

Starke County Plan Commission  
Regular Meeting  
February 9, 2020

- ❖ Pledge of Allegiance
- ❖ Roll Call: Roger Chaffins, president & trustee; Bill Crase, vice president & surveyor; Bryan Cavender; Commissioner; Howard Bailey, councilman; Phil Woolery, extension educator; Donald Binkley, Todd Lawrence, Denise Cultice, and Todd Jackson (absent), citizen members; John Wilson, (absent) city representative; Martin Bedrock, commission counsel; Terry R. Stephenson, administrator/building commissioner; and Pamla J. Starkey, clerk/secretary. There was (1) one visitor present.
- ❖ Approval of the minutes of the January 13, 2020 meeting and public hearing: Mr. Cavender made a motion to approve minutes as written, seconded by Ms. Cultice. Motion carried (8-0)
- ❖ New and Old Business
  - Mrs. Starkey asked board if we need to work on a permit application for solar panels and solar farms
    - Mr. Crase stated that the applicant would need to submit plans and the tech committee would look them over and a new permit application would not be added, we would use the permit application for a commercial permit and the tech committee will work on one for noncommercial solar panels.
    - Mr. Woolery will forward a copy of what Pulaski County has for a noncommercial solar panel
- ❖ New and Old Violation
  - A list of violations are attached
  - Sunderland has a court date for February 26, 2020
  - Mr. Bedrock stated that he forgot about the Rudd's and explained that the property is now in the names of Tina Rudd and Andrew Knapp as owners, so he will send them letters to attend the next meeting to explain what they intend to do with the property.
  - Code Enforcement Officer, Robby Blodgett, was present and presented all of her violations and the standing of them and asked the board that since the Public Nuisance Ordinance has been approved if she can now pursue the one for Melvin Zeiters property that he lives on.
    - The board said to continue with what needs to be done.
  - Austin Walter, 8078 N Tecumseh Rd Walkerton, was present explain to the board why his burnt dwelling has not been removed and cleaned up. He explained that it was an arson and he doesn't want to compromise the evidence.
    - Mr. Crase stated that he called the Fire Marshall and the other people that were involved with the case and they said that the investigation is complete with the burnt dwelling, so there is no reason why the dwelling can't be removed and cleaned up even though the investigation is still ongoing.
    - After discussion by the board and Mr. Walter, Mr. Chaffins asked Mr. Walter when he thinks he will be able to remove the dwelling.
    - Mr. Walter stated that it will take a little time to get someone to remove it now
    - Mr. Crase made a motion to give Mr. Walter (60) sixty days to get the burnt dwelling removed and property cleaned up, seconded by Ms. Cultice. Motion carried (8-0)
- ❖ Mr. Crase stated that he has the driveway ordinance just about finished and will bring it to the board next month for them to review.
- ❖ Board will look over the end of the year reports

With no further business, Mr. Crase made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Ms. Cultice. Motion carried (8-0)

This meeting was recorded and will be on file in the Starke County Plan Commission Office. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Unless stated otherwise all Plan Commission meetings will be held on the second Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. with the Board of Zoning Appeal meeting on the same night the latter of 6:30 p.m. or the conclusion of the Plan Commission meeting.

Pamla J. Starkey  
Clerk/Secretary