

Starke County Plan Commission
Regular Meeting, 1 Public Hearing &
2 Continued Public Hearings
March 21, 2018

- ❖ Pledge of Allegiance
- ❖ Roll Call: Roger Chaffins, president & citizen member; Bill Crase, vice president & surveyor; Donald Binkley, commissioner; Bryan Cavender; councilman; Byron Walters, trustee; Phil Woolery, extension educator; Todd Lawrence, Denise Cultice, and Donald White, citizen members; Martin Bedrock, commission counsel; Terry R. Stephenson, administrator/building commissioner; and Pamla J. Starkey, clerk/secretary. There were (3) three visitors present.
- ❖ Approval of the minutes of the February 21, 2018 meeting:
 - Mr. Binkley made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Ms. Cultice. Motion carried (9-0)
- ❖ Public Hearing to consider approval of a proposed amendment to the Code of the County of Starke, Indiana dated 1991, 6-12-3-2-8 known as Recreational Vehicles
 - Mr. Chaffins opened the public hearing
 - With no comment from the public, Mr. Chaffins closed the public portion of the hearing.
 - After discussion by the board, Mr. Crase made a motion to approve the amendments as presented and send to the Starke County Commissioners with a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mr. Cavender. Motion carried (9-0)
- ❖ Continuation of a public hearing for an unsafe structure located on the NE corner of U.S. 421 and Ann Street in San Pierre, IN., 46374, S21 T32 R4, Brazills 1st Lot 1, State ID #75-08-21-303-045.000-011. Property Owners being Timothy & Christine Yokovich
 - Mr. Jon Yokovich (son of Timothy & Christine Yokovich) brought in a report from a certified engineer like he was asked to do.
 - Mr. Binkley asked how much longer it would take to repair the structure
 - Mr. Yokovich stated that they will start as soon as they get the approval from the board and work on it every weekend thereafter, maybe 4-5 weekends, weather permitting. He also stated the he will come back every month to give a progress report.
 - Mr. Yokovich stated that he will repair the roof and the masonry immediately
 - Mr. Crase stated that he would like to see the brush, trees and so forth taken care of as well.
 - Mr. Yokovich stated that he will make the structure sound with in the 4-5 weekends.
 - After board discussion, Mr. Binkley made a motion to give Mr. Yokovich (60) sixty days to get the structure sound and come back next month for a progress report, seconded by Mr. Crase. Motion carried (9-0)
- ❖ Continuation of a public hearing for an unsafe structure located at 10020 W. 550 S., San Pierre, IN., 46374, S17 T32 R4, Pt NE W of RR 2.766 Acres, State ID #75-08-17-200-010.000-011. Property owners being Timothy & Christine Yokovich.
 - Mr. Yokovich stated that they have been working on tearing down the structure.
 - Mr. Chaffins stated that he has seen progress but needs to get it done, including removing the existing trusses that are on the ground and is willing to give him another (30) thirty days
 - After discussion by the board, Ms. Cultice made a motion to give them (30) thirty days to get the building down, and the trusses removed or inside a building out of sight, seconded by Mr. Crase. Motion carried (9-0)
- ❖ New and Old Business
 - Code Enforcement Officer

- Mr. Chaffins let the board know that Mr. Crase, Mr. Cavender, Mr. Stephenson, Mrs. Starkey and himself met and narrowed the choices down to (2) two applicants which are Steven Craft & Robby Blodgett.
- Mr. Chaffins also stated that they were leaning toward Ms. Blodgett as she has dealt with violators in the past and has taken them to court to enforce penalties and such.
- Board discussed giving the code enforcer a (90) ninety day trial and start the pay at the lower end of the pay scale.
- After board discussion, Ms. Cultice made a motion to hire Robby Blodgett as the code enforcement officer, seconded by Mr. White. Motion carried (9-0)
- ❖ New and Old Violation
 - Michael Sullivan-7125 E. 50 S., Knox, IN., 46534-Property is a mess and building is unsafe
 - Mr. Stephenson explained that he would like Mr. Bedrock write a letter on his letter head.
 - After discussion by the board it was decided that Mr. Bedrock write a letter giving them (10) ten days to get the matter resolved.
 - Jerome Osbourn-10035 E. 600 N., Grovertown, IN., 46531-inoperable vehicles, trailers and junk on the property.
 - Mr. Stephenson would like Mr. Bedrock to write a letter
 - After discussion by the board it was decided that Mr. Bedrock write a letter.
- ❖ Mr. Chaffins let the board know that he is in the process of buying the bank building property in San Pierre and plans on cleaning the property up as soon as it is in his name.
- ❖ Mr. Crase & Mr. Stephenson updated the board on the Lomax property in Railroad Township regarding the meeting they had with IDEM
- ❖ 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 Mr. Binkley. Motion carried (9-0)

This meeting was recorded and will be on file in the Starke County Plan Commission Office. The next scheduled meeting will be held on April 18, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Unless stated otherwise all Plan Commission meetings will be held on the third Wednesday 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