

Starke County Plan Commission
Regular Meeting
January 13, 2020

- ❖ 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 (absent), Denise Cultice, and Todd Jackson, citizen members; John Wilson, city representative (absent); Martin Bedrock, commission counsel; Terry R. Stephenson, administrator/building commissioner; and Pamela J. Starkey, clerk/secretary. There was (1) one visitor present.
- ❖ Approval of the minutes of the November 13, 2019 meeting and (2) Two Public Hearings meeting: Mr. Crase made a motion to approve minutes as written, seconded by Ms. Cultice. Motion carried (8-0)
- ❖ Appointments
 - President-Mr. Binkley made a motion to nominate Mr. Chaffins as president, seconded by Ms. Cultice. With no other nominations, Mr. Chaffins closed the nominations. Mr. Chaffins will continue to be president as motion carried (8-0)
 - Vice President-Ms. Cultice made a motion to nominate Mr. Crase as vice president, seconded by Mr. Binkley. With no other nominations Mr. Chaffins closed nominations. Mr. Crase will continue to be vice president as motion carried (8-0)
 - Administrator/Building Commissioner-Ms. Cultice made a motion to reappoint Mr. Stephenson as administrator/building commissioner, seconded by Mr. Binkley. With no other nominations, Mr. Chaffins closed the nominations. Mr. Stephenson will continue to be the administrator/building commissioner as motion carried (8-0)
 - Clerk/Secretary- Ms. Cultice made a motion to reappoint Mrs. Starkey as clerk/secretary, seconded by Mr. Crase. With no other nominations, Mr. Chaffins closed the nominations. Mrs. Starkey will continue to be the clerk/secretary as motion carried (8-0)
 - Plan Commission Counsel-Ms. Cultice made the motion to reappoint Mr. Bedrock as Plan Commission Counsel, seconded by Mr. Bailey. With no other nominations, Mr. Chaffins closed nominations. Mr. Bedrock will continue as Plan Commission Counsel as motion carried (8-0)
 - Starke County Development Board-Ms. Cultice made a motion to reappoint Mr. Crase as the member to set on the Starke County Development Board, seconded by Mr. Cavender. With no other nominations Mr. Chaffins closed the nominations. Mr. Crase will set on the Starke County Development Board as motion carried (8-0)
 - Tech Committee-Mr. Crase made a motion to nominate Mr. Crase, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Chaffins and Mr. Cavender to set on the Tech Committee, seconded by Mr. Binkley. With no other nominations, Mr. Chaffins closed nominations. Mr. Crase, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Chaffins and Mr. Cavender will set on the Tech Committee as motion carried (8-0)
- ❖ Continuation of a Public Hearing to consider approval of the Starke County Comprehensive Plan.
 - Mr. Chaffins reopened the public hearing
 - Ms. Lauren Wahl was present to answer any questions.
 - With no comments by the board, Mr. Binkley made a motion to approve the Comprehensive Plan as presented and send to the Starke County Commissioners with a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mr. Bailey. Motion carried (8-0)
- ❖ New and Old Business
 - Mr. Crase made a request to the board that we consider adding a driveway permit to our list of permits, stating not charging an extra fee but make sure they show where the driveway will go

so that it can be determined if they will need to put in a culvert which will help with drainage issues.

- Mr. Cavender, Mr. Binkley and the rest of the board agree that something needs to be done with the drainage problems we have.
- Mr. Crase stated that he will try to have an ordinance ready for the board to review at the next meeting.
- ❖ New and Old Violation
 - Zeiters property was sold and structure was demolished.
 - Mrs. Starkey let the board know that the KLRSD is concerned on who is going to pay the liens that they have on the property.
 - Mr. Bedrock stated to Mrs. Starkey, to have them call him with their concerns.
 - Sunderland
 - Mr. Bedrock let the board know that he is going to set a hearing tomorrow and will let Mr. Stephenson know when it will be.
 - Mr. Crase asked Mrs. Starkey to start keeping track of the violations and the progress that is made on them and put this information on the agenda every month.
 - Mr. Chaffins asked Mrs. Starkey to go back to the last six months of violations and the progress made on them for the next meeting.
 - Board discussed the possibility of the county selling the properties that the planning commission clean up and have liens on when they are eligible for tax sale.
 - Mr. Crase stated that there is a House Bill that they are trying to pass to possibly help with that and he will send the information to Mrs. Starkey.
 - Code Enforcement Officer, Robby Blodgett, was present and asked what to do with the violations that we have been dealing with now that the new public nuisance ordinance has been passed.
 - After discussion she was advised that she will need to start over.
- ❖ Board will look over the end of the year reports

With no further business, Ms. Cultice made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Binkley. 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, February 10, 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