

Starke County Plan Commission
Regular Meeting
May 16, 2018

- ❖ Pledge of Allegiance
- ❖ Roll Call: Roger Chaffins, president & citizen member; Bill Crase, vice president & surveyor; Donald Binkley, commissioner; Bryan Cavender; councilman; Phil Woolery, extension educator; Todd Lawrence, and Denise Cultice, citizen members; Martin Bedrock, commission counsel; administrator/building commissioner; and Pamela J. Starkey, clerk/secretary, Robby Blodgett, code enforcer. There were (4) four visitors present.
- ❖ Approval of the minutes of the April 18, 2018 meeting: Ms. Cultice made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Cavender. Motion carried (6-0)
- ❖ New and Old Business
 - None to be heard
- ❖ New and Old Violations
 - Jon & Christine Yokovich, Two San Pierre properties:
 - The Yokovich's were present and stated that NIPSCO will be hooking up the utilities on the property in town.
 - After discussion by the board, Mr. Crase made a motion to have them report every (2) two months as long as progress is being made, seconded by Ms. Cultice. Motion carried (6-0)
 - June Sunderland-Clifford/Eddie Noake-5590 E. Manor Dr. Knox
 - Ms. Clifford was present and explained that she has a verbal lease with Mr. Noake.
 - Mr. Bedrock stated that Mr. Noake was to be present to see if the board would be willing to lower the fines but didn't show up to the meeting.
 - Mr. Crase let the board know that Mr. Stephenson does not think the fines should be lowered any more than they already have, as he dropped the \$2000.00 set up fee and they have brought in another singlewide and put an addition on it.
 - After discussion by the board, Mr. Crase made a motion to keep the permit fee and fines at the \$1,976.00 and look at what the fees and fines would be for the singlewide and addition and add them to the total fine, seconded by Ms. Cultice. Motion carried (6-0)
 - After more discussion, Mr. Crase amended his motion to keep the permit fee and fines at the \$1,976.00 and continue with the new violation, seconded by Ms. Cultice. Motion carried (6-0)
- ❖ Code Enforcement Officer Report
 - Ms. Blodgett passed out copies of a violation bill/letter that would be sent to violators that do not comply and asked what the next step would be.
 - Mr. Bedrock explained that it would be the same as an unsafe structure and have a public hearing etc.
 - Mrs. Starkey stated that she thought it was suppose to just go directly to small claims court and not go through the same process as the unsafe building ordinance, and that was the purpose of having the code enforcer with the fines established.
 - Mr. Crase and Mr. Chaffins agreed with Mrs. Starkey that it was to make the process quicker.
 - After discussion by the board it was decided to amend the ordinance by taking the public nuisance ordinance out of the unsafe ordinance. (Mr. Bedrock & Mrs. Starkey are to work on the ordinance)
- ❖ Board will look over the end of the year reports

With no further business, Mr. Crase made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Ms. Cultice.
Motion carried (6-0)

This meeting was recorded and will be on file in the Starke County Plan Commission Office. The next scheduled meeting will be held on June 20, 2018 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