

Starke County Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting and Continued Public Hearing  
January 19, 2011

Attendance: Butch Ritchie, president & citizen member; Judy Benninghoff, executive secretary & councilwoman; Daniel Bridegroom, commissioner; Dennis Estok, surveyor; Alan Kurtz, extension educator; Donald White & Denise Marks, citizen members; Steven A. Dodge, commission counsel; Bruce W. Williams, administrator/building commissioner; and Pamla J. Starkey, secretary. There were (2) two visitors present.

Denise Marks was introduced as the newest commissioners appointment to the board.

1. APPOINTMENTS

- a) President: Mr. Estok made motion to nominate Mr. Ritchie as president, seconded by Mr. White Motion carried (7-0) Mrs. Benninghoff made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Bridegroom. Motion carried (7-0). Mr. Ritchie was voted president.(7-0)
- b) Vice President: Mr. White made a motion to nominated Mr. Bridegroom as vice president, seconded by Mrs. Benninghoff. Motion carried (7-0) Mrs. Benninghoff made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Mr. White. Motion carried (7-0) Mr. Bridegroom was voted vice president.(7-0)
- c) Executive Secretary: Mr. Bridegroom made a motion to nominate Mrs. Benninghoff as executive secretary, seconded by Mrs. Marks. Motion carried (7-0) Mrs. Marks made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Bridegroom. Mrs. Benninghoff was voted executive secretary.(7-0)
- d) Starke County Development Board: Mr. White made a motion to nominate Mr. Estok to remain on the Starke County Development Board, seconded by Mrs. Benninghoff. Motion carried (7-0) Mrs. Benninghoff made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Bridegroom. Motion carried (7-0) Mr. Estok will be on the Starke County Development Board. (7-0)
- e) Tech Committee: Mr. White made a motion to keep it the same as last year which is Ritchie, Bridegroom, Estok and Walters subject to Mr. Walters acceptance to be on the committee, seconded by Mrs. Benninghoff. Motion carried. Mrs. Benninghoff made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Mr. White. Motion carried (7-0) Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Bridegroom, Mr. Estok and Mr. Walters will be the tech committee. (7-0)
- f) Plan Commission Counsel: Mrs. Benninghoff made a motion to retain Mr. Steven Dodge as commission counsel, seconded by Mr. Bridegroom. Motion carried (7-0) Mrs. Marks made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Mrs. Benninghoff. Motion carried (7-0) Mr. Dodge is retained as commission counsel. (7-0)
- g) Administrator/Building Commissioner: Mr. White made a motion to nominate Mr. Bruce Williams as administrator/building commissioner, seconded by Mrs. Marks. Motion carried. (7-0) Mr. Estok made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Mrs. Benninghoff. Motion carried (7-0) Mr. Williams is reappointed as administrator/building commissioner. (7-0)
- h) Clerk Secretary: Mrs. Marks made a motion to nominate Mrs. Pamla Starkey as clerk secretary, seconded by Mr. Bridegroom. Motion carried (7-0) Mrs. Benninghoff made a motion to close nominations, seconded Mrs. Marks. Motion carried. (7-0) Mrs. Starkey is reappointed as clerk secretary. (7-0)
- i) Board of Zoning Appointment: After discussion it was decided that Mr. White was put on the BZA Board by the planning commission last year. Mr. Dodge read the code to the board. Mr. Bridegroom asked Mr. Dodge to go to the commissioners meeting on Monday, February 7,

2011 at 9:00 a.m.

2. Approval of the minutes of the November 17, 2010 meeting and public hearings: Mrs. Benninghoff made a motion to approve minutes as written, seconded by Mr. White. Motion carried (7-0)
3. End of the year reports: Mr. Ritchie read the reports to the board.
4. New Business
  - a) Harrison Fields regarding complaint forms: Mr. Fields was present and explained to the board that he doesn't think that we should make a person sign a complaint form and he thinks that it will make people deter from making complaints. Mr. Ritchie explained to Mr. Fields why the forms exist and read what was passed. Mr. Fields still doesn't think that it is a good idea.
5. Old Business
  - a) Randall Coldiron, Property address: 7190 S. 250 W. North Judson, IN. 46366. Unsafe Building: Mr. Coldiron was to have someone here to represent him as he could not be here. There is no one here for him. Mr. Coldiron was also to have a snow fence put up to keep the debris from blowing into the neighbors yards and to keep people off of the property. Mr. Williams had new pictures. After discussion by the board Mrs. Benninghoff made a motion to send him a letter stating that since no one showed up at the meeting and the snow fence was not placed and the foundation was not contained, he or someone to represent him need to attend the meeting in February and problem needs to be taken care of by the next meeting or he will be receiving a letter from the boards counsel with authority to sue, seconded by Mr. Bridegroom. Motion carried (7-0)
  - b) Continuation of public hearing for James & Tracy Grushka, unsafe building: Mr. Grushka contacted Mr. Williams and stated that he will tear the unsafe structure completely down but needs some time, he is having family problems. Mr. Williams gave him until June 2011 to get removed. Mr. Bridegroom made a motion to agree with Mr. Williams giving Mr. Grushka (6) six months to get the structure removed, seconded by Mrs. Marks. Motion carried (7-0) Mr. Kurtz made a motion to close the public hearing seconded by Mrs. Benninghoff. (7-0)
  - c) Timothy Yokovich, property located on N. Broadway & Ann Street. Mr. Yokovich was to have the roof finished, permit is expired and roof is not finished. Mrs. Benninghoff made a motion for Mr. Dodge to write a letter with authority to sue, stating that the building be removed or an engineering report stating that it is safe be supplied. After further discussion Mrs. Benninghoff rescinded her motion. Mr. White made a motion for Mr. Williams to call Mr. Yokovich and make an appointment for Mr. Williams and himself to inspect the building inside and out before the next meeting and report to the board at the next meeting, seconded by Mrs. Marks. Motion carried (7-0)
6. New Violations
  - a) Jodi Damiano 4420 S. S.R. 39, North Judson, IN. 46366: Constructed a garage without a building permit. A letter was written, Ms. Damiano did come in and start a permit and paid (75) seventy five dollars towards the permit on 11-16-10 Sent another letter to make another payment with no response. After discussion from the board, Mrs. Marks made a motion for Mr. Dodge to write a letter with authority to sue, seconded by Mrs. Benninghoff. Motion carried (7-0)

Mr. Estok made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. White. Motion carried (7-0)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

This meeting was taped and will be on file in the Starke County Planning Commission Office. The next scheduled meeting will be February 16, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Pamla J. Starkey  
clerk secretary