

Starke County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting and Continued Public Hearing
February 16, 2011

Attendance: Butch Ritchie, president & citizen member; Daniel Bridegroom, vice president & commissioner; Judy Benninghoff, executive secretary & councilwoman; Alan Kurtz, extension educator; Byron Walters, trustee; Donald White, citizen member; Steven A. Dodge, commission counsel; Bruce Williams, administrator/building commissioner; and Pamla Starkey, secretary. There were (3) three visitors present.

1. Approval of the minutes of the January 19, 2011 meeting and public hearing: Mrs. Benninghoff made a motion to accept minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Bridegroom. Motion carried. (6-0)
2. Continuation of a public hearing to consider an unsafe building located at 7190 S. 250 W. North Judson, IN, owned by Randall S. Coldiron: Mr. Coldiron brought in the court findings and a Quit Claim Deed, deeding the property in question to Erie Insurance Exchange. Mr. Coldiron did clean the property a little. After discussion by the board Mr. Kurtz made a motion for Mr. Williams to write a letter to Erie Insurance regarding the unsafe building, seconded by Mr. Bridegroom. Motion carried (6-0).
3. End of the Month Reports: Mr Ritchie read the reports aloud.
4. Timothy & Christine Yokovich,: Property in San Pierre. Mr. Williams & Mr. White went to property and met with Mr. Yokovich. Mr. Williams stated that he would like the old part of the structure removed. Mr. White stated that he doesn't have a problem with him saving the structure from the windows down. The top needs to come down, also needs to put steel columns down for support. Mr. Yokovich does need to renew his building permit. After discussion by the board Mrs. Benninghoff made a motion that Mr. Yokovich will need to remove brick down to the windows and put C channel on top of the brick with 1/8 inch C channel and attached steel columns and apply 20 gauge metal roofing, 24 gauge on side wall to top of windows, project must be completed by 7-1-11 or structure will have to be removed, seconded by Mr. Walters. Motion carried (6-0)
5. New Business:
 - a) Letter from Dr. Alexander regarding the sanitarian: Mr. Ritchie stated that this was discussed at the Tech Committee meeting. The board suggested that Mr. Williams send a letter to the health board so that this matter can be taken care of. Mr. Ritchie asked that we forward the letter to him along with a list of permits that the sanitarian has to sign before they are released, he will then draft a letter for Mr. Williams to send to Dr. Alexander.
 - c) Letter from Mr. Dodge to Mr. Lucas regarding appointing members to the boards.
 - b) Letter from Mr. Lausten: Regarding vacating a road in Lausten's Subdivision. The board suggested that Mr. Williams call Mr. Cramer to see if a legal has been made so that it can be recorded and the road vacated.
6. Tech Meeting Report:
 - a) Wind Ordinance: It was discussed that if we adopted the same wind ordinance as White Co., we will not have to do anything else with it.
 - b) Dog Kennel: Fence height requirement may be written to stringent. Mr. Ritchie did some research on dog kennels and he has found that it has to be adequate enough for the size of the animals. He asked Mr. Williams to find a copy of the state dog kennel ordinance.
 - c) Cafo's: This will be put into sections and hope to have it done within six months to a year at most.

Commissioners have appointed Denise Marks to the Board of Zoning Appeal.

Mr. Benninghoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Walters. Motion carried (6-0)
Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 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 March 16, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Pamla J. Starkey
clerk/secretary