

Starke County Plan Commission  
Regular Meeting  
September 14, 2020

- ❖ Pledge of Allegiance
- ❖ Roll Call: Roger Chaffins, president & trustee; Bill Crase, vice president & surveyor; Bryan Cavender, Commissioner (absent); Howard Bailey, councilman; Phil Woolery, extension educator; Donald Binkley (absent), Todd Lawrence (absent), Denise Cultice, and Todd Jackson (absent), citizen members; Martin Bedrock, commission counsel; Terry R. Stephenson, administrator/building commissioner; and Pamla J. Starkey, clerk/secretary. There were (2) visitors present.
- ❖ Approval of the minutes of the July 13, 2020 Meeting and Public Hearing (the August meeting was canceled due to a storm): Ms. Cultice made a motion to approve minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Bailey. Motion carried (5-0)
- ❖ New and Old Business
  - Driveway Ordinance
    - Mr. Crase let the board know that the Starke County Commissioners and the County Attorney would like the County Highway Superintendent be in charge of the driveway Ordinance and the permitting and the County Surveyor will be in charge of the drainage part of it, Mr. Lucas will draft the ordinance.
    - Mr. Chaffins suggested that we table that until we hear from Mr. Lucas
  - Tech Meeting will be held on October 2, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission Office
  - The Anchorage at Bass Lake
    - Mr. Aloj and Ms. Rollis were present to explain that the plans are to make a minor amendment to the original plat of survey for the Anchorage at Bass Lake to replace the remaining proposed 5 townhomes (consisting of 20 residential units) with 17 single family residential home lots in accordance with the current R3 zoning of that area.
    - After board discussion, Mr. Crase made a motion to approve the amendment and proceed, seconded by Ms. Cultice. Motion carried (5-0)
  - 6-12-2-B Agriculture (location permitted needs to be worked on)
    - Mrs. Starkey explained that it is hard to determine what is allowed and not allowed. She also stated that she doesn't think that livestock, horses, chickens etc. should be allowed in all zonings, for example, residential zoning districts and subdivisions
    - Mr. Crase stated that we need to change the zoning for all of the subdivision to R-2 in order to enforce the public nuisance ordinances.
    - Mr. Woolery stated that he will look at some other county ordinances regarding livestock and chickens.
    - After discussion the board decided to work on this ordinance and hold a public hearing when it is straightened out.
- ❖ New and Old Violation
  - Ms. Blodgett, code enforcement officer asked what the next step is after the violators have been served by the sheriffs office, and nothing has been done.
    - Mr. Crase stated that Ms. Starkey & Ms. Blodgett have a meeting with Mr. Lucas tomorrow and to do whatever Mr. Lucas suggests to do.
    - Mr. Bedrock stated that he will attend the meeting as well
    - After discussion Mr. Crase made a motion for Mrs. Starkey to proceed with the guidance of Mr. Lucas, seconded by Ms. Cultice. Motion carried (5-0)
  - William & Linda Kaply 202 Fisher St and adjoining property in San Pierre

- Mr. Stephenson stated that they demolished the house and now the shed burnt and they aren't doing anything with that and when you call them or send letters they give one excuse after another.
- Mr. Chaffins stated that the board may want to have another public hearing next month.
- Mrs. Starkey stated that it is a public nuisance now not an unsafe building.
- Mr. Bedrock stated that Ms. Blodgett will need to issue an abatement.
- Mr. Crase asked Mr. Bedrock what happened with Clifford/Sunderland
  - Mr. Bedrock stated that he tried to explain to the magistrate that the land owner of record is responsible for the property but she wants Nokes to attend the hearing even though there is no written contract between them. The hearing has been rescheduled for October 7, 2020
- Mrs. Starkey let the board know that she has attached the lien for the North Street property.

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. Woolery.  
Motion carried (5-0)

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 October 12, 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