

**RIVES TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING  
HELD: RIVES TOWNSHIP HALL**

February 16, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: Roger DeCamp-Chairman, Dwight Carmer-Vice Chairman, Phyllis Pitmon-Secretary, Cliff Herl, Jim Lindstrom.

Chairman DeCamp made introductions of members of the Planning Commission ("PC") and explained procedures. Secretary Pitmon read the language from the Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") that was submitted to the Township Clerk on January 30, 2017 which described Stuart Bridgewater's desire to operate a firearms coating service out of his residence and existing accessory structure at 11101 Cooper Road, Pleasant Lake, MI 49272. Let the records reflect that the PC received the official application from the Township Clerk.

Chairman DeCamp verified the notification to the public of this Public Hearing with a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing that appeared in the Salesman on February 5, 2017.

Chairman DeCamp introduced Mr. Stuart Bridgewater at 7:10 PM to meeting attendees. This Public Hearing is brought to the public to inform those interested in Mr. Bridgewater's intention. The floor was turned over to Mr. Bridgewater for his presentation. Mr. Bridgewater stated his intent of offering firearms coating process from a fully finished and enclosed pole barn on said property. Mr. Bridgewater is going to be retiring within the year and hopes to have his venture approved within that time period. Due to dismantling and reassembling process, a firearms license will be required. Mr. Bridgewater will be performing gunsmithing and repairs and will be handling transfers and sale of related products. Ammunition will not be included in the Home Business. The product used in the firearms coating process is Cerakote gun coating, a 2 part product for use on metal, plastic, etc. Mr. Bridgewater explained the process and records that will be used to meet requirements of BATFE regulations. At 7:31 PM Chairman DeCamp opened comments from the public. Mr. Edward Banek, 2700 Losey Road, Pleasant Lake, MI 49272 spoke with concerns regarding fire and environmental hazards. Discussion ensued in depth on characteristics of the Cerakote product as well as products used in the process of the coating service. Question as to whether ammunition would be included in the Home Business and Mr. Banek was satisfied that there would not be. Tom Cottrell, Zoning Enforcer for Rives Township, shared that he checked into the product and Code of Ordinance and after discussion with Mr. Bridgewater and meeting requirements of the Code of Ordinance that he approved of his request. Chairman DeCamp replied to a phone call that came into the Township office from Patrina Sandford, a resident of the Twp. She stated she was opposed to a gun/shooting range. Chairman DeCamp called and left a message stating a gun/shooting range was not on the Application. At 7:44 PM the Public Hearing was closed for comments.

The PC had extensive discussion regarding this CUP and Site Plan that was provided, as well as Home Business use as stated on application. Chairman DeCamp explained that the CUP application goes with the property and not the individual. Chairman DeCamp shared information from NIC Industries, Inc. with facts of the safety of their product, as obtained from the HR Safety and Environmental Manager, John

Weinbrecht. Due to concerns of the product, Acetone, which will be used minimally for cleaning, Chairman DeCamp provided Material Safety Data Sheet on the product Acetone and C-Series Cerakote. During dialog it was determined that the current land use had been met as well as requirements for a Home Business. Mr. Bridgewater's property is zoned agriculture and fire and hazard concerns have been met. There will be no impact on the natural resources and traffic or lighting will not be an issue. The Site Plan is satisfied in accordance with our Code of Ordinance.

Mr. Lindstrom made a motion that the PC recommend to the Township Board they grant a CUP on the subject property for a home business within an existing structure to operate as a Home Business as presented in the CUP and Site Plan Application. This recommendation is based on: 1) the stated intent of the written Application and confirmed at the Public Hearing held February 16, 2017; 2) a review of the Site Plan drawing; and, 3) review of the Rives Township Code of Ordinance. Second by Mr. Carmer. Roll call vote, all ayes.

Chairman DeCamp asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Herl made motion, second by Mr. Lindstrom. All Ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis M. Pitmon, Secretary