

**Galien Township**  
**Planning Commission Minutes**  
**October 5, 2016 7:00 pm**

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm.

Roll Call- Present: J. Richter, C. Lorance, C. Carr and E. James. Absent: K. Schmitz

Agenda was reviewed and approved

C. Lorance made a motion to accept the PC 7-11-2016 minutes as presented. E. James supported. Motion passed

C. Lorance made a motion to appoint E. James as the new PC chairperson. J. Richter supported. Motion passed

PC meetings will now be held monthly. C. Lorance made a motion to meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 7:30pm. E. James supported. Motion passed. The next PC meeting will be November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

**Public Comments**

Jerry Mast discussed concern for the condition of Watson Road and would like the SUP to stipulate that the maintenance schedule for the road will not change.

Bruce Williams would like the SUP to specify that any accidents or injuries due to road maintenance performed by Mr. Steinkraus would not be the responsibility of the township.

**Public Comments Closed**

Ed Carpenter suggested that we should not allow any more events to take place until the fire suppression system is installed or a variance is given to Blissful Barn.

Fire Chief Ted Chase presented and explained the fire suppression requirements for a Group A-2 building that exceeds 5000 square feet. (See attached documents)

Jerry Steinkraus stated that he has applied for a variance with the Construction Board of Appeals. Attorney Bell will schedule the hearing.

The PC then reviewed each item listed in Section 3.13 of the Township Ordinances. The PC agreed that the Blissful Barn met each item listed and will grant the SUP pending the following conditions:

1. Fire Suppression- thru variance or state code if the variance is not granted.
2. No smoking, candles or open flames within 20ft of the structure.
3. Music is to be turned off at 11:30pm and guests and wedding party gone by midnight.
4. Blissful Barn to be trained and certified in fire prevention and suppression.
5. The PC will review the SUP in one year and periodically as needed.
6. Blissful Barn may hold 2 more events with fire watch provided by the Galien Township Fire Department. The events scheduled are on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. No more events will be permitted after these 2 until the fire suppression issue is resolved with verification by Ed Carpenter and Ted Chase.
7. One more handicap parking space needs to be provided for a total of 3.
8. Galien Township will not be held liable for any accidents or occurrences needs to be included in the insurance policy purchased by the person holding the event.

E. James made a motion to approve the SUP pending the above specified stipulations. C. Lorange supported. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.