

Charter Township of Bedford
115 S. ULDRIKS DRIVE
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN 49037-1165

Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday 2/12/2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chairman, Barry Beamish

Members Present: Beamish, Cipic, Jones, Morgan, Greenwood, Brown

Excused Absence: Shotts

Audience: approx. 5

Public Comment Time: none

Presentation: Rebecca Harvey, Harvey Consulting, LLC. (*information in packet of services including resume*). Planning Commission Board is all in agreement to seek approval to hire Ms. Harvey as a consultant to our planning commission.

Open Public Hearing: 7:18 Conditional Use request for 875 North Avenue for medical marihuana. Medical marihuana business owner, Raymond Akrawi, addressed the planning commission regarding the concerns of ordinance and the owner of 875 North Ave not required to re-apply for proposed address conditional use permit.

Another community member cautioned the planning commission of permitting medical marihuana establishments operating so close in proximity and expressed concerns of the community of Bedford Township being overran with marihuana businesses. He is concerned of the value of the township, in this context the North Avenue corridor.

Associate of Raymond Akrawi spoke regarding the two medical marihuana establishments being so close that neither businesses would be able to thrive. It was stated there 283 between the two properties.

Close Public Comment: 7:28 Planning Commission reviewed the communication from Mr. Macfarlane.

Motion to discuss approving conditional use permit for 875 North Avenue as site plan for this address has been approved. Planning commission vote: all approved to recommend approval of conditional use permit to the Board of Commissioners. Motion carries.

Public Comment Time: 7:49 community member asked how the buffer zone is measured.

Planning Commission Time: Brief comments on Parks and Rec and positive anticipation that working with a consultant might bring to our vision casting for the township. Comments and concerns regarding the number of marihuana establishments with surrounding communities also allowing these businesses. The idea came forward to have open communications with surrounding municipalities to work together and do planning for bordering neighborhoods.

Meeting adjourned: 7:49

Next Meeting: March 12, 2019