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**Bath County Planning Commission  
Bath County Courthouse – Room 115  
Monday, May 24, 2021 - 6:00 P.M.**

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman John Loeffler, Vice-Chair Jason Miller, Monroe Farmer, Cynthia Rudnick

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** John Cowden

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:** Mike Bollinger (press), Bernie Christian,

**STAFF PRESENT:** Sherry Ryder

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**Chairman Loeffler** called the Bath County Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT—MATTERS UNRELATED TO THE AGENDA:** None

**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:** None

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- Operation DAP and Lance Lyons – Tax Map #55-1 – Application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate an ATV Poker Run for the benefit of a non-profit group at the address of 6715 Indian Draft Road, Millboro, Virginia. The property is zoned A-2 Agricultural General and comprises 952.88 acres. The property is situate in the Williamsville Magisterial District.

**Mr. Christian:** I am a representative form Operation DAP (Dues Already Paid). We are a non-profit organization. We started about 10 years ago. We take anywhere from 35-40 disable veterans out hunting, a day out in the woods. We do this every year in Buckingham County and we are looking to lease land from Lance, for the day, to have a Poker Run to raise money so we can take the veterans hunting. I will be glad to answer any question you have about the event.

**Chairman Loeffler:** How many participates do you plan on having at this event?

**Mr. Christian:** We have capped it at 250 registered participates, that is, bikes, 4-wheeler and side by sides, we don't count people. We count bikes, machines. So, there could be more than 250 people, depending on how many families show up.

**Sherry Ryder:** Are each of you, familiar with what a Poker Run is?

Some of the Board members said, no, so Sherry Ryder asked Mr. Christian to explain.

**Mr. Christian:** They use to do this a lot with motorcycles, I'm sure you have seen them go through the county. It's the same with ATVs. There is a starting point. There is an ending point. At the starting point, you register and draw your first hand. On your register card you will write that card number down. We play a 5-card hand and though out the woods, you are riding on a designated trail, you will come to a tent, get off your bike or buggy, go to one of our ladies that help us and draw a card again and write it down. You will do this again until you get back to the starting/ending point where you will draw your last card. The top 5 hands will get prizes. The prizes are donated items and some cash. If we get the 250 complete pre-registered, the cash prize could be about, \$100, \$200, \$50. There could be a jacket or something else given away.

**Sherry Ryder:** So, it's not in a reckless speed, who can get there fastest event?

**Mr. Christian:** No.

**Sherry Ryder:** That's what I want everybody to understand. You draw cards, at each stop and you end up with a Poker Hand like in cards.

**Mr. Christian:** I have been riding 4-by-4's and side-by-sides my whole life. Over in West Virginia it's really popular. Fire Departments, Rescues Squads, Ruritan Clubs now do it. It's a fun day to get out and have something to do and it raises some money. By no way, a race or obstacle course, in face it can be a little boring. Some families like to go a little faster, some a little slower, it doesn't matter. We have it mapped out to a 10-mile loop. The first loop will be your draw round. If you choose to, you can do a 2<sup>nd</sup> loop to do a 20-mile loop. 10-miles on a side-by-side is a lot for some who hasn't ridden before. We offer 20-miles for those who ride a lot and want more.

**Vice-Chair Jason Miller** explained how this was the same type of fun raiser done by motorcycles that come through here. Going 35 miles per hour from one stop to another, spending time at each stop to get their card and something to eat or drink before going on their way to their next stop.

**Sherry Ryder:** You guys will have insurance and Lance will have insurance to cover the event?

**Mr. Christian:** He has insurance on his property and we will have event insurance. We cover our insurance in Waynesboro, we have a million-dollar coverage for that day. So, coverage will be from the time it starts to the time it ends. We will open the gates at 8:00 am (check-in), 10:00 am (1<sup>st</sup> group out), wrapping up at 3:00 pm and traffic should be out no later than 6:00 pm. The sheriff will be doing the cooking hamburgers and hotdogs.

**Cynthia Rudnick:** There will be no alcohol?

**Mr. Christian:** No mam The rules are on the flyer. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Chairman Loeffler:** Is there any more questions? I now close the Public Hearing and ask if the Board has any question.

**Vice-Chair Jason Miller:** If you are a success, do you think you will want to do it again next year?

**Mr. Christian:** That is the hope. If I can secure a nice place to have it and it goes off without a hitch, per say, and everyone is happy with it and there is not complaints, then, yes, I want to do it again next year and the next for as long as we can do it.

**Vice-Chair Jason Miller:** The reason I am asking, is that this is a one-time event, if we approve it at that. If it is successful and next year you want to do it again, you would have to reapply, pay again and all that. We could do a 5 year.

**Sherry Ryder:** He isn't asking for more, but if it is successful, he may want to come back again. If you want to recommend more, than it is up to you. He only wants to be responsible for his event. Even if someone else ask the same owner to have one.

**Vice-Chair Jason Miller:** We want to give him the option so he won't have to come back again, so soon. That's what I am looking at. The Conditional Use permit would be in his name, not the owners. No one else would be able to use it.

**Mr. Christian:** Whatever, would be nice. That way, all I would have to do is call you up and say, we want to have another one. So, if you can tell me what I need to do today so I won't have to come back in a year or two from now. But I do want to make sure if the fire departments wanted to do theirs, it wouldn't interfere.

**Vice-Chair Jason Miller:** The application will be in Operation D.A. P. (Dues Already Paid) name. That's who the Conditional Use Permit would be granted to, ieu. Others would have to get their own application and CUP, even if it is at the same place.

**The Board** discussed how the BZA would be the ones to withdraw the permit if and complaints/problems come up in the future.

**Chairman Loeffler:** Does anyone have anymore question? I now close the Board Comment. Can I hear a motion?

**Vice-Chair Jason Miller:** I make a motion we recommend approval to the Conditional Use application for Operation DAP (Dues Already Paid). Tax Map #55-1, to operate an ATV Poker Run for the benefit of a non-profit group at the address of 6715 Indian Draft Road, Millboro, Virginia. For a period of 5 years. Under relevant section(s): 603.03-20 Bath County Land Use Regulations. Page 10-6 Bath County Comprehensive Plan.

**Mr. Farmer:** I second.

**Vote 4-0** motion passed.

**Sherry Ryder** informed Mr. Christian that he will need to come back, June 21<sup>st</sup> for the BZA meeting at 7 pm. They have the final say on the Conditional Use Permit.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:** None

**STAFF REPORT**

**Sherry Ryder:** Gave an overview.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Update on Sign Ordinance.

**Sherry Ryder:** A decision will be made at the Board of Supervisors meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**MINUTES:**

**Chairman Loeffler:** We have the minutes for the April 26, 2021 meeting.

**Mr. Farmer:** I move we approve the minutes of April 26, 2021.

**Vice-Chair Jason Miller:** I second.

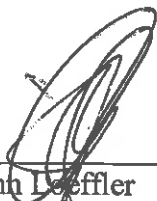
**VOTE:** 3-0-1 (Cynthia Rudnick abstained, not at April’s meeting.)

**ADJOURN**

**Mr. Farmer:** I motion we adjourn.

**Cynthia Rudnick:** Second.

**VOTE:** 4-0



Chairman John Loeffler

6/28/21

Date