

Starke County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
March 16, 2011

Attendance: Butch Ritchie, president & citizen member; Daniel Bridegroom, vice president & commissioner; Judy Benninghoff, executive secretary & councilwoman; Dennis Estok, surveyor; Alan Kurtz, extension educator; Byron Walters, trustee; Don White & Denise Marks, citizen members; Steven A. Dodge, commission counsel; Bruce W. Williams administrator/building commissioner; and Pamla J. Starkey, secretary. There were (2) two visitors present.

1. Approval of the minutes of the February meeting and public hearing: Mrs. Benninghoff made a motion to approve minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Walters. Motion carried (8-0)
2. End of the month reports: Mr. Ritchie read the reports aloud to the board.
3. Report from the tech committee meeting: Mr. Bridegroom is still working with Cass County to compare our Wind Ordinance with theirs. Mr. Bridegroom stated that they will meet at Cass County Courthouse at 12:30 on Wednesday, March 23, 2011. The tech committee is looking at some dog kennel ordinances from Illinois and will work more on that at the next tech committee meeting. Mr. Bridegroom found one from Kane Co. of Illinois for the board to look over.
4. New Business:
 - a) Missed final inspection/or certificate of occupancy for John Kasten, Keith Risner, Joe & Connie Lenig, & Kirby Trent: Bruce would like Mr. Dodge to send letter with authority to sue. Board would like to wait until next month before we threaten to sue.
5. Old Business:
 - a) Sanitarian: Mr. Ritchie read the email that he had sent to Dr. Alexander. She called Mr. Ritchie the next day assuring him that it was all taken care of. Mr. Ritchie talked to Mr. Williams and he stated that he has not heard from them. Mr. Ritchie then sent her another email with no response. Mr. White suggested to go to the president of the health board. Mr. Bridegroom stated that he asked for the president and or the members of the health board to attend one of our meetings with no response. Mr. Ritchie asked for Mrs. Starkey to get him the phone number and email address for Debby Hansen. Mr. Dodge suggested the planning commission rescind the part of the ordinance where the health sanitarian has to sign off of the building permits until the sanitarian is replaced. After more discussion Mr. White made a motion to let the matter go for another month, seconded by Mrs. Marks. Motion carried (4-3) Mr. Estok, Mr. Bridegroom and Mrs. Benninghoff against.
 - b) Randy Coldiron property, We will be holding a public hearing next month on the property with the new owner of the property.
 - c) Ward Allen's parents property, we are still waiting on the property to be transferred as his parents are deceased.

Mr. Armstead questioned Mr. Williams about the property on 1100 E.

Mark Allen was present as the trustee's recommended him to be on the board. Now the commissioners have to appoint a trustee to the board.

Mrs. Benninghoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Bridegroom. Motion carried. (8-0) Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 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 April 20, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Pamla J. Starkey
clerk/secretary