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**THOMAS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM/TELECONFERENCE
THOMAS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
8215 SHIELDS DRIVE, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020, 7 O’CLOCK P.M.**

Electronic remote access, in accordance with Michigan law, implemented in response to COVID-19 social distancing requirements and restrictions to hold meetings virtually.

Members present via “Zoom”: R. Iamurri, D. Sommers, S. Yockey, P. Lynch, D. Bird, K. Beam
Members Absent: J. Curry
Present via “Zoom”: J. Morey of D&M Site, J. Kemerer, D. Kemerer
Physically Present: Dan Sika, Community Development Director
Connie Watt, Planning Assistant/Code Enforcement Officer

Mr. Iamurri called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Yockey, supported by Mr. Sommers, to approve the minutes of November 18, 2020 as presented.

VOTE 6 YEAS 0 NAYS 1 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED

Presentations:

A. Morgan Court Extension

Mr. John Morey of D&M Site was present along with Josh Kemerer to discuss their plan submitted to extend Morgan Court (located in Winchester Farms) and split the parcel of land for development. The plan shows five (5) parcels all meeting the required frontage for development. Mr. Morey did note that the intention is to have this be a public road and they will be verifying dedication of the storm sewer as part of the Roenicke Drain in order to do so. Mr. Lamurri did question one of the contingencies and asked who will be responsible to take care of the cul-de-sac island area of the proposed extension. Mr. Josh Kemerer stated he will be building on one of the parcels and would take on the responsibility of maintenance of that area. Mr. Sika did explain to the Planning Commission that since this involves the extension of the roadway, once the Planning Commission makes their decision it will go before the Thomas Township Board for final approval in January.

Motion by Mr. Yockey, supported by Mr. Bird to approve the site plan for the Morgan Court road extension and send it on to the Township Board for final approval with the following contingencies:

- ❖ All requirements by the DPW must be met.
- ❖ The cul-de-sac island will be maintained.
- ❖ The review comments of the Community Development Department have been met.

VOTE: 6 YEAS 0 NAYS 1 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED

New Business:

A. Review & Update the Master Plan Goals and Objectives.

Mr. Sika explained that the Master Plan is being updated at this time and has already been sent out for the forty-two (42) day review. The enclosed Master Plan Goals & Objectives is for review only at this time and will be reviewed annually to see if the goals & objectives are being achieved. Spicer has made a few changes to the goals & objectives for the current update but not a significant amount.

Old Business:

B. Update on the Geddes Road Solar Farms.

Mr. Sommers discussed drone photos he has completed of the progress of the two solar farms located off of Geddes Road.

Reports:

Mr. Iamurri wished to let the Parks Department know they did a great job with the light show at Roberts Park.

Mr. Bird also acknowledged how nice the light show was and the great job done by Parks.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mr. Sommers, supported by Mr.Yockey , to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

VOTE 6 YEAS 0 NAYS 1 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED