

Starke County Plan Commission
Regular Meeting
August 16, 2017

- I) Pledge of Allegiance
- II) Roll Call: Roger Chaffins, president & citizen member; Bryan Cavender, vice president & councilman; Don Binkley, commissioner; Bill Crase, surveyor; Phil Woolery, extension educator; Byron Walters, trustee; Denise Thomas & Todd Lawrence, citizen members; Terry R. Stephenson, administrator & building commissioner; and Pamla J. Starkey, clerk/secretary. There was (1) one visitor present.
- III) Approval of the minutes of the July 19, 2017 meeting
 - ◆ Mr. Walters made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Cavender. Motion carried (8-0)
- IV) New & Old Business
 - ◆ Derrick Bacewic regarding property that he purchased on U.S. 35
 - Mr. Bacewic was present and stated that he purchased the property with the intent of putting a business on the property and has since found out that the property is zoned agriculture and is not zoned for the type of business he would like to conduct. He asked the board if he should extend the zoning as the property to the south is zoned Local Business or should he go for a variance.
 - After discussion by the board, Mr. Crase made a motion for Mr. Bacewic to apply for a variance through the Board of Zoning Appeal, seconded by Ms. Thomas. Motion carried (8-0)
- V) New & Old Violations
 - ◆ Kimberly Allen, regarding semi van trailers on her property.
 - Mr. Stephenson explained that Ms. Allen was to be present at this meeting but did not show up. He went on to explain that Ms. Allen has less than (2) two acres, therefore cannot have any semi van trailers on her property and that the semi van trailers belong to the adjoining property owner who is the grandfather and he has the acreage allowed to have them.
 - Mr. Stephenson recommends that Ms. Allen split off the piece of property with the trailers on it back to the grandfather.
 - After discussion by the board, Mr. Binkley made a motion to have the property that has the semi van trailers on it, split back to the grandfather and if not complied with by September 20, 2017 will send to Mr. Bedrock to write letter with authority to sue, seconded by Mr. Crase. Motion carried (8-0)
- VI) No Public Comment
- VII) End of the month reports were given

Mr. Chaffins asked the board members to start thinking about making the revisions on the RV ordinance, and possibly work on a tall grass ordinance.

Mr. Crase stated that the BLPO should have a representative at the tech meeting when the RV ordinance is being discussed since they are concerned with the campers.

Mr. Chaffins also let the board know that the council approved the budget including the code enforcer, now the commissioners will need to approve it.

Mr. Crase said he spoke to the Town of North Judson code enforcer to see how it was working and it seems to be going pretty well and we will need to get started on the process that we will need to go through.

With no further business, Mr. Walters made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Binkley. Motion carried (8-0)

The next scheduled meeting will be held on September 20, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Unless stated otherwise, all Plan Commission meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. with the Board of Zoning Appeal meeting on the same night the latter of 6:30 p.m. or the conclusion of the Plan Commission meeting.

Pamla J. Starkey
Clerk/Secretary