

Starke County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
June 19, 2013

- I) Roll Call: Butch Ritchie, president & citizen member; Donald White, vice president & citizen member; Kathy Norem, commissioner; Freddie Baker, councilman; Dennis Estok, surveyor; Chad Rushing, extension educator; Roger Chaffins, trustee; Betty Dotlich, citizen member; Martin Bedrock, commission counsel; Terry R. Stephenson, administrator/building commissioner; and Pamela J. Starkey, clerk/secretary. There were (8) eight visitors present.
- II) Approval of the minutes of the May 15, 2013 meeting: Mr. Chaffins made a motion to accept minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Baker. Motion carried. (8-0)
- III) New Business
 - ◆ 2014 Budget
 - After reviewing the proposed budget, Mr. Chaffins suggested that we add \$3000.00 more to the line item of auto repair and maintenance for a total of \$4000.00.
 - Mr. Baker agreed with Mr. Chaffins
 - After discussion by the board, Mr. Chaffins made a motion to approve the 2014 Budget as submitted with the addition of the \$3000.00 to auto repair and maintenance for a total budget of \$134,690.00, seconded by Mr. White. Motion carried (8-0)
- IV) Tech Committee Report
 - ◆ Mrs. Dotlich read the minutes from the tech meeting on June 4, 2013.
- V) Old Business
 - ◆ Review of Vacation of Subdivision Plats
 - Mr. Bedrock suggested that the sentence after 15-1-13-A-1-C be removed, and the last paragraph of 15-1-13-D be removed.
 - After discussion by the board Mr. Baker made a motion to set the revised Vacation of Subdivision Plats for a public hearing at the July meeting, seconded by Mrs. Dotlich. Motion carried (8-0)
 - ◆ Review of Nonconforming Use Ordinance
 - After discussion by the board, Mr. Estok made a motion to table the revised Nonconforming Use Ordinance for further review, seconded by Mr. White. Motion carried. (8-0)
 - ◆ Mrs. Dotlich asked the board if they would like to appoint a member to the City Plan Commission as stated in the Rules and Procedures that was passed last month.
 - Mrs. Dotlich volunteered to be the appointee.
 - Mr. Baker made a motion to appoint Mrs. Dotlich to be the observer from the Starke County Plan Commission to the City of Knox Plan Commission, seconded by Mr. Chaffins. Motion carried (8-0)
- VI) New & Old Violations
 - ◆ American Oak
 - Mrs. Starkey let the board know that they did come in and pay the \$12,500.00.
 - Mr. Stephenson stated that he has not performed the final inspection. He is looking over the design release as construction was completed before inspections were performed.
 - ◆ John Knight, 11056 E. Iroquois Ave. Walkerton: Unsafe building.
 - Mr. Bedrock stated that there is an Estate set up in St. Joseph County that faxed him the paperwork
 - Mrs. Starkey stated that Ms. Knight let the office know that she plans on having an auction the end of the month.

- Several neighbors were at the meeting to voice their concerns regarding the property being unsafe.
- Mr. Bedrock stated that he will contact the attorney over the estate.
- Mrs. Norem made a motion to give Mr. Bedrock the authority to sue and have structure removed, seconded by Mrs. Dotlich. Motion carried (8-0)
- Mr. Bedrock asked Mrs. Starkey to call Ms. Knight to see if she would deed the property to the county.
- ◆ Keith Gerrard, 5655 N. 1100 E. Grovertown
 - Mr. Stephenson let the board know that he has cleaned the property.
- ◆ Lynda & Anna Kolasa, 11475 E. S.R. 8, Culver
 - Mr. Bedrock gave an update. Their attorney was to contact Mr. Bedrock and has not as of today. The bank took property back.
- ◆ Michael & Sylvia Vician, 4715 E. Toto Rd. Knox
 - Mr. Bedrock stated that he could not get in contact with them.
 - Mr. Norem made a motion to give attorney the authority to sue, seconded by Mrs. Dotlich & Mr. Baker. Motion carried. (8-0)
- ◆ Darrel Keiper, Unsafe building
 - Mrs. Starkey let the board know that it was sold on tax sale and the buyer came in and applied for a remodeling permit.
 - Mrs. Norem would like to be kept informed of what is being done to the property.

VII) End of the Month reports

- ◆ Mr. Ritchie read the reports to the board.

Mr. Dotlich let the board know that another building collapsed at the old Lightning Dude Ranch

With no further business, Mr. Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Estok. Motion carried. (8-0) The next scheduled meeting will be held on July 17, 2013 at 6:30 p.m..

Pamla J. Starkey
clerk/secretary