

Minutes
Bedford Township Master Plan Steering Committee
Meeting October 20, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Present:

Karen Fischer, Economic Development Corporation
Brad Greeley, Board of Zoning Appeals
Dennis Jenkins, Planning Department
John Kreuchauf, Samaria Heritage Committee
Gene Stock, Citizen Rep.

Excused:

Korleen Bialecki, Planning Commission

Also Present:

Trudy Hershberger, Township Clerk
Karen Kincaid, Planning Department
Barry Buschmann, Mannik & Smith
Royce Maniko, Mannik & Smith
Glenn Grisdale, Reveille

Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Jenkins called the roll. Quorum present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Greeley, supported by Stock to remove (5) Approval of the September 15, 2014 Minutes and approve the Agenda of October 20, 2014 as amended. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

6. A – Final Community Survey Presentation by Glenn Grisdale- Reveille.

Grisdale presented a power point presentation of the Community Survey results as of October 17th with 354 citizens responding. He explained the comprehensive master plan and the last update made to the Master Plan was in 2002. He further stated the importance of a comprehensive master plan in helping township's when applying for grants and other government funding. He also spoke briefly on the 2008 Michigan Planning Enabling Act. After the presentation was over, Grisdale said the dilemma was between those citizens who want to see change in the township and those who would like everything to stay the same. He also stated that 46% of the citizens who responded were happy with the current businesses in Bedford.

Stock asked if the public was notified of this meeting by any other means than what was placed on the website. Kreuchauf commented the same stating the need for more public input. Jenkins explained there will be community workshops set up in the near future. He said at the next Master Plan meeting they will discuss the work shops and when and where to have them. He also mentioned how much help the high school student input was at the 2002 Master Plan workshops.

NEW BUSINESS - None

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Stewart, 7350 Kenilworth, stated this is the 3rd Master Plan he has been involved in and the library may make a good location for a public workshop. He also asked that no one goes into the meetings with any preconceived opinions.

9. INFORMATION/STAFF COMMENT

Maniko commented on the community survey, photos taken by the committee members, amendment made to the act, the E.D.C., swat analysis, goals and objectives which are not always clear and concise. He mentioned non-motorized vehicle (bike paths and walking paths), development in southeast Michigan and the aging population in Bedford Township.

Jenkins asked the members to bring their ideas regarding walking and bike trails to the next meeting.

INFORMATION

The next meeting will be held on November 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was duly adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trudy Hershberger, Twp. Clerk
Acting Recording Secretary