

Starke County Plan Commission
Regular Meeting
March 9, 2020

- ❖ Pledge of Allegiance
- ❖ Roll Call: Roger Chaffins, president & trustee; Bill Crase, vice president & surveyor; Bryan Cavender; Commissioner; Howard Bailey, councilman (absent); Phil Woolery, extension educator; Donald Binkley, Todd Lawrence (absent), Denise Cultice, and Todd Jackson, citizen members; John Wilson, city representative (absent); Martin Bedrock, commission counsel; Terry R. Stephenson, administrator/building commissioner; and Pamela J. Starkey, clerk/secretary. There was one (1) visitors present.
- ❖ Approval of the minutes of the February 10, 2020 meeting: Ms. Cultice made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Cavender. Motion carried (7-0)
- ❖ New and Old Business
 - Driveway Ordinance
 - Mr. Crase stated that he is 90% done but had some questions for the board which were, are we going to charge for the permit and who will decide if a culvert is needed.
 - After some discussion it was decided that there will not be a charge and Mr. Stephenson will decide if a culvert is needed and if one is needed Mr. Crase will go see what the property owner will need to do to get approval.
 - Mrs. Starkey asked if this is for all new driveways and she was told yes.
 - Mr. Crase stated that he will have the ordinance together in a few days so that Mrs. Starkey can get it to everyone to review by next meeting.
- ❖ New and Old Violation
 - North Street in Walkerton
 - Mrs. Starkey stated that we were told by a commissioner to get the property cleaned up, she also let the board know that we did have everything ready to clean it up last year and we were stopped in the process by the commissioners because the property owner threatened to sue the county.
 - Mr. Binkley & Mr. Crase stated that we do have an ordinance now so we should be able to get it cleaned up now.
 - After discussion by the board, Mr. Crase made a motion to proceed with a public hearing and go by the guidelines of the new ordinance and if someone wants to stop us from cleaning up the property then they will need to attend this meeting and explain to this board the reason why, seconded by Mr. Cavender Motion carried (7-0)
 - Mr. Crase added pending our county and planning commission attorney's recommendations in case there any legal issues. Board agreed
 - Tina Rudd & Andrew Knapp, 6835 E SR 10, Knox IN 46534
 - Mr. Knapp explained that he just purchased the property together with his mother and will need more time to get things done as his mother is insistent on repairing the building and would try to be done by June on the big white house.
 - Mr. Crase said that his first step would be to renew his permits he also asked if they got any quotes on how much it might cost them to remodel?
 - After discussion by the board Mr. Crase made a motion to give them a 120 day extension on the permit and report back to the board at the June meeting and also call the building inspector for inspections as they should've been doing all along and Robby and Terry to take pictures before and after.

- Mr. Stephenson suggests that they get a contractor to see if it would be feasible to even fix the structure.
- After more discussion by the board motion was seconded by Mr. Binkley. Motion carried (7-0)
- Sunderland was continued to April as the judge has a few questions regarding the campground
 - Mrs. Starkey stated that she has pulled all of the permits that were pulled but needs Mr. Bedrock to come over and look them over with her.

❖ Board will look over the end of the year reports

With no further business, Mr. Cavender made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Ms. Cultice. Motion carried (7-0)

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, April 13, 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