

Starke County Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting and Public Hearing  
February 19, 2014

- I) Pledge of Allegiance
- II) Roll Call: Dennis Estok, president & surveyor; Roger Chaffins, vice president & trustee; Bryan Cavender, councilman; Chad Rushing, extension educator; Betty Dotlich, Jeff Fosler, and Denise Thomas, citizen members; Martin Bedrock, commission counsel; Terry R. Stephenson, administrator/building commissioner; and Pamela J. Starkey, clerk/secretary. There were (5) five visitors present.
- III) Approval of the minutes of the January 15, 2014 meeting and public hearing:
  - ◆ Mr. Rushing pointed out that in item 5, first bullet third line, the word get should be between the words could and everything.
  - ◆ Mr. Chaffins made a motion to approve minutes with the amendment mentioned, seconded by Mr. Rushing. Motion carried (7-0)
- IV) Public Hearing to consider the approval of an amendment to the Code of the County of Starke, Indiana dated 1991, 6-12-3-2-2(H) Manufactured Housing Ordinance by removing section 6-12-3-2-3(H)(3):
  - ◆ Mr. Estok opened the public hearing
    - Mr. Dotlich is against removing that portion of the ordinance.
    - Mr. Estok, Mr. Bedrock and Mr. Rushing stated that the state did not clarify that it needed to stay in the ordinance.
    - After discussion Mr. Estok closed the public hearing
    - Mr. Fosler made a motion to approve the amendment to the ordinance,
    - Mrs. Dotlich stated that she thinks it should be left in.
    - Mr. Rushing stated that if we make it more difficult for the people they might be more apt to move them in illegally.
    - After discussion, Mr. Cavender seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-2) Dotlich and Thomas against.
- V) New and Old Business
  - ◆ Walter & Julia (Povilaitis) Ford were present
    - Mr. Stephenson stated that he did the inspections and it does pass everything that was done to make it acceptable in this county.
    - Mrs. Dotlich stated that they do not have current permits.
    - Mr. Bedrock stated that there is a BZA order in place and needs to be taken care of before anything else is decided.
    - Mr. Estok stated that they were ordered to remove the home and want to know if they remove it, can it be put back on the property. Mr. Stephenson stated that it does pass inspection and the engineer report says the same thing.
    - Mrs. Dotlich stated that the court order says that it needs to go back to the factory and the engineers license had expired before he did the report. Mr. Dotlich showed the board the paperwork to prove it.
    - Mr. Bedrock read the letter from the Director of Legal and Code Service of Indiana Home and Land Security.
    - Mrs. Dotlich again stated that since there is a court order this board can't do anything.
    - Mr. Chaffins stated that Mrs. Dotlich needs to keep Mr. Stephenson informed on some of the information that she has.

VI) New and Old Violations

- ◆ Robin Thompson, 3780 E. Debby Dr., Knox: open storage of junk
  - Mr. Stephenson stated that there is no improvement and have been to court already.
  - After discussion by the board, Mr. Chaffins made a motion to take back to court, seconded by Mrs. Dotlich. Motion carried (5-2)
- ◆ Robert and Viola Salyer, 8215 S. US 421 San Pierre: Burnt Dwelling
  - Mr. Stephenson stated that he received a letter from Mrs. Salyer stating that they are in litigation with the insurance company
- ◆ Bank of America, 6595 E. 25 N. Knox: Burnt home was taken back by the bank on a sheriffs sale
  - Two letters have been written with no response.

VII) Tech Committee Report

- ◆ Mrs. Dotlich informed the board of what was discussed at their meeting
  - Part Time Inspector
  - Replacement permits
  - Removal of Unsafe Buildings and possible grant money

VIII) End of the Month Reports

- ◆ Mr. Stephenson read the report to the board.

With no further business, Mr. Chaffins made a motion to adjourn the meeting,

Mr. McCay asked what was being done with the Lightning Dude Ranch. Mr. Stephenson explained that Mr. Rudd has had another heart attack and has stopped work for right now.

Motion to adjourn was seconded by Mr. Cavender. Motion carried (7-0). The next scheduled meeting will be held on **Wednesday March 19, 2014.**

Pamla J. Starkey  
Clerk/Secretary