

**Minutes**

THOMAS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
Thomas Township Public Safety Building  
8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609  
June 26, 2013 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: Ruth McDonald, Rod Iamurri, Dale Halm and Chris Thompson. Also present were Dan Sika, Director of Community Development, Susan Coggin, Planning Assistant/Code Enforcement Officer and two (2) interested parties.

Members Absent: Rick Lorentzen and Diane LaMountain

**2. *Pledge of Allegiance.***

**3. *Approval of Agenda:***

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

**4. *Approval of Minutes:***

It was moved by Mrs. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve the minutes of May 15, 2013 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. *Communications – Petitions – Citizens Comments – None.***

**6. *Hearings* - None.**

**7. *Presentations* – None.**

**8. *Sign Board of Appeals* – None.**

**9. *Old Business* – None.**

**10. *New Business***

**A. *Training Session with Cindy Winland of Crescent Consulting.***

Ms. Winland gave an educational presentation on the following subjects:

1. The role of the Planning Commissioner.
2. Basic concepts of planning and zoning.
3. Relationship of Master Planning and Zoning Ordinance.
4. Running an effective meeting.
5. Special Land Uses.
6. New developments in the law.
7. What to do about billboards.

***B. Thomas Township Trail Ribbon Cutting Ceremony***

Mrs. Coggin stated that the Thomas Township Trail has made significant progress and the Planning Commission members are cordially invited to a ribbon cutting ceremony that has been scheduled for Friday, August 9, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at the Swan Valley High School, 8400 O'Hern Road.

***11. Receive and File All Correspondence***

- A. April, 2013 Edition of the Planning and Zoning News.

***12. Adjournment.***

Motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Iamurri to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. ***The next meeting date is Wednesday, July 17, 2013.***

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