

Starke County Plan Commission  
Regular Meeting  
October 12, 2020

- ❖ Pledge of Allegiance
- ❖ Roll Call: Roger Chaffins, president & trustee; Bill Crase, vice president & surveyor; Bryan Cavender; Commissioner (absent); Howard Bailey, councilman (absent); Phil Woolery, extension educator; Donald Binkley (Absent), Todd Lawrence, 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 (6) visitors present.
- ❖ Approval of the minutes of the September 14, 2020 regular meeting: Ms. Cultice made a motion to approve minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Jackson. Motion carried (6-0)
- ❖ New and Old Business
  - City of Knox regarding the 2 mile jurisdiction
    - Attorney Wallsmith spoke on behalf of the city planning commission stating that he advised the City of Knox not to issue permits within the 2 mile jurisdiction as they no longer have the authority to do inspections or to enforce ordinances within the 2 mile jurisdiction. He also stated that they want the applicants to first get approval with the City then go to the county for final approval.
    - Mr. Crase stated that he wants to talk to someone from the Attorney Generals office regarding the statute, and doesn't think we should have to go by the city's regulations if we are taking the 2 mile jurisdiction back.
    - After board discussion it was decided to hold off on making any decisions until Attorney Bedrock talks to Attorney Lucas regarding this issue and have a special meeting to discuss their findings.
- ❖ New and Old Violation
  - June Clifford-Sunderland
    - Attorney Bedrock stated that the courts forgot to put the hearing on the docket so they rescheduled again for October 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
  - Estella McEndarfer, 7966 Frost St, Walkerton
    - Ms. Blodgett stated that there is still junk and debris on the property but they have started some cleanup.
    - McEndarfer stated that they have done some cleaning but would like more time.
    - After board discussion, they gave them (15) fifteen more days.
- ❖ Code Enforcement Officer report
  - Ms. Blodgett asked the board what the next step would be for the property at Monterey as they are still living in a shed and have junk, vehicles and debris on the property.
    - After discussion it was decided to send a certified letter to the land owner and the occupants. If they still do not come into compliance within 30 days we will start fining the property owner and the owner of the land contract. If fines are not paid a lien will be placed on the property.
- ❖ Mr. Crase let the board know that the commissioners were advised by Attorney Lucas that the highway superintendent should take over the driveway ordinance because he has the road authority and there will be a meeting on October 14, 2020.
- ❖ Public Comment
  - No public comment
- ❖ Board will look over the end of the year reports

With no further business, Mr. Jackson 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 Monday November 9, 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