

# STARKE COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

53 EAST MOUND STREET

KNOX, IN 46534

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## MINUTES July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Chairperson White opened the meeting at 6:32 pm.

- I Pledge of Allegiance-** led by Chairperson White.
- II Roll Call-** Don White (Chairperson), Denise Cultice (Vice-Chairperson), Bob Troike (Executive Secretary), EJ Rodgers (Member) **absent**, Nathan Marcum (Member) **absent**, Martin Bedrock (Attorney), Terry Stephenson (Planning Commission Administrator), and Savannah Simpson (BZA Recording Secretary)
- III Review of the meeting minutes for May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013-** Vice Chairperson Cultice made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Executive Secretary Troike seconded that motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- IV Review of the meeting minutes for May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013-** Vice Chairperson Cultice made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Executive Secretary Troike seconded that motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- V A hearing** to consider an appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision, on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013, not to issue an improvement location permit to Walter and Julia Ford for the reason that a structure already exists on their property located at 6690 East 250 North, Grovertown, IN 46531, parcel number 75-07-06-100-009.301-012.
- ◆ Chairperson White read the request listed above.
  - ◆ All notifications were in order.
  - ◆ Mr. Stephenson explained why the applicant was before the board.
  - ◆ Attorney Bedrock elaborated on why the applicant was before the board.
  - ◆ Applicants Walter and Julia Ford were present and were represented by their attorney, David Ambers.
  - ◆ Attorney Ambers explained intent.
  - ◆ Architect Roger Potratz also spoke on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Ford
  - ◆ Audience in favor of request:
    - Alan Sahara
    - Ryan Povalitis
    - Stanley Budd
    - Tiffany Tanksley
    - Walter Ford
    - Mihai Stefan
    - Mihaela Stefan
  - ◆ Audience opposed to request:
    - Kyle Gay
    - George Dotlich
    - Betty Dotlich

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- Lee Lane
- Tony Standifer
- Jane Standifer
- Linda Siroky
- Jim Siroky
- Judy Benninghoff
- Bink Benninghoff
- William Burt
- Becky Burt
- Stuart Tremayne
- ◆ Vice Chairperson Cultice made a motion to open the public comment portion of the hearing. Executive Secretary Troike seconded that motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- ◆ Attorney Lee Lane voiced an objection on behalf of the Dotlichs, Standifers, and Sirokys.
- ◆ Other objections were voiced.
- ◆ Vice Chairperson Cultice made a motion to close the public comment portion of the hearing. Executive Secretary Troike seconded that motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- ◆ Board discussion.
- ◆ Vice Chairperson Cultice made a motion to deny the request. Executive Secretary Troike seconded that motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## **VI Old Business-**

- ◆ None at this time.

## **VII New Business-**

- ◆ Discussion of the complaint filed against the BZA with the Public Access Counselor by George and Betty Dotlich.
  - Attorney Bedrock explained the complaint and the Counselor's findings.

**VIII** With no further business to come before the Board, Executive Secretary Troike made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairperson Cultice. Motion carried 3-0. The July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm local time. This meeting was recorded for file in the zoning office. The next meeting of the Starke County Board of Zoning Appeals is scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. local time, in the Starke County Government Building, located in Knox, IN.