

Starke County Plan Commission
Regular Meeting
October 19, 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; Betty Dotlich, Jeff Fosler, & Denise Thomas, citizen members, Martin Bedrock, commission counsel; Terry R. Stephenson, administrator/building commissioner and Pamela J. Starkey, clerk/secretary. There were (16) sixteen visitors present.
- III) Approval of the minutes of the September 21, 2016 meeting and public hearing.
 - ◆ Mr. Fosler made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Cavender. Motion carried (7-0)
- IV) New and Old Business
 - ◆ Commissioner's decision on the Amendments to the CAFO/CFO Ordinance.
 - Mr. Stephenson stated that the commissioners did not discuss the amendments. They said that they need to advertise as a public hearing and will discuss when the public hearing is set.
- V) New and Old Violations
 - ◆ Mr. Stephenson stated that he, Mrs. Starkey and Mrs. Dotlich are going to get a list of the violations that still need attention and figure out what the next steps would be with them.
 - ◆ Mr. Bedrock stated that there should be a claims form that would have been approved by State Board of Accounts when they passed the Unsafe Building Ordinance and that, would need to be filed with Circuit Court.
 - ◆ Mrs. Dotlich said that she would check with the Starke County Auditor.
- VI) Public Comment
 - ◆ There were several people in attendance concerned with the CAFO that is going in next to them.
 - ◆ The board members explained to them that there is nothing currently in front of this board for approval or review. The current CAFO ordinance was passed a year ago and as long as the application complies with the ordinance, a permit would be issued. It was shared that the CAFO ordinance will be reviewed at the Commissioner's next meeting with regard to proposed amendments that this board has recommended to improve the ordinance. Members of the public were advised that they would need to contact IDEM and/or the DNR with their questions and concerns regarding the pending permit for the proposed farm near their properties
 - ◆ Mr. Woolery stated that he is going to have a public meeting to discuss CAFO's and better inform the county's residents about the regulations that govern these operations.

With no further business, Mr. Woolery made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Cavender. Motion carried (7-0)

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, November 16, 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 Starke County Board of Zoning Appeal meeting on the same night at 7:00 p.m.

Pamla J. Starkey
Clerk/Secretary

