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March 27, 2025

Anthony McCaul
Critter Barn
2950 80th Ave.
Zeeland, MI 49464

RE: License #: CD700418203 and SD700418205
Critter Barn
2950 80th Ave.
Zeeland, MI 49464

Dear Mr. McCaul:

Attached is the Addendum to the Original Licensing Study Report for the above referenced campsite.

Please review the enclosed documentation for accuracy and contact me with any questions. In the event that I am not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the licensing unit at 517-284-9730.

Sincerely,

James Vanden Heuvel

James Vanden Heuvel, Lead Licensing Consultant
Camp Licensing Unit
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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF
LIFELONG EDUCATION, ADVANCEMENT, AND POTENTIAL
CAMP LICENSING UNIT
ADDENDUM TO ORIGINAL LICENSING STUDY REPORT

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	SD700418205
Licensee Name:	Critter Barn
Licensee Address:	2950 80th Ave. Zeeland, MI 49464
Licensee Telephone #:	(616) 748-1110
Licensee Designee:	Anthony McCaul
Name of Facility:	Critter Barn
Facility Address:	2950 80th Ave. Zeeland, MI 49464
Facility Telephone #:	(616) 748-1110
Capacity:	60
Program Type:	CAMP SITE - DAY

II. Purpose of Addendum

The licensee requested a modification of the terms of the camp and campsite licenses due to facility upgrades and new building on property. The request read in part "we have constructed a new building on our property that includes four classrooms and two single-stall bathrooms with sinks."

III. Methodology

01/28/2025	Contact-Document Received
02/06/2025	Inspection Completed Onsite
03/27/2025	Contact-Document Received

IV. Description of Findings and Conclusions

On 1/28/25, the department received an email request from executive director, Tony McCaul. The request included a building blueprint, 2024 environmental health report from Ottawa County Health Department, and site maps. Mr. McCaul's request provided square footage for classroom spaces of the new constructed building as well as a statement about the number of bathrooms. The information is listed below:

Classrooms	Square Footage
Classroom #1	520 sq/ft
Classroom #2	375.2 sq/ft
Classroom #3	492 sq/ft
Classroom #4	420 sq/ft
Bathrooms	
2 single stall bathrooms with sinks	

I conducted a file review including the Bureau Information Tracking System (BITS) of the day camp and campsite. BITS search revealed the camp and campsite were listed as having a capacity of 40. The licensing record revealed the camp had original license issued on been licensed in 8/15/24. The original licensing study report identified the facility as an educational family farm open to the public with over 200 farm animals. The report read "the camp utilizes hoop barns, big red barn, classrooms, animal barns, pavilion, and bathrooms." The facility was listed as using public water supply and having a private septic system.

On 2/6/25, I toured the facility with Mr. McCaul. The inspection found the organization had completed construction of a large multipurpose building used for educational services, field trips, public tours, and farm animal husbandry. Mr. McCaul stated the building was built with multiple uses in mind and intends to use it as a pre-school location with a local school district in the upcoming school year. The building was single story compartmentalized construction with layout of classrooms, activity areas, and animal shelters. The building also included two

single stall bathrooms, hand washing stations, and storage areas. The building also had registration for Animal Shelter issued by State of Michigan, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Animal Industry Division. The building included rooms titled as follows: Fruit and Vegetable Classroom: 13 x 28; Pure Michigan Classroom: 29 x 28; Small Use: 38 x 18; Vet Room: 24 x 20; Horticulture room: 24 x 14. Mr. McCaul stated the facility is open to the public during day camp operations within the summer but has facility planning that ensures the day campers have always designated indoor spaces throughout the program day. The facility has 36 acres of outdoor property including paved and unpaved trails, green space for activities, fields, animal paddocks, and open land. I observed toilet facilities throughout the facility. Mr. McCaul stated the program adds at least four port-a-johns during the summer season to accommodate increased use. The toilet and proposed at least four port-a-johns would support the increased capacity.

On 3/27/25, the department received a copy of the Environmental Health Inspection (EHI) from the Ottawa County Health department dated 3/6/25 with an "A" rating.

V. Recommendation

I recommend the modification of the capacity terms from 40 to 60 campers.

James Vanden Heuvel 3/27/25

James Vanden Heuvel Date
Lead Licensing Consultant