

Bedford vote was about land use

I'm disappointed in The Blade's reporting of the May 5 referendum vote in Bedford Township. To imply that the measure was resoundingly defeated was completely misrepresentative of the truth. The measure was defeated by a mere 289 votes, with a very small portion of registered voters participating.

I was aghast at the headline implying that this vote somehow turned down the development of a Wal-Mart store. This vote was never about Wal-Mart. This vote was about appropriate land use and nothing more. The scare tactics and fear mongering of some made this vote about the possibility of a Wal-Mart. Let us not forget the fact that as the property is currently zoned, a Wal-Mart could be developed without a rezoning request.

I'm disappointed in the outcome of the referendum, not because I desire a Wal-Mart in Bedford Township but because the fears of a few petrified a township from possibly seeing a long-vacant piece of land developed into something useful.

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