

Starke County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting and Public Hearing
September 21, 2011

ATTENDANCE: Butch Ritchie, president & citizen member; Daniel Bridegroom, vice president & commissioner; Judy Benninghoff, executive secretary & councilwoman; Dennis Estok, surveyor; Byron Walters, trustee; Richard Singleton, Donald White, & Denise Marks, citizen members; Steven A. Dodge, commission counsel; Bruce W. Williams, administrator/building commissioner; and Pamla J. Starkey, recording secretary. There were (4) four visitors present.

1. Approval of the minutes of the August 17, 2011 meeting: Mrs. Benninghoff made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Walters. Motion carried (8-0).
2. Public Hearing for an Unsafe Building owned by Lynda & Anna Kolasa, located at 11440 E. S.R. 8, Culver, IN. 46511, legal description as follows, S25 T33 R1, Pt E ½ NW 2 acres, state ID #75-07-25-100-006.000-012: Mr. Williams stated that he would like to see all structures removed.
Mr. Benninghoff made a motion to open the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Walters. Motion carried (8-0)
With no public comment, Mrs. Benninghoff made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Walters. Motion carried.
After discussion by the board Ms. Marks made a motion to approve Mr. Williams findings and give (60) sixty days to remove or repair the structures, seconded by Mr. Walters. Motion carried (8-0)
3. Old Business
 - a) Dog Kennel: Mr. Ritchie went over the revised dog kennel ordinance with the board. Mr. Bridegroom suggested that we add to Section 7, commercial kennels, item #2 reference IC Code 35-46-3-0.5 definition. Mr. Williams stated that we should add to Section 2 definitions, commercial kennels add, more than (4) four and less than twenty (20) unaltered female dogs that are at least twelve (12) months of age. Mr. Dodge suggest that we add C to Section 4, any more that four (4) dogs male or female will need a kennel license. Also under section 4 A, #2 & section B, #2 need to be changed to Shall not be permitted in residential zoned and/or subdivisions, and remove the rest of the sentence. Mr. Singleton made a motion to approve for the last time and send back to the commissioners with a favorable recommendation with the revisions that were made, seconded by Mr. Bridegroom. Motion carried (5-3) Mrs. Benninghoff, Mr. Estok, and Mr. Walters voted no.
Mr. Ritchie stated that we now need to adopt a fee schedule for the dog kennels, the committee discussed the fees to be based on a major, more than (15) fifteen dogs or minor, less than (15) fifteen dogs. Mr. White made a motion to hold a public hearing next month to adopt a fee schedule for dog kennels, if the Dog Kennel Ordinance is approved by commissioners, seconded by Mr. Walters. Motion carried (8-0)
4. New Business
 - a) End of the month report: Mr. Ritchie read the reports aloud to the board.
5. Violations
 - a) Randy Coldiron: Mr. Williams brought pictures in showing that Mr. Coldiron put a fence around the foundation.
 - b) Timothy Yokovich: Mr. Williams let the board know that the building is looking much better.

Mr. Singleton asked if Mr. Williams is to inspect used mobile homes before they are set and if the board members are allowed to go on property without permission. Mr. Dodge explained that the

administrator/building commissioner is the only one allowed on property, and if a member would like to go check on a property they would need to take Mr. Williams with them. Mr. Williams explained to Mr. Singleton that he requires a copy of the title and data plate along with pictures of the front and back of the mobile home and that he will not go out of town or the county and inspect mobile homes before they are brought in.

With no further business, Mrs. Benninghoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Walters. Motion carried. (8-0) The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

This meeting was taped and will be on file in the Starke County Planning Commission Office. The next scheduled meeting will be held on October 19, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Pamla J. Starkey
clerk/secretary