

Tax Map/Block/Parcel
No. 29-2-297

Building Permit/Zoning
Certificate No. 97-0156

Case 4201

OFFICIAL DECISION
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND

APPLICANT: William C. Hartman
2400 Bear Run Road
Taneytown, Maryland 21787

REQUEST: A conditional use request for an indoor paintball range

LOCATION: 2400 Bear Run Road on property zoned "A"
Agricultural District in Election District 2

BASIS: Article 6, Section 6.3(o); Ordinance 1E (The Carroll County Zoning Ordinance)

On March 26, 1997, the Board of Zoning Appeals held a hearing on the request of William C. Hartman residing at 2400 Bear Run Road, Taneytown, Maryland for a conditional use request to use one of the barns located on the property for an indoor paintball range. The property consists of 31.41 acres and has zoning classification of "A" Agriculture. The applicant appeared and testified in support of this application. The following are the Board's findings and conclusion.¹

The property is a working farm and improved with several barns and a residence. The owner of the property and his son, seek to modify an existing barn building to permit its use as a place to engage in the game of paintball. The games will be open to the public. Admission will be charged to help defray the cost of insurance. The games will be played on Saturdays only. Participants will pay a nominal charge, \$2.00 or \$3.00 for admission and the opportunity to spend the day inside the barn playing the activity. Not more than 20 people will be at one time in the building. The hours of operation will be 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. There will be no horseplay, no drinking, no smoking, and no disorderly conduct permitted. The activity will be well supervised and refereed. It is limited to persons over the age of ten. The windows in the barn will be screened to prevent the paintball from damaging them. There will be no outside activity.

A neighbor, Mr. Albert Liebno, appeared and testified in opposition to the request indicating that he is concerned that

¹The Board extended the time for the written decision pursuant to Section 17.4.10 of the Ordinance.

