

CHARLESTON TOWNSHIP

KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING (3-17-20) AND TOWNSHIP BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING ON SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE REQUEST AT MARCH 24, 2020
MEETING**

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHARLESTON, KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Charleston Township Board will hold a public hearing on the following matter at its meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, which begins at 4:00 p.m.:

The application of Brendan Ragotzy/Barn Theatre for a special exception use permit for a "summer stock theatre" (including the related and accessory uses allowed by the Zoning Ordinance) on the property commonly known as 13351 and 13383 Augusta Drive /M-96 (parcel no. 08-04-151-080, 08-04-151-070, 08-04-151-060). The subject property is zoned AG-2 General Agriculture District, within which "summer stock theatre" is an approvable special exception use pursuant to Section 7.3.23 of the Charleston Township Zoning Ordinance. The Township will consider this special exception use application pursuant to the approval standards in Sections 23.3 and 23.7.25 of the Zoning Ordinance, and all other applicable provisions of the Zoning Ordinance. Note: the existing Barn Theatre has been operating as a legal nonconforming use for many years. Recent amendments to the Zoning Ordinance facilitate this special exception use application for the existing Barn Theatre, improvements to same (upgraded stairs and loading ramp), and existing and proposed related and accessory uses (restaurant/bar, staff housing, storage buildings), which if approved will give legal conforming status to these land uses.

This special exception use permit application will also be reviewed by the Charleston Township Planning Commission for an advisory recommendation to the Township Board at the March 17, 2020 meeting of the Planning Commission, which begins at 7:00 p.m. At that meeting the Planning Commission may also consider a site plan for the proposed use of the subject property, and the Planning Commission may take action on that site plan at that meeting, subject to Township Board approval of the underlying special exception use permit application.

Both meetings will be held at the Charleston Township Hall located at 1499 South 38th Street within Charleston Township.

Written comments concerning the above matter may be mailed to the Charleston Township Clerk at the Charleston Township Hall at any time prior to this public hearing/meetings, and may further be submitted to the Township Board and Planning Commission at the public hearing/meetings.

The application for the special exception use permit, the related site plan application, the legal description of the subject property, and the Charleston Township Zoning Ordinance/Zoning Map/Land Use Plan may be examined by contacting the Charleston Township Clerk at the Township Hall during regular business hours on regular business days maintained by the Township offices from and after the publication of this Notice and until and including the day of the hearing/meetings, and further may be examined at the hearing/meetings.

Information about the requested special exception use permit may also be obtained by contacting the applicant's representative, Alex Phelan, at Hurley & Stewart, 2800 South 11th Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009, (269) 552-4960.

Charleston Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the meeting/hearing to individuals with disabilities, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered, upon reasonable notice to the Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk.

Charleston Township Board
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