

Comments read by Michelle Bork during public commentary at the June 21<sup>st</sup> Bedford Township Board Meeting

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In late **January** of this year, I filled out an application for the “**Communications and Cable Committee**” in hopes there would be a new committee formed after the discussion at the November 2015 board meeting.

Soon after I filled it out, I was contacted to join a meeting to discuss the possibility of a new committee formed. At that meeting it was discussed that an “**Exploratory Committee**” was going to be formed to see if there was a **NEED** for a “**Communications Committee**”.

Late February of this year, Greg Stewart and Nancy Tienvieri formed an “Exploratory Committee” with **Greg LaScala, Jodi Russ, Ed Manuszak, Nate Elarton, Carrie Setzler, Nancy Tienvieri and myself** on the committee.

Our committee met every week for 1-2 hours working on reasons “**why Bedford needs a Communications Committee**”. We spent hours researching our community to find out how they communicate best. I met with a variety of residents from all different age groups from around to township to collect data and compile information for our group.

For the next **9 weeks** we spent **hours** working on **mission and vision statements, strategic goals, responsibilities and recommendations** for a new “Communications Committee”. We created a **PowerPoint presentation** that included all of our **research accompanied by the statements, goals, and recommendations**. Everything in the presentation was pointing to the **need** for a “Communications Committee”

The presentation was on **May 5th** to the Township Board. After discussion and answering all of the questions, **the board voted unanimously in favor of** a “Communications Committee”. When asked at the meeting if all of us on the “Exploratory Committee” would continue to be on the new “Communications Committee” we all **AGREED**.

Now on **June 21st, 3 Township Board meetings later**, I see that there will finally be **appointments** to the new committee. The **agenda reads** the appointments of: **Jodi Russ, Nate Elarton, and Lori Welling**.

I am very confused about this selection.

1. **Why aren't the members** from the “Exploratory Committee” **on the agenda** for appointment?
2. **Why** is there someone on the agenda that was not on the **original** committee to be appointed **BEFORE the other 5?**
3. **Why we were never contacted after our presentation?**

I spent **9 weeks pouring my heart** into this project to **better our community**. Not seeing my name or the names of the other 4 committee members on the agenda for tonight's meeting was **extremely disappointing**. The **lack** of consideration for **our time and effort** put into this project is frustrating.

**Ironically**, whoever set the agenda for tonight's meeting needs to work on their communications skills.

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