Smith Group for their thoroughness, saying he is intrigued by the information present in the plan.

Lake concurred with the previous comments, saying the goals are encouraging.

Bourque concurred.

ADJOURNMENT –

The meeting was duly adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Kincaid
Recording Secretary