

I would like to recommend that the Bedford Township Board re-establish a Cablevision Committee. As a former member of the Cable Advisory Committee back in 2005 and 2006 I can speak to the value of such a committee.

We accomplished many things for the customers of Buckeye Cable and the residents of Bedford Township, such as resolving issues with programming and poor reception. One of the most important things we accomplished was convincing the Bedford Township Board that they had wrongfully stopped paying Bedford Public Schools their share of the franchise fee, which was called for in the franchise agreement. As it turned out, Bedford Township did pay the schools \$80,000 to make up for the years that payments were not paid. To read newspaper coverage of this issue just go to my web site bedfordyes.com

We were a conduit for Buckeye Cable subscribers to contact when they had questions, suggestions, and complaints with Buckeye Cable. We held monthly meetings, which were open to the public, with a representative from Buckeye Cable, Tom Dawson. We worked very well with him in resolving many issues that were brought to us by subscribers.

Past cable committees were very useful in also recommending programming that could be broadcast on the Bedford Township public access station. Recently Trustee Nancy Tienvieri wrote an excellent article in the Township Newsletter called "Civic Engagement-Citizens' Responsibility? In her article she recommended "Opening our Buckeye Cable Channel to programming of other organizations in the township, community events and human interest programs such as knitting, cooking, fishing, or any enthusiast (we have many talented citizens who might be interested in airing a program)"

Supervisor Greg Stewart was recently quoted in the Monroe News concerning the current status of Bedford Township. He said that "Bedford is seeing the growth it hasn't seen in years" He also mentioned that the Township has been working with Tim Lake of the Monroe County Business Development Corporation on economic development. Re-establishing a Cable Committee to work on programs that could be broadcast on the local access channel that would promote our community and schools would be a great way to attract new business and families to our wonderful community. A good example of an excellent video is one that the Bedford Business Association is using to attract new members to the BBA. This video, produced by a Bedford High School Alumnus, does a great job of pointing out all the things that are "Great" about Bedford Township. This video is available to view on the Bedford Yes web site.

Again, as Supervisor Greg Stewart said in his article "Quality of life also has been a focus for the township"! Let's let a new Cable Committee assist in improving the quality of life for our residents. Please take a serious look at all the positive reasons to re-establish a Cable Committee.

Thanks,

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