

Starke County Plan Commission  
Regular Meeting  
August 12, 2019

- ❖ 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, citizen members; John Wilson, city representative (absent); Martin Bedrock, commission counsel; Terry R. Stephenson, administrator/building commissioner; and Pamla J. Starkey, clerk/secretary. There were (4) four visitors present.
- ❖ Approval of the minutes of the July 17, 2019 meeting: Mr. Cavender made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Crase. Motion carried (9-0)
- ❖ Public Hearing for Public Nuisance was canceled. Mr. Lucas is working on new ordinance.
- ❖ New and Old Business
  - Mrs. Starkey had a concerned citizen regarding someone putting a transmitter on an existing TV antenna tower on a property at Koontz Lake asking for a hundred people to sign up and is wanting to know if this is allowed and if permits are needed.
    - After discussion by the board, it was decided that nothing is needed and they can do this without permits, but asked Mrs. Starkey to check the ordinance to make sure.
- ❖ New and Old Violation
  - Charlotte Liss Regarding a public nuisance on CR 810 S
    - Mr. & Mrs. Liss were present and expressed concerns on what was being done to the property that is on the north side of 810 S, which is north of their property. It appears that an old truck that had the name Juicy Labs on it with expired plates was placed there with a lot of garbage, junk, and even a toilet. He was also burning on the property. They also stated that they did call the police. Mrs. Liss asked the board when they think an ordinance would be in place to take care of problems like these.
    - Mr. Chaffins explained to the Liss's that we have been working on this ordinance for quite some time now and also stated that he thinks we may have something in place by the next meeting.
    - Mr. Stephenson stated that he went to the property and the truck was gone and didn't see the other things.
    - Mrs. Liss said that maybe that he couldn't see the other things is because the weeds are so high now.
    - Mr. Bedrock confirmed that Mr. Doug Cassel purchased the property on tax sale.
    - Mrs. Liss stated that she has another concern of how long it took for the police to get to their house.
    - Mr. Binkley stated that this is not the board to talk to about the police department.
    - Mrs. Liss was advised to check back with the board next month regarding the public nuisance ordinance.
  - Phil Cherry regarding storage container
    - Mr. Cherry stated that his wife saw Mr. Stephenson at the gas station at Bass Lake and asked about placing a container on the property stating they painted it the same color as their barn placed in the back of the property where they thought it was out of sight and put their Christmas decorations in, now someone complained.
    - Mr. Stephenson said that he doesn't remember them saying a storage container, he stated the Amish buildings that are being sold are fine and unless you have 10 acres you can't have a storage container.

- Mr. Cherry said that there are at least (20) twenty others out there and asked if we sent letters to all of them?
- Mr. Stephenson responded that we have only gotten (1) one other complaint and that was on Grant Street and we did write a letter.
- Mr. Crase stated that he would like to take pictures of the storage container and bring them back to the board for review.
- After discussion board agreed for Mr. Crase to take pictures and bring them back to the meeting next month.
- Mr. Stephenson let the board know that it is not up to this board to let them have the container on the property, they will have to apply to the BZA as it is against the county ordinance.

❖ Board will look over the end of the year reports

With no further business, Mr. Binkley made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Cavender. 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 Monday, September 9, 2019 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