

STARKE COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING

KNOX, IN 46534

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MINUTES

October 20, 2011

Chairman Bartoli opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

I. Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Chairman Bartoli

II. ROLL CALL –Sheri Bartoli(Chairman), Don White(Vice-Chairman), Bob Troike(Executive Secretary), Denise Marks(Member)**absent**, EJ Rodgers(Member)**absent**, Steve Dodge(Attorney), Bruce Williams(Planning Commission Administrator)**absent**, and Savanah Simpson(BZA Recording Secretary)

III. Review of the meeting minutes for September 15, 2011– Recording Secretary Simpson noted that on page two of the minutes there was an incorrect number given for the acreage in the Wennerstrom hearing. The minutes were correct but the said amount was not. Attorney Dodge suggested putting the correct amount in parentheses after the incorrect amount. Executive Secretary Troike made a motion to approve the minutes with a correction to page to made, seconded by Vice Chairman White. Motion carried 3-0.

IV. Public hearing to consider an appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision by BERNADETA SIEK, to place an undersized and untitled mobile home, on property owned by WOJCIECH AND BERNADETA SIEK and described as follows: Pt E of Nw Nw S33 T33 R1 5acres, Parcel number 75-07-33-100-004.100-012, located at 8185 E 200 S Knox, IN 46534.

- Chairman Bartoli read the request listed above
- All notifications were not in order
- The notification for Raena Beem did not come back.
- Chairman Bartoli explained the options.
- The applicant chose to proceed.
- Attorney Dodge explained why the applicant was before the board.
 - They want to dispute the decision made by the zoning administrator regarding.
- Applicant Bernadeta Siek and property owner Wojciech Siek were present.
- Applicant Siek explained her intent.
 - She stated that they eventually plan to build a house on the property.
 - They bought a mobile home to stay in during visits temporarily, until the house is done. She stated it would be approximately a year.
 - They purchased the mobile home than never received the title from the man that sold it to them.
- Board members questions to the applicant:
 - Executive Secretary Troike:

- Asked the applicant if they are planning to build a house on the existing foundation.
 - The applicant replied that yes they are.
- Asked if it is the applicant's intent to have a livable home built in a year's time, then to dispose of the mobile home.
 - The applicant replied that yes that is their intent.
- Vice-Chairman White:
 - Asked how long the applicant has been on the property.
 - The applicant replied since 2007.
 - Asked if the property is for sale right now.
 - The applicant replied that it is for sale by owner.
 - Asked how long the trailer has been there.
 - The applicant replied that it has been there since August.
 - Noted that there are a lot of tall weeds around it.
 - Asked if it the trailer is 12x53.
 - The applicant replied that yes it is.
 - Asked if it was a construction office.
 - The applicant replied yes.
 - Asked if it has a bathroom.
 - The applicant replied yes.
 - Asked if it is divided off into rooms.
 - The applicant replied yes.
 - Noted that the trailer is in rough shape.
- Chairman Bartoli:
 - Asked if this was the only trailer available for the applicant to purchase at the time.
 - Mr. Siek replied that he liked this one because it is big. Also that he doesn't want to spend too much money on a trailer since they plan to build a house next year.
 - Asked how much they paid for the trailer.
 - The applicant replied \$800.
 - Noted that the trailer is not titled nor does it have a data plate so there is now way of knowing if it is up to code for this area.
- Attorney Dodge stated all the issues with the trailer besides there being no title and it being undersized.
- Chairman Bartoli closed the public comment portion of the hearing.
- Board discussion
- Vice-Chairman White made a motion to **deny** the request.
- Executive Secretary Troike seconded that motion. Motion carried 3-0.

V. Old Business –

- None at this time

VI. New Business –

- None at this time

VII. With no further business to come before the board Vice-Chairman White made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Executive Secretary Troike. Motion carried 3-0. The October 20, 2011 meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. local time. This meeting was recorded for file in the zoning office. The next meeting of the Starke County Board of Zoning Appeals is scheduled for November 17, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. local time, in the Starke County Government Building, located in Knox, IN.