

Minutes

THOMAS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Thomas Township Public Safety Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609
February 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

John Bintz called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present in addition to Mr. Bintz were: Rod Iamurri, Chris Thompson, Ruth McDonald, Dale Halm and Rick Lorentzen. Also present were Dan Sika, Director of Community Development and Susan Coggin, Planning Assistant/Code Enforcement Officer.

Members Absent: Diane LaMountain.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda:

It was moved by Mr. Halm, seconded by Mrs. McDonald to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Lorentzen to approve the minutes of January 18, 2012 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Hearings – None.

6. Presentations

A. Site Plan Review – Rick Keith on behalf of Wolgast Development – 40'-8" x 75' cold storage addition to existing cold storage building located at 1494 North Graham Road.

Mr. Sika stated that Wolgast Development is requesting site plan approval to construct a 40'-8" x 75' addition to the existing cold storage building located at 1494 North Graham Road. This proposed addition will also be used for cold storage. If you recall, the parcel in question came before the Planning Commission a few years ago for site plan approval for a storage area. Site improvements were made at that time which included an enclosed trash dumpster, landscaping and a tree lined buffer to the east of the project. Gravel was approved based upon the equipment stored at the location. The site plan has been reviewed and approved by the Department of Public Works, Fire Department and Police Department without further comment.

Motion by Mr. Thompson, supported by Mr. Halm to approve the proposed site plan for the construction of a 40'-8" x 75' addition to the existing cold storage building located at 1494 North Graham Road as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Sign Board of Appeals – None.

8. Old Business

A. Discussion Only – Site Plan Review amendment – Outdoor Trash Receptacle Requirement for All Drive-Thru Developments.

Mr. Sika stated that in an effort to reduce the proliferation of trash near fast food businesses, we would like to add a requirement for site plan approval for any drive-thru business that a trash receptacle be placed on the outside of the building located near the drive-thru where customers may pull up to the trash receptacle without getting out of their vehicle. This simple requirement should cut down on the amount of trash on the property.

The following is the proposed text amendment:

Section 10-2-12(B)(12)(P) – Drive-Thru Outdoor Trash Receptacle:

(P) Drive-Thru Outdoor Waste Receptacles – Any business or restaurant that serves customers food or drink by way of a drive-thru window or a business or restaurant that delivers food or drink to a motor vehicle must provide an outdoor waste receptacle to be located along the drive-thru lane. An example of the waste receptacle is shown below.



This proposed text amendment will be scheduled for a public hearing at the April 18, 2012 Planning Commission meeting.

9. New Business – None.

10. *Receive and File All Correspondence.*

A. January, 2012 Edition of the Planning and Zoning News.

11. *Adjournment.*

Motion by Mrs. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Halm to adjourn the meeting at 7:334 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously. The next meeting date is Wednesday, March 21, 2012.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Coggin, Planning Assistant/Code Enforcement Officer