

Starke County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting and 3 Public Hearings
September 19, 2012

Attendance: Butch Ritchie, president & citizen member; Don White, vice president & citizen member; Denise Marks, executive secretary & citizen member; Dennis Estok, surveyor; Byron Walters, trustee; Richard Singleton, citizen member; 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 August, 15, 2012 meeting and public hearings: Mrs. Marks made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Walters. Motion carried (6-0)
2. Continuation of a Public Hearing to consider an Unsafe Building located north of 4295 N. 700 E., Hamlet, IN. 46532, Property owner being Concepcion Zavala: Mr. Williams reminded the board that he would like the structure to be removed or brought to code. Mrs. Starkey let the board know that Ms Zavalas daughter came in and stated that her mother, Concepcion Zavala, passed away and the property is now in probate. They will have sixty days from todays date to respond.

After discussion, Mr. Estok made a motion to agree with Mr. Williams findings, that the building is unsafe and needs to remove or bring to code, seconded by Mr. Walters. Motion carried (6-0)

3. Public Hearing to consider an Unsafe Building located at 7651 N. Kickapoo Lane, Walkerton, IN. 46574, property owner being Darell Keiper: Mrs. Starkey let the board know that the first cerified letter sent, came back unable to forward, the second certified letter was sent to his brothers house and we have not received the green card or the letter back.

Mr. White made a motion to table until next month, seconded by Mrs. Marks. Motion carried (6-0).

4. Public Hearing to consider an Unsafe Building located at 4715 E. Toto Rd. Knox, IN. 46534, property owner being Michael & Sylvia Vician: Mrs. Starkey let the board know that everything is in order. Mr. Singleton made a motion to open the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Walters. Motion carried (6-0)

Mr. Bales was in the audience to represent the Matzat family, stating that they would like to see it cleaned up. With no other public comment, Mr. White made a motion to close the public comment of the hearing, seconded by Mr. Walters. Motion carried (6-0)

Mr. Estok made a motion to agree with Mr. Williams findings, that the structure is unsafe and needs to be removed or bring to code, seconded by Mrs. Marks. Motion carried (6-0)

5. New Business
 - a) Plan Commission Fees: Mr. Ritchie explained what was discussed at the tech committee meeting.
6. Old Business

a) Mr. Williams let the board know that he told Ms. Debbie Burke that he would drop the missed inspection fee as there was miscommunication concerning the inspection but the late filing fee is still owed.

b) Attorney replacement: After discussion by the Planning Commission Board and the Zoning Appeal Board, Mr. White made a motion to recommend Mr. Bedrock to replace Mr. Dodge for Plan Commission Board attorney starting January 2013, seconded by Mr. Singleton. Motion carried (6-0).

7. End of the month reports were given to the board members.

With no further business, Mr. White made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Walters. Motion carried (6-0).

This meeting was recorded and will be on file in the Starke County Planning Commission Office. The next scheduled meeting will be held on October 17, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Pamla J. Starkey
clerk/secretary