

Starke County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting and Public Hearing
June 15, 2011

ATTENDANCE: Butch Ritchie, president & citizen member; Dennis Estok, surveyor; Byron Walters, trustee; Richard Singleton & Denise Marks, citizen members; Steven A. Dodge, commission counsel; Bruce W. Williams, administrator/building commissioner; and Pamla J. Starkey, clerk/secretary. There were (3) three visitors present.

1. Approval of the May 18, 2011 regular meeting: Mr. Singleton made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Walters. Motion carried (5-0)
2. Public Hearing to consider the approval of the revised Ordinance for Flood Hazard Areas For Starke County: Mrs. Marks made a motion to open the public portion of the hearing, seconded by Mr. Estok. Motion carried (5-0)
With no comment from the public, Mr. Estok made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Singleton. Motion carried (5-0).
After discussion by the board, Mr. Singleton made a motion to forward the Ordinance for Flood Hazard Areas for Starke County to the Starke County Commissioners with a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mr. Walters. Motion carried (5-0).
3. New Business
 - a) New Program for the Plan Commission Office. Paladin Data Systems (Black Bear is no longer in existence). Mr. Williams let the board know that Paladin will have a webinar on 6-29-11 at 1:00 p.m. if they are interested. The fee for this program is \$7500.00 a year. Mr. Ritchie asked Mr. Williams to check with other counties to see what program they use, also to check other programs.
 - b) Budget for 2012: After discussing the Budget that was submitted Mr. Estok made a motion to approve the budget as submitted, motion died with a lack of a second. After more discussion, Mr. Estok made a motion to approve the budget with the amendment of \$10,000.00 instead of \$7500.00 for a new permit program, seconded by Mr. Singleton. Motion carried (5-0).
 - c) End of the month reports: Mr. Ritchie read the reports to the board.
4. Old Business
 - a) Randall Coldiron, regarding property located at 7190 S. 250 W. North Judson: Mr. Williams stated that he would like the deck removed. After discussion by the board Mr. Singleton made a motion for Mr. Dodge to write Mr. Coldiron a letter stating that the deck needs to be completely removed down to the block, seconded by Mr. Walters. Motion carried. (5-0).
 - b) Dog Kennel: The Starke County Commissioners did not approve the dog kennel ordinance as recommended by the planning commission. Mrs. Starkey told the board that the commissioners stated that section 3 (A) & (B) state the same thing, and did not like the word deplorable on page one, also asked why only six dogs outside at once. After discussion by the board Mr. Singleton made a motion to send the Dog Kennel Ordinance back to the Starke County Commissioners with a favorable recommendation with the following change: Section 3 (B) Dog Kennels with fifty-one (51) total dogs or more shall be permitted in agricultural and commercially zoned areas provided all the requirements of this ordinance are met upon approval of a conditional use by the Starke County Board of Zoning Appeal. Seconded by Mr. Walters. Motion carried (5-0)
 - c) James & Tracy Grushka, 8198 N. Tippecanoe Dr. Walkerton: Mr. Williams stated that the structure has been removed as requested.
5. Tech Committee Report: Mr. Ritchie stated that the committee worked on the Flood Hazard Area For Starke County. **There will not be a Tech Committee Meeting in July!**

Mr. Walters made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Marks. Motion carried (5-0). Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 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 July 20, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Pamla J. Starkey
clerk/secretary