



**CITY OF KNOX PLANNING COMMISSION  
101 WEST WASHINGTON STREET  
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**Meeting Minutes: July 7, 2020**

Members Present: Don Kring, John Wilson, Brent VanNorman, Dan Allen, Todd Flagg, Jeff Berg, Jeff Houston

Members Not Present: Ron Parker

Staff Present: Kenny Pfof, Todd Wallsmith

Staff Not Present: N/A

The July 7, 2020 Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. by President Don Kring. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted, and Roll Call was performed. There were no amendments to the agenda. Member Berg made a motion to approve the June 2, 2020 minutes. Member Allen seconded the motion. Carried 7-0.

Stop Work Order – 5635 E. 200 S.: Secretary Pfof informed the Commission that he had issued a Stop Work order for the mentioned property on October 17, 2018. The reason for the Order was due to the house not being built according to the plans that had been submitted, and the permit had expired. Pfof said that Jeremy Marsh contacted him, and he was buying the property on land contract from his brother, Steven Marsh. Secretary Pfof reported that he was advised by Jeremy Marsh that he was building the house under the Log Cabin Law, therefore he does not need a permit. Pfof reported that he has since been informed of an additional structure that has been built on the property, and modifications have been made to the septic system. Attorney Wallsmith is unable to advise on the subject due to there being a conflict of interest. Ray Stephenson was in attendance and spoke of concern about Jeremy Marsh's property. Ray stated that he has done research into the Log Cabin Law, and Marsh still has to have inspections. He also said that the properties around Marsh's are diminishing in value because of the situation. Secretary Pfof advised that he

will contact Jeremy and try to get an inspection of the property. If not granted access, another Stop Work Order will be issued. Vice President Wilson made a motion to seek other legal counsel for advice in the matter. Member Van Norman seconded the motion. Carried 7-0.

Driveway Standards: Secretary Pfof presented a Driveway Standards ordinance from Hudsonville, Michigan, for the members to review. The Commission will review the ordinance and discuss at the August meeting.

Citizen Comments: No one from the public had any additional comments.

Other Business: Member Berg introduced new Commission Member Jeff Houston. Secretary Pfof handed out a paper containing road frontages and setbacks for the Starke County Planning Commission. There was discussion on the difference between the County's standards and the City of Knox.

Adjournment: Member Allen made a motion to adjourn. Member VanNorman seconded the motion. Carried 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.

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Kenny Pfof  
Director/Secretary