



Minutes

THOMAS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Thomas Township Public Safety Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609

August 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Rod Iamurri called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present in addition to Mr. Iamurri were: Ruth McDonald, Pat Lynch, Dave Sommers, Steve Yockey, Jennifer Curry and Doug Bird. Also present was Dan Sika, Director of Community Development, and Connie Watt, Planning Assistant/Code Enforcement Officer.

Absent: None

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda:

It was moved by Sommers, seconded by Yockey to approve the Agenda for the August 15, 2018 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by McDonald, seconded by Curry to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Communications – Petitions – Citizens Comments – None.

At this time the final product of the winning vertical banner designs created by the Swan Valley Middle School students were exhibited for the Planning Commission members to see

6. Presentations-None

7. Sign Board of Appeals-None

8. Hearings-None

9. *New Business*

A. Discussion of Swimming Pool Section 3.2(i) Text Amendment.

A discussion of a possible text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to Pools; Section 3.2(i) was discussed. Sika explained that the Township Attorney had written a text amendment for this section to add text regarding “conflicting provisions”. It was discussed that two (2) recent variances had been approved for residents to utilize automatic pool covers in lieu of fencing as required in the Ordinance. Sika noted that this amendment simply clarifies the Townships stand on fencing requirements regardless of any future decisions by the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding such covers. It stresses that regardless of any other regulation, code or ordinance, the requirement for fencing around pools is still part of the Thomas Township Zoning Ordinance. A Public Hearing regarding the text amendment will be held in September or October.

10. *Administrative Review-None*

11. *Old Business*

A. Medical Marijuana Article(s)-Ballot Proposal for Recreational Marijuana.

Articles were given to the Planning Commission relating to Medical Marijuana for further education on the issue. Information was also presented relating to the upcoming ballot proposal for the approval of recreational marijuana in Michigan that is to be on the November ballot.

12. *Receive and File All Correspondence-Planning & Zoning News-July 2018*

13. *Adjournment*

Motion by Sommers, seconded McDonald by to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. ***The next regular meeting date is September 19, 2018.***

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