

Starke County Plan Commission
Regular Meeting
February 18, 2015

- I) Pledge of Allegiance
- II) Roll Call: Dennis Estok, president & surveyor; Roger Chaffins, vice president & citizen member; Kathy Norem, commissioner, Bryan Cavender, councilman; Ted Bombagetti, extension agent representative; Betty Dotlich, Jeff Fosler & Denise Thomas, citizen members; Mary Jane Bendt, city representative; Martin Bedrock, commission counsel; Terry R. Stephenson, administrator/building commissioner; and Pamla J. Starkey, secretary. There was one (1) visitor present.
- III) Mr. Estok introduced Mr. Ted Bombagetti as the representative of the Extension Office.
- IV) Approval of the minutes of the January 21, 2015 meeting and public hearings:
 - ◆ Mr. Chaffins made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mrs. Norem. Motion carried (8-0)
- V) New and Old Business
 - ◆ Mrs. Dotlich stated that the county commissioners appointed her to be on the KIRPC Board and she has met Mr. Buswell (sp?), who is in charge of it and asked him about the Blight Elimination Funds and asked what happened to our application and he stated that he is not sure if they are doing a third round and suggested that we write a letter and let the state know that we are interested so if they do a third round, we can get in on that.
 - After discussion by the board, Mrs. Norem made a motion to send a letter to the state and let them know that we are interested if money is available, seconded by Mrs. Dotlich. Motion carried (8-0)
- VI) New and Old Violations
 - ◆ Mr. Stephenson gave a report on the violations (copies are attached to original minutes)
 - ◆ Mrs. Dotlich asked about the Lightening Dude Ranch, Carl Rudd.
 - ◆ Board would like to see Mr. Rudd at the next meeting to give an update.
- VII) Tech Committee
 - ◆ Mrs. Dotlich spoke on what was discussed
 - Starke County Public Nuisance & Unsafe Building Ordinance
 - Mr. Estok explained what we want to accomplish with the ordinance.
 - After discussion by the board, Mrs. Dotlich made a motion to send the preliminary ordinance to John Molitor to review, seconded by Mr. Chaffins. Motion carried (8-0)
- VIII) End of the month Reports
 - ◆ Mr. Stephenson read the report to the board

Mr. Dotlich made a complaint regarding his neighbor having 3 semi trailers and 4 tractors on his property and repairing them and thinks we need to work on an ordinance to keep this from happening.

Mr. Stephenson stated that he has talked to him and was told he is working on his own equipment which is not in violation of the ordinance.

After discussion by the board Mrs. Dotlich volunteered to do research on the problem.

Mr. Bedrock let the board know that Mr. & Mrs. Ford are suing the county, BZA and Bruce Williams which will be discussed at the Board of Zoning Appeal Meeting.

With no further business, Mrs. Norem made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Cavender. Motion carried (8-0)

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 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 Board of Zoning Appeal meeting on the same night at 7:00 p.m.

Pamla J. Starkey
Secretary