

Starke County Plan Commission
Regular Meeting and Two Public Hearings
May 18, 2016

- 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; Betty Dotlich, Jeff Fosler, and Denise Thomas, citizen members; Martin Bedrock, commission counsel; Terry R. Stephenson, administrator/building commissioner; and Pamla J. Starkey, clerk/secretary. There were (6) six visitors present.
- III) Approval of the minutes of the April 20, 2016 meeting
 - ◆ Mr. Fosler made a motion to approve minutes as written, seconded by Mrs. Dotlich. Motion carried (8-0)
- IV) Notice of Public Hearing: Pursuant to the laws of the State of Indiana contained in I.C.36-7-9, the Starke County Plan Commission hereby orders that the open storage of junk located at 8172 N. S.R. 23, Walkerton, IN. 46574, owned by Angela J. Fry, legal description: S2 T34 R1, Meadows, Pt lots 8 & 9, Block 1 & Resort Acres Pt Lot 4, State ID #75-03-02-404-046.000-009 must be removed and premises cleaned.
 - ◆ Mr. Chaffins opened the public hearing
 - Mr. Stephenson explained that the property is a mess again and we already had a public hearing on this property last May, Ms. Fry cleaned it up and fines were not implemented and now it is a mess again.
 - Mr. & Mrs. Noble were present and stated that they would like to see it cleaned up
 - Mr. Crase made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Woolery. Motion carried (8-0)
 - After discussion by the board, Mrs. Dotlich made a motion to consider this a chronic nuisance, two nuisances within a three year period, and implement the \$350.00 fine plus clean up costs and administrative fee of \$700.00 and Mr. Stephenson will need to contact the Starke County Sheriff's Department to clean up the property, seconded by Mr. Woolery. Motion carried (8-0)
- V) Notice of Public Hearing: Pursuant to the laws of the State of Indiana contained in I.C.36-7-9, the Starke County Plan Commission hereby orders that the Inoperable Vehicles and Junk located at 2620 W. Julia Dr., North Judson, IN. 46366, owned by Dustin Taulbee, legal description: S15 T32 R3, Oak Grove Trailer Sub #3, Lot 1 Block C, State ID #75-09-15-104-021.000-014, must be removed and premises cleaned.
 - ◆ Mr. Chaffins opened the public hearing
 - Mr. Taulbee was present and explained that the cars are not there for more than (30) thirty days. He also stated that he tried to explain his case last May and Mr. Estok wouldn't let him.
 - Mr. Stephenson stated that you are only allowed (1) one vehicle and only for (7) seven days. He also let the board know that his property is cleaned up now.
 - Mr. Crase made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Mrs. Dotlich. Motion carried (8-0)
 - After discussion by the board, Mr. Walters made a motion to administer the administrative fee of \$700.00, and if it is in violation again there will be additional fees as it will be considered a chronic nuisance, seconded by Mrs. Dotlich.
- VI) New and Old Business

- ◆ 2017 Budget
 - Mrs. Starkey explained that the budget is pretty much the same as the 2016 budget with the exception of asking to give back the money for the attorney and the maintenance for the vehicle that they took away and also asking for money for a new copier/fax/scanner as ours is obsolete. She also stated that the Starke County Recorder's office is willing to go in on half as we currently share one now.
 - After discussion by the board, Mr. Fosler made a motion to approve the 2017 budget as submitted, seconded by Mr. Crase. Motion carried.
- ◆ Tech Committee Meeting
 - Mrs. Dotlich reviewed what was discussed and they will be meeting again on June 1st to continue to discuss the CAFO ordinance.

VII) Violations

- ◆ June Sunderland Clifford, the owner of 4108 S. 550 E. Lot 15,, Knox, IN. 46534, legal description of S12 T32 R2, Pt N ½ NE 26.94A, state ID #75-10-12-200-004.100-002, constructed a wrap around deck with roof extension and railing did fail to apply for a location permit. Letter were sent.
- ◆ June Sunderland Clifford, the owner of 5530 E. Manor Lot 2, Knox, IN. 46534, legal description of S12 T32 R2, Pt N ½ NE 26.94A, state ID #75-10-12-200-004.100-002, placed a singlewide manufactured home on the property did fail to apply or a location permit. Letters were sent
 - After discussion by the board and Mr. Stephenson, Mrs. Dotlich made a motion for the attorney to write a letter with authority to sue and impose the set fines for not applying for the proper permits and inspections, for both of the properties, seconded by Mr. Walters Motion carried (8-0)

Mr. Jeff Berg informed the board that the Knox City Plan Commission is in need of a member to set on their board that lives within the two mile jurisdiction and is a republican, as member Mary Jane Bendt has passed away.

Mr. George Dotlich offered his assistance if needed by the plan commission board or plan commission office.

With no further business, Mrs. Dotlich made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Crase. 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 Wednesday, June 15, 2016 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 at 7:00 p.m.

Pamla J. Starkey
Clerk/secretary