

*The following speech should be read by Chairman Edds prior to consideration of this agenda item*

## **CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH**

The hearing for consideration of CUP 08-16 is now in session and will focus on an application submitted by Mr. Trent Cherry to utilize two (2) existing tree houses and construct up to five (5) additional units for temporary and overnight lodging on Tax Parcel 120-140 located on Flat Rock Road.

If anyone present feels that any member of this Board may have a conflict of interest in hearing the case, please address the Board now prior to any testimony or information being presented.

When the Board enters into deliberations to decide the case, no further testimony may be presented. The Board will render one of the following three decisions:

1. Approve the permit as requested or with additional conditions;
2. Continue the request; or
3. Deny the request.

All parties who plan to testify in this case may come forward and be sworn in. Those who testify must state their name and address at the podium for the benefit of the Board's Clerk. All material presented must be given to the Clerk and will become part of the record. This Board can only accept sworn testimony. No hearsay evidence is admissible.

**Ed Muire** will provide the Staff Report for this application.