

BCT & Planning Commission Joint Meeting

January 9, 2019

Called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Planning Commission: Urman , Brown, Olliffe , Coveyou, Haven,

Absent: Mays

BCT: Stringer, Nowland, Keiser, Golding, Hoffman

Visitors from: Emmet County, Networks Northwest, MSU Extension, Sheriff's Department, Winery Owners, Farmers, Petoskey Chamber of Commerce, Food Alliance of Northern Michigan, Petoskey Visitors Bureau, Commissioner District 5, Ground Work Center for Resilient Communities.

This is our 3rd focus group

1. Transportation
2. Industrial
3. Agritourism

The definition of Agritourism is "Anytime a farming operation opens its doors to the public and invites visitors to enjoy their products and services."

The types of Agritourism are

- On-farm sales of agricultural products
 - CSA, pick-your-own, farm stands
- Educational tourism
 - classes, tours, tastings
- Entertainment
 - events, hay rides, corn mazes
- Accommodations
- Outdoor Recreation
 - hunting, fishing, bird watching

Katie showed us 2 charts and explained them stating that she feels this information is not complete but she does feel that Agritourism is growing in this area.

When looking at Agritourism you look at 3 things: Retail, Arts & Entertainment, Accommodations & Food Service, these groups make up about 1/3 of the jobs tied with tourism.

Emmet County has changed the language of the zoning ordinance to allow for value added activities on farms and now looking into wineries.

Some of the conflicts that are being seen are:

1. Parking-must be on site and not on the side of the roads.
2. Noise-hours have to be limited.
3. Safety-old barns are very dry and not made to hold lots of people.
4. Traffic
5. Late Hours

The next meeting will be on the feedback from these 3 focus groups and organizing the information.

Next Meeting: February 13th, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment: 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Anita Stringer Clerk