

Starke County Plan Commission  
Regular Meeting  
May 17, 2017

- I) Pledge of Allegiance
- II) Roll Call: Roger Chaffins, president & citizen member; Bryan Cavender, vice president & councilman; Bill Crase, surveyor; Phil Woolery, extension educator; Byron Walters, trustee; Martin Bedrock, commission counsel; Terry R. Stephenson, administrator/building commissioner; Pamla J. Starkey, clerk/secretary; and Jeff Berg, city representative. There were (12) twelve visitors present.
- III) Approval of the minutes of the April 19, 2017 meeting
  - ◆ Mr. Crase made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Walters. Motion carried (5-0)
- IV) New and Old Business
  - ◆ Mr. Stephenson stated that Mayor Estok asked if the county would want to take over the two mile jurisdiction.
    - Mr. Chaffins stated that if the county did take over the two mile jurisdiction of Knox, Terry will be in need more help, possibly a code enforcer to do all code enforcement.
    - Mr. Berg and the board members agree that there needs to be a joint meeting between the two boards to discuss this matter.
- V) New and Old Violations
  - ◆ Zoran Kvrjic, 4301 N. 700 E. Hamlet, IN. Built and addition without applying for a permit.
    - Mr. Bedrock sent a letter with estimated fines, the owner does not want to pay the fines and was suppose to be present for the meeting, but did not attend.
    - After board discussion, Mr. Crase made a motion to have Mr. Stephenson contact the owner and set up a time to get the appropriate measurements to assess the correct fees and fines to be charged, seconded by Mr. Cavender. Motion carried (5-0)
  - ◆ James & Sheila Kuchel, 9860 E. 500 N., Grovertown, IN. Three letters were sent regarding the unsafe structure.
    - Mr. Stephenson explained that Mr. & Mrs. Kuchel let the property go back to the bank, but the bank will not take ownership of the property, so it is still in the name of Mr. & Mrs. Kuchel.
    - Mr. Bedrock stated that he will look into what needs to be done.
- VI) Public Comment
  - ◆ Mr. Berg stated again, that the city and the county do need to meet to discuss the two mile jurisdiction, hopefully sometime in June.
  - ◆ There were several people from Bass Lake concerned about the new bar that has opened. They stated that they are not taking into consideration of the neighbors that live by them by playing loud music and some of the patrons urinating outside of the building.
    - Mr. Chaffins explained that Mr. Stephenson has tried to contact the state to see what all needs to be done, with no response as of yet and Mr. Stephenson would like the state inspector to go with him when he inspects the bar.
    - Mr. Stephenson stated that he has talked to the owners and they said that they have not done anything inside the building except build the bar and they do have their liquor license through the state.
    - Several of the people stated that the owners have done remodeling inside the building.
    - Mr. Stephenson stated that they have not applied for any permits.

- After discussion by the board, Mr. Stephenson stated that he will try to contact the state again and he, Mr. Crase and Mr. Williams from the health department will meet with the state at the location.

VII) End of the months reports

With no further business, Mr. Crase made motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr Cavender.  
Motion carried (5-0)

Unless stated otherwise, all Plan Commission meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m., with the Starke County 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