



Minutes

THOMAS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Thomas Township Public Safety Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609
August 13, 2014 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, Rick Lorentzen Ruth McDonald, and Dale Halm. Absent was Diane LaMountain. Also present Connie Watt, Planning Assistant/Code Enforcement Officer, and four interested parties.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda:

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

4. Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Thompson seconded by Iamurri to approve the minutes of July 23, 2014 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Communications – Petitions – Citizens Comments – None.

6. Hearings-A. Special Use Permit request for 1000 North Orr Road; Tax I.D. 28-12-3-19-3004-000 for the removal of sand from the property to create a pond.

Public Hearing was opened by Bintz at 7:04 p.m. The revised Agenda Item was read by Bintz to verify the necessary criteria had been met for the removal of sand from the property and all required questions concerning the removal of the sand and timetables had been fulfilled. A request for public comment was made. Mr. Chris Wegner at that time requested a change in the start date of the project for a start date of August 27, 2014. Discussion by the Planning Commission took place. The depth of 15' was questioned by Iamurri. The representative from Graebner excavating informed him that the pond needed to be deep enough to stay filled during dry periods and not create a swamp. Thompson questioned how the pond was to be filled and if this would be done naturally. Graebner Excavating responded that it will take place naturally. McDonald wanted to know if the highest depth was at the furthest point away from the home. This was confirmed by Graebner Excavating. After no further comment or discussion, the public hearing was closed at 7:11 p.m. A motion was made by McDonald and supported by Iamurri to

grant the Special use permit for 1000 North Orr Road having met all the required criteria. Start date of the project is to be August 27, 2014 and to finish no later than October 27, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Presentations-None

8. Sign Board of Appeals – None

9. Old Business

It was stated that there was no old business to discuss as per the agenda, however, McDonald did want to interject her feelings at this time regarding the Senior Living Facility. She stated she is concerned that the nursing home is too close to M-46. She felt with the increase in rooms she did not see how they were going to have room for staff, visitors, the building, ambulances and fire trucks. She said she wanted her concerns noted in the minutes and her concern was strong enough that she felt it should be checked to verify the measurements of the setbacks. Halm and Thompson agreed. Thompson felt someone from the Township should go over and measure for setbacks being met. Watt informed the Planning Commission that she would follow-up with the Building Inspector and Dan or Russ to go out and physically confirm the measurements and report those back to the Planning Commission.

10. New Business -None

11. Receive and File All Correspondence

A. Planning and Zoning News June 2014

12. Adjournment

Motion by Halm seconded by McDonald to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. ***The next meeting date is September 17, 2014.***

Respectfully submitted by Connie Watt, Planning Assistant/Code Enforcement Officer