

**WRIGHT TOWNSHIP**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAY 16, 2016, 7:30PM**

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Commissioner Dausman with the Pledge of Allegiance, and a Prayer. Commissioners present at the meeting; Rich Dausman, Dan VanDyke, Gary Karr, Denise Ruwersma, and Steve Gray. Also present were Greg Ransford, the Wright Township Planner, and Clerk Theresa Frank as meeting recorder.  
Public present at the meeting; Dennis Worrell, Tracy Worrell, Scott Wenell, Cindy McCullough, Craig McCullough, and Maureen Carmody.
2. No parking in marked fire spaces was announced.
3. No additions to the agenda.
4. Ruwersma moved, and Karr supported the approval of the April 18th, 2016 Planning Commission Meeting. Motion carried with unanimous vote.
5. No public comments for items not on the agenda.
6. Scott Wenell, with Marne Industrial Buildings, applied for an amendment to his previously approved site plan to construct a 12,000 square foot building at their existing facility location at 975 Comstock Street, parcel number 70-06-35-200-017, which is located in the Industrial Zoning District. The amendment proposes to change the previously approved asphalt pavement surface to a crushed asphalt surface as well as substitute a portion of the previously approved asphalt surface to concrete. He has trucks coming through with chains on the tires, and knows the asphalt pavement would not last.  
Commissioner Karr motioned, and Commissioner VanDyke supported to accept the Site Plan Amendment as Requested. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
7. Public Hearing for Dennis and Tracy Worrell, with Rustic Rouge, LLC, submitted a Special Land Use Application for property located at 17063 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, parcel number 70-06-15-400-009, to operate a Banquet or Reception Hall in an existing barn on their property as a special use in the Agricultural Zoning District. Commission Chair Dausman let the public know that a new amendment to the Wright Township Zoning Ordinance does allow this. Tracy Worrell explained about the barn and what they wanted to use it for. The Public Hearing began at 7:49pm. At this time Cindy and Craig McCullough had a few questions. They asked about the music. Would it be done by 11:00pm, or 12:00am? The applicants let them know that the music would be done by 11, and the people would be out of the building by 12. They also questioned the parking situation. Would people be parking in the road? And what about the large amount of traffic, and the vehicle speeds? The applicants let the couple know that there

was plenty of parking, but that they would let the people renting know that there is no street parking, and they may have to carpool. Things like that would be in the contract between business owner and renter. Also the traffic would not be a constant. It would be just upon arrival, and then at the end of the night. Regarding speed the applicants replied that most people slow down when they hit a dirt road, just to protect their own vehicle. Also Port-O-Jons were discussed. The applicants let them know that they would have very nice ones, and that there would be something screening them from view of the road and neighbors. Mr. and Mrs. McCullough then asked about the sound level. The applicants said they could make sure that the band or D.J.s would be in the building to help with the sound. Hearing no more questions the Commission Chair Dausman closed the public meeting at 7:57pm.

At this time the Commission discussed the applications, and read the prints.

Commissioner Karr moved, and Commissioner VanDyke supported the Site Plan, and Special Land Use applications with the following special conditions;

1. Hours of operations are to be, ending hours for Fridays and Saturdays, 12am. Sunday's through Thursday's hours will end at 9:00pm.
2. A screening of some sort must cover the Port-O-Jons so they cannot be viewed by the neighbors, or from the road.
3. Musical entertainment must be inside the structure for sound control.

The Commission also granted the landscape, and parking lot surface material waived.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Ruwersma motioned, and Commissioner Karr supported the approval of the 1902 General Standards A through G, as satisfied. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8. Commissioner Gray moved, and Commissioner Ruwersma supported the tabling of continued discussion on the Five (5) year Master Plan Review. Motion carried with unanimous vote.
9. During commission member concerns Commissioner VanDyke request to know what the time limit was for Summit Landscaping to have the debris on the front of the property removed. Karr suggested that he would have the Supervisor look into it.
10. No Wright Township Board communications were reported
11. Gray moved, and VanDyke supported the adjournment for the meeting 8:58pm. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Frank Wright Township Clerk, Working as Planning Commission Recorder