



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING

STARKE COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Wednesday, May 20th, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. Knox Community Middle School Cafeteria, Knox, Indiana

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Determination of Quorum
5. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting
6. Old Business
7. New Business / Public Hearings
 - o **Public Hearing: Resolution 2026-PC-06 (Repealing the 2016 Permit Fee Schedule and Adopting a New Schedule of Fees)**
 1. Subject: Presentation and public hearing regarding the updated Planning and Building Department Fee Schedule.
 2. Key Items: Review of proposed fee adjustments to cover current departmental and administrative costs.
 3. Action: Public comment, Board discussion, and possible consensus to adopt and forward a favorable recommendation to the Starke County Board of Commissioners.
 - o **Public Hearing: Resolution 2026-PC-07 (Third Party Reviews)**
 1. Subject: Presentation and public hearing regarding the utilization of third-party reviews.
 2. Key Items: Review of the process for assigning independent engineering/technical consultants and applicant cost responsibilities.
 3. Action: Public comment, Board discussion, and possible consensus to adopt and forward a favorable recommendation to the Starke County Board of Commissioners.
 - o **Public Hearing: Resolution 2026-PC-08 (Fences)**
 1. Subject: Presentation and public hearing regarding amendments to the zoning ordinance concerning fences.
 2. Key Items: Review of updated developmental standards, placement, and heights for fencing.
 3. Action: Public comment, Board discussion, and possible consensus to adopt and forward a favorable recommendation to the Starke County Board of Commissioners.
 - o **Public Hearing: Resolution 2026-PC-09 (Carbon Capture and Sequestration (CCS) Moratorium)**
 1. Subject: Presentation and public hearing regarding a moratorium on Carbon Capture and Sequestration infrastructure.
 2. Key Items: Review of the temporary hold on CCS development to allow the County to adequately study and draft comprehensive safety and zoning regulations.
 3. Action: Public comment, Board discussion, and possible consensus to adopt and forward a favorable recommendation to the Starke County Board of Commissioners.
 - o **Public Hearing: Resolution 2026-PC-10 (Commercial Solar Energy Systems Ordinance)**
 1. Subject: Presentation and public hearing to adopt the comprehensive Starke County Commercial Solar Energy Systems Ordinance.

2. Key Items: Review of regulations covering permitting procedures, setbacks, environmental and drainage protections, fire safety, road use agreements, and decommissioning requirements for CSES.
3. Action: Public comment, Board discussion, and possible consensus to adopt and forward a favorable recommendation to the Starke County Board of Commissioners.
- o **Public Hearing: Resolution 2026-PC-11 (Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Ordinance)**
 1. Subject: Presentation and public hearing to adopt the comprehensive Starke County Battery Energy Storage Systems Ordinance.
 2. Key Items: Review of regulations regarding fire suppression, emergency management coordination, containment, noise limits, setbacks, and decommissioning requirements for BESS facilities.
 3. Action: Public comment, Board discussion, and possible consensus to adopt and forward a favorable recommendation to the Starke County Board of Commissioners.
8. Public Comment
9. Board Comment
10. Adjournment

All interested persons will have the opportunity to be heard. Written statements may be submitted up to four (4) hours prior to the hearing (by 1:30 p.m. on May 20th, 2026) and will be included in the official record.

Posted by: John McCurrie III

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