

Starke County Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting  
March 21, 2012

Attendance: Butch Ritchie, president and citizen member; Donald White, vice president and citizen member; Denise Marks, executive secretary and citizen member; Daniel Bridegroom, commissioner; Byron Walters, trustee; Steven A. Dodge, commission counsel; Bruce W. Williams; administrator/building commissioner; and Pamla J. Starkey, clerk secretary. There were (3) three visitors present.

1. Approval of the minutes of the February 15, 2012 meeting: Mrs. Marks made a motion to approve as written, seconded by Mr. Bridegroom. Motion carried (5-0)
2. New Business
  - a) Steve Dodge will be retiring at the end of this year.
  - b) Alan Kurtz resigned from the Extension Office. We will be one member short until he is replaced.
  - c) Letter that we sent to all of the Fire Chiefs. Mr. Williams explained that he would like to be notified of any fires in the county so that our office can make sure that they get cleaned up in a timely manner.
  - d) Preliminary copy of the Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Insurance Study report for Starke County. Mr. Williams asked the board members to look through the preliminary copy and there will be a meeting on April 17, 2012 at the Community Center for any one interested in attending.
3. Old Business
  - a) Mr. Williams wanted the board to be aware of the two permits that were being questioned by Mr. & Mrs. Dotlich at the Starke County Commissioners meeting.
4. Violations
  - a) Christopher & Shannon Rupert, 6295 S. 200 E. Brought in a mobile home without a permit. Letters were sent with no response. After discussion by the board Mr. White made a motion for Mr. Williams send a second letter to get permit, seconded by Mr. Bridegroom. Motion carried (5-0)
  - b) Koontz Lake Fire Department. Brought in a mobile home and two semi van trailers without permits. Two letters were sent. After discussion by the board Mr. Bridegroom stated that he will contact Mr. Mark Allen, Oregon Township Trustee, and let the board know what was discussed at the next meeting.
  - c) TC Investments 2495 S. 650 W. Open storage of junk. Two letters were sent with no response. After discussion by the board, Mr. Bridegroom made a motion for Mr. Dodge to write a letter with authority to sue, seconded by Mrs. Walters. Motion carried (5-0).
  - d) Keith Gerrard, 5655 N. 1100 E. Open storage of junk. First letter was sent on 4-14-11, Mr. Gerrard said that he would have property cleaned up in (30) thirty days. Second letter was sent on 3-8-12 and is still not cleaned up and did not respond to second letter. After discussion by the board, Mr. Bridegroom made a motion for Mr. Dodge to write a letter with authority to sue, seconded by Mr. Walters. Motion carried (5-0)
  - e) Lynda & Anna Kolasa, 11440 E. S.R. 8. Unsafe Building, Mr. Dodge wrote letter and board gave an extra month, nothing has been done. After discussion by the board Mrs. Marks made a motion to proceed with filing an injunction, seconded by Mr. Walters. Motion carried (5-0)
  - f) Doritta Delaney/Joshua Johnson, 11460 E. 900 S. Unsafe building. Mr. Johnson bought the property on tax sale and property is now cleaned up and house is gone.
  - g) Hammond property. Mr. Allen has started cleaning the property up and Mr. Williams stated

that he will give him a little more time.

5. End of Month Report were given to board members.

Old Business continued:

h) C & C Salvage: Mr. Ritchie stated that they have opened a new business on the same property. After discussion by the board Mr. Bridegroom made a motion to file an injunction due to noncompliance of the stop work order and for failure to get permit to have a salvage yard on the south portion of property and failure to get permit from IDEM, seconded by Mr. White. Motion carried (5-0)

With no further business Mr. White made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Walters. Motion carried (5-0).

This meeting was recorded and will be on file in the Starke County Planning Commission office. The next scheduled meeting will be held on April 18, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Pamla J. Starkey  
clerk/secretary