



**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING**  
**STARKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**  
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# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the **Starke County Plan Commission** will hold a public meeting on:

**Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. Annex 1 Meeting Room, 53 East Mound St., Knox IN 46534**

## **AGENDA**

### **I. Call to Order**

### **II. Pledge of Allegiance**

### **III. Roll Call**

### **IV. Determination of Quorum**

### **V. Approval of Agenda**

### **VI. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (23 April 2026)**

### **VII. Old Business**

1. **Discussion: Draft Ordinance 2026-\_\_\_ (Commercial/Utility-Scale Solar Energy Systems)**
  1. **Subject:** Working Group of the draft ordinance regarding Commercial Solar Energy Systems (CSES).
  2. **Key Items:** Review of draft revisions and updates.
  3. **Action:** Board discussion and possible consensus to approve the draft for Public Hearing.
2. **Discussion: Draft Ordinance 2026-\_\_\_ (Commercial Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS))**
  1. **Subject:** Working Group of the draft ordinance regarding Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS).
  2. **Key Items:** Review of draft revisions and updates.
  3. **Action:** Board discussion and possible consensus to approve the draft for Public Hearing.
  4. **Action:** Board discussion and possible consensus to proceed to Public Hearing.
3. **Discussion: Resolution 2026-PC-06 (Repealing the 2016 Permit Fee Schedule and Adopting a New Schedule of Fees)**
  1. **Subject:** Presentation of the draft **ORD 2026-XX and Updated Fee Schedule** to replace the 2016 schedule.
  2. **Key Items:** Review of the proposed ~X% increase across the board.
  3. **Action:** Board discussion and possible consensus for rate increase.

### **VIII. New Business**

1. **Discussion: Animal Nuisance in Residentially Developed Zoning**
  1. **Subject:** Discussion of ongoing livestock nuisance within residential zoning
  2. **Key items:** Review and discuss philosophies for moving forward
  3. **Action:** Decide which avenue to approach for zoning amendment.
2. **Discussion: Agricultural Building Permit Fee Exemptions**
  1. **Subject:** Review of the current zoning ordinance policy that restricts charging permit fees for agricultural buildings designated for agricultural uses.
  2. **Key items:** Discussion of legal counsel's recommendation regarding the equal treatment of building classes and structural categories.
  3. **Action:** Board discussion and possible consensus on drafting an ordinance amendment to align with legal guidance.

### **IX. Public Comment**

### **X. Board Comment**

### **XI. Adjournment**

All interested persons will have the opportunity to be heard. Written statements may be submitted up to 4 hours prior to the meeting and will be included in the official record.

**Posted by:** John McCurrie III  
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