

Starke County Plan Commission  
Regular Meeting & Public Hearing  
May 15, 2019

- ❖ Pledge of Allegiance
- ❖ Roll Call: Roger Chaffins, president & trustee; Bill Crase, vice president & surveyor; Bryan Cavender; Commissioner; Howard Bailey, councilman; Phil Woolery, extension educator; Donald Binkley (absent), Todd Lawrence, Denise Cultice, and Todd Jackson, citizen members; John Wilson, city representative; Martin Bedrock, commission counsel; Terry R. Stephenson, administrator/building commissioner; and Pamla J. Starkey, clerk/secretary. There were (10) ten visitors present.
- ❖ Approval of the minutes of the April 17, 2019 meeting: Ms. Cultice made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Mr. Crase. Motion carried (8-0)
- ❖ Public Hearing to consider approval of the proposed Commercial Solar Energy System Ordinance to the Code of the County of Starke Indiana
  - Mr. Chaffins opened the public hearing
    - Mr. Larry Wickert spoke on being supportive for the proposed ordinance
  - With no further public discussion, Mr. Chaffins closed the public hearing.
  - Attorney Bedrock had a few questions, Mr. David Savage, Mr. Lee Morris, Mr. Larry Wickert, Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Crase answered his questions and concerns.
  - With no further discussion, Mr. Cavender made a motion to approve the proposed Commercial Solar Energy System Ordinance as written and send it to the Starke County Commissioners with a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mr. Crase. Motion carried (8-0)
- ❖ New and Old Business
  - 2020 Budget
    - Mr. Chaffins recommended that the proposed budget be accepted with the exception of the Planning Commission Clerk salary be changed to \$33,000.00
  - Public Nuisance Ordinance
    - Board members were given copies of the proposed ordinance that Attorney Bedrock prepared.
    - Mr. Chaffins recommended that the board review the proposed ordinance and have a public hearing next month.
  - Affirm the orders to clean up properties at 8195 N North St, Walkerton and 10035 E 600 N Grovertown.
    - Mr. Crase made a motion to affirm the order of the enforcement authority for the properties of 8195 N North St Walkerton, owned by Joseph & Janice Malec and 10035 E 600 N Grovertown, owned by Jerome Osborne, to be cleaned up seconded by Ms. Cultice. Motion carried (8-0)
- ❖ New and Old Violation
  - Rudd property, 6835 E SR 10 Knox
    - Mrs. Starkey stated that she did send notice to be present for this meeting.
    - Mr. Stephenson stated nothing has been done.
    - Attorney Bedrock will send letters to Bujwid and Tina Rudd
- ❖ Public comment
  - Several people were present to complain about a property located in Country Lane Est.
    - Mr. Stephenson stated that he will get a hold of the health department and see what can be done.
    - Mr. Chaffins asked them to call the planning commission office the middle of next week to see what is being done.

- Mrs. Wappel asked about a few properties in San Pierre that need to be cleaned up.
- Mrs. Starkey asked on behalf of Robby Blodgett, the enforcement officer, what happens to the personal property that is taken off of the properties that are being cleaned up.
  - Attorney Bedrock stated that he will look into it and the new ordinance will include that.
  - Attorney Bedrock stated that we are not going to clean up the current properties that we just affirmed the orders on, he will need to contact them to let them know how many days they have to either clean up or we will be cleaning and removing the items.
  - Mr. Lawrence stated that he feels that we currently give them ample time to clean up and if they don't remove it within the allotted time then whatever is there is gone.
- ❖ Board will look over the end of the year reports

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

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 19, 2019 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