

Starke County Plan Commission
Regular Meeting & Public Hearing
July 13, 2020

- ❖ Pledge of Allegiance
- ❖ Roll Call: Roger Chaffins, president & trustee; Bill Crase, vice president & surveyor (absent); Bryan Cavender, Commissioner (absent); Howard Bailey, councilman; Phil Woolery, extension educator; Donald Binkley (absent), Todd Lawrence (absent), Denise Cultice, and Todd Jackson, citizen members; Martin Bedrock, commission counsel; Terry R. Stephenson, administrator/building commissioner; and Pamla J. Starkey, clerk/secretary. There were ten (10) visitors present.
- ❖ Approval of the minutes of the June 8, 2020 meeting: Ms. Cultice made a motion to approve minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Jackson. Motion carried (5-0)
- ❖ Approval of the minutes of the June 22, 2020 special meeting: After Mr. Bedrock explained that Sunderland case is on hold because we were told to find all of the information needed for the judge to make a decision on who and how much is to pay fines, then the corona virus came into play, so we will get back on the docket as soon as we can. Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Cultice. Motion Carried (5-0)
- ❖ Public Hearing to consider an amendment to the Code of the County of Starke dated 1991 by adding an Driveway Permit Requirement Ordinance
 - Mr. Chaffins opened the public hearing
 - With no public comment, Mr. Chaffins closed the public hearing
 - After discussion, Mr. Woolery made a motion to approve the Driveway Permit Requirement Ordinance as written and send with a favorable recommendation to the Starke County Commissioners, seconded by Ms. Cultice. Motion carried (5-0)
- ❖ New and Old Business
 - Grass & Noise Ordinance
 - After discussion it was recommended to have the tech committee work on both ordinances
- ❖ New and Old Violation
 - Estella McEndarfer, 7966 Frost St, Walkerton
 - Lisa Krulik, Estella McEndarfes niece was present to state her case by saying that the health department was already there and told them what needs to be done, she stated that her aunt would like to hire someone to come and make it habitable and have it retested. She also asked for 90 days to get this done.
 - Mrs. Starkey asked if everything else was cleaned up and she replied by stating it was but they are still working on cleaning up the pig sty.
 - Mr. Stephenson suggested to get a hold of Boz at the Health department and for him to get a hold of the state to have someone come out and clean it. He also stated that 60 to 90 days is not to long to give them and it is up to them to have it cleaned and to have it tested and get back with Boz.
 - Mr. Jackson stated that it would be the State Police Clandestine Lab that would need to come out and clean it.
 - After discussion by the board, Ms Cultice made a motion to give them 90 days to clean up the property and if not done with in the 90 days we will start imposing the fines and proceed as usual, seconded by Mr. Woolery. Motion carried (5-0)
 - Thomas Briscuso & Robin Siano, 3850 S CR 210 Knox
 - Mr. Briscuso explained that they did not know they could not live in a camper and he said that according to 6-12-3-2-8 G in the RV Ordinance he can ask the board to give them permission to stay in the camper temporarily while their house is being built.

- Mr. Bedrock stated if Mr. Briscuso read 6-12-3-2-8 F which states you can only stay in the camper for 72 hours.
- Mr. Chaffins asked how long will it be before the house is built, he responded in December.
- Mr. Chaffins stated that they will need to apply to the Board of Zoning Appeal for a special exception to keep the camper there.
- After discussion by the board it was decided that they can come in and get a permit every 72 hours with the weekends being exempt until they are heard by the board of zoning appeal and they will then have to do what that board decides.
- Joseph & Janice Malec, 8195 N North St Walkerton
 - Property was cleaned up and they have until the end of July to pay the cleanup cost, fines and penalties or they will go onto their property taxes.
- ❖ Public Comments
 - There were several people present regarding the motor cross races on Bobby & Bridget Mc Clone's property and want to know what can be done.
 - Mr. Bedrock stated that we are not in control of the noise ordinance, as of now the Starke County Sheriff's Office is in control and if they do not charge there is nothing we can do.
 - An adjoining property owner was also present stating that they ran into their fence and knocked part of it down.
 - They also stated that nothing has been going on for a couple of months.
 - There were also concerns that the property owner was going to rezone the property, they were informed that they would be notified if that were to happen and that it isn't that easy to just rezone.
 - Mr. Bedrock stated that if they have any proof of them charging fees we may be able to do something.
 - After more discussion, Mr. Bedrock stated to wait until they resume and we can put a stop order on it.
 - Mr. Chaffins and other board members stated that we are going to work on the noise ordinance.
 - Mr. Woolery was letting the board know that Pulaski County is having a solar farm coming to them and was wanting to know if we have it going thru the BZA or the Plan Commission.
 - Mrs. Starkey stated that we have it going thru the Plan Commission.
 - Mr. Stephenson spoke on his behalf of the executive and special meeting that took place on June 22, 2020.
- ❖ Board will look over the end of the year reports

With no further business, Ms. Cultice made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Woolery. Motion carried (5-0)

This meeting was recorded and will be on file in the Starke County Plan Commission Office. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday August 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Unless stated otherwise all Plan Commission meetings will be held on the second Monday 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