

Starke County Plan Commission
Regular Meeting & Public Hearing
September 19, 2018

- ❖ Pledge of Allegiance
- ❖ Roll Call: Roger Chaffins, president & citizen member; Bill Crase, vice president & surveyor; Bryan Cavender; councilman; Byron Walters, trustee; Denise Cultice, and Donald White, citizen members; Martin Bedrock, commission counsel; Terry R. Stephenson, administrator/building commissioner; and Pamla J. Starkey, clerk/secretary. There were (5) five visitors present.
- ❖ Approval of the minutes of the August 15, 2018 meeting: Ms. Cultice made a motion to approve minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Walters. Motion carried. (6-0)
- ❖ Public Hearing to consider an unsafe structure located at 9780 E. 500 N., Grovertown, IN., 46531. Legal description, S22 T34 R1, Pt E side W ½ SW SE 1.58 acres, State Id #75-03-22-400-039.000-009. Property owner being Carol Wilson.
 - Mr. Chaffins opened the public hearing
 - Mr. Hoover explained that they have tried numerous times to get a hold of their trustee, Mark Allen, and he has not called them back. He also stated that they cannot afford to clean it up on their own.
 - After some discussion Mr. Chaffins closed the public hearing
 - Mrs. Starkey stated that she will try to get a hold of Mark Allen and have him call them, Mr. Chaffins said that he will also try to get a hold of Mark Allen
 - After discussion by the board Mr. Crase made a motion to give (30) thirty more days to try to get in contact with Mr. Allen and for them to come to the October 17, 2018 meeting, seconded by Mr. White. Motion carried (6-0)
- ❖ New and Old Business
 - Mr. Stephenson let the board know about the Wireman property, stating that they tagged the vehicles and when they went back they were gone. He also stated that the mobile home was going to be removed but is still there and he will hire someone to remove it and put a lien on the property
 - Mr. Stephenson also stated that the camper that is being lived in was also suppose to be removed but has not and he would like to have it removed.
 - Mr. Crase stated to have a police officer go with Mr. Stephenson and have the camper towed by someone that has a fenced in area and then take to the owner to small claims court.
 - Mr. Stephenson stated that he talked to a State Senator from LaPorte County regarding our money being tied up in properties that we have cleaned up, and the senator said there is no problem with the county acquiring the properties, he said that LaPorte County does it all the time, they have put it on the market, gave it to habitat of humanity, they also get bids from contractors to put homes on them and there is no problem getting the properties
 - Mr. Chaffins asked if the senator gave him a name to contact
 - Mr. Stephenson said that he is to contact the head of the planning commission in LaPorte
 - Mr. Crase stated that the president of the plan commission in LaPorte will be here some time this week and he can ask to set up a time to meet with him
 - Mr. Crase asked Mr. Stephenson if there are going to be liens placed on both of the properties in Borns Trailer Park
 - He said yes
- ❖ New and Old Violation
 - Timothy & Christine Yokovich, San Pierre

- Jon Yokovich was present and gave a report and was told to come back to our November meeting.
- Mrs. Starkey asked the board if they would be willing to change the November meeting to the second Wednesday, which would be November 14th as the third Wednesday would be the day before Thanksgiving. She let them know that she already cleared it with the Auditor to make sure the meeting room was available.
 - Mr. Crase made a motion to change our November meeting to Wednesday November 14th, seconded by Ms. Cultice. Motion carried (6-0)
- Carl & Tina Rudd, 6835 E. S.R. 10, Knox: give update on buildings
 - No one was present
- ❖ Back to New Business
 - Mr. John Wilson was present to discuss the Knox 2 mile jurisdiction
 - Mr. Wilson explained that he is trying to get the city to give up the permit fees but would still want to approve them as they come in. He also explained that they would still have control on what would come into the 2 mile jurisdiction.
 - After more discussion, Mr. Crase suggested that our tech committee and the city plan commission have a meeting to discuss the ordinances and he will get the meeting set up.
 - Mr. Stephenson would like the tech committee to work on a tall grass ordinance
- ❖ Back to Old Violations
 - Carl & Tina Rudd, A representative for the Rudd's came and let the board know that they are getting ready to rehab the big house.
 - Mr. Stephenson stated that he talked to Tina and told her to at least work on the outside of the house
 - After discussion the board asked for them to come back to our meeting on November 14th
- ❖ 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 October 17, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting for November 2018 will be on the 14th instead of the 21st

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