

Minutes

THOMAS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Thomas Township Public Safety Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609
May 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Ruth McDonald called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: John Bintz and Diane LaMountain.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda:

It was moved by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Halm 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 April 18, 2012 with the following correction:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Hearings – None.

6. Presentations – None.

7. Sign Board of Appeals – None.

8. Old Business – None.

9. New Business

A. Discussion Only – Small Wind Electric Systems

Sika stated that more people are looking for affordable and reliable sources of electricity. The Planning Commission was presented with a U.S. Consumer's Guide for small wind electric systems, which reviews several topics on home systems including the practical application of small wind electric systems, types of systems, costs and other basic information for homeowners who are interested in this type of green energy.

B. Discussion Only – “Hello, MTA . . . ?” Article Regarding Planning Commission Topics.

Mr. Sika presented the Planning Commission with the May, 2012 “Hello, MTA . . . ?” article regarding several Planning Commission topics including citizens speaking to Planning Commission members on proposed projects and voting when opposed to agenda items. This is a very good article for members of the Planning Commission to review and use in the future.

10. *Receive and File All Correspondence.*

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

11. *Adjournment.*

Motion by Mr. Halm, seconded by Mr. Lorentzen to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The next meeting date is Wednesday, June 20, 2012.

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