



Minutes

THOMAS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Thomas Township Public Safety Building
8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609
November 20, 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, Diane LaMountain, Chris Thompson and Dale Halm. Also present were Dan Sika, Director of Community Development, Susan Coggin, Planning Assistant/Code Enforcement Officer, Russ Taylor, Township Manager, Tom Radewahn, Thomas Board Member and DDA Chairman and one (1) interested party.

Members Absent: Rick Lorentzen.

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 Mrs. McDonald to approve the minutes of October 24, 2013 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

6. *Hearings – None.*

7. *Presentations*

A. *Presentation Regarding the Proposed Gratiot Road Improvements.*

Mr. Jack Hofweber, P.E. and Ms. Rachel Phillips, P.E. of the Michigan Department of Transportation presented an overview of the proposed improvements to the Gratiot Road corridor from Gaslight to Ledy Road. Mr. Hofweber stated that the intent of these improvements was to improve the turning

traffic patterns in order to improve safety. He further stated that several of the existing openings along Gratiot Road will be closed and several extensive left turn lanes will be added to improve turning ability. This project is tentatively slated to begin in 2015.

8. Sign Board of Appeals – None.

9. Old Business – None.

10. New Business

A. Review and approve the 2014 Thomas Township Planning Commission meeting schedule.

The Planning Commission members were presented with the proposed 2014 Planning Commission meeting schedule as follows:

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Wednesday, February 19, 2014

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

Wednesday, August 20, 2014

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Wednesday, October 15, 2014

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

Wednesday, December 17, 2014

Motion by Mr. Thompson, supported by Mr. Halm to approve the 2014 Thomas Township Planning Commission meeting schedule as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Receive and File All Correspondence

A. Planning and Zoning News, September, 2013

12. Adjournment.

Motion by Mr. Halm, seconded by Mrs. McDonald to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously. ***The next meeting date is December 18, 2013.***

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