



MINUTES

**THOMAS TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING, 8215 SHIELDS DRIVE, SAGINAW, MI 48609
April 25, 2017 - 4:00 P.M.**

1. The Board of Appeals meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Don Milne.

Present: Don Milne, Steve Witt and Rene DeSander. Also present were Dan Sika, Community Development Director and Connie Watt, Planning Assistant/Code Enforcement Officer, Amy & Todd Hall and four interested parties.

Absent: Mike Thayer.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Approval of the Minutes.**

Motion by DeSander, seconded by Witt to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2016 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Hearings:**

A. Amy Hall has filed a request for a temporary permit to live in a recreational vehicle while new home construction takes place on parcel 28-12-3-27-2204-000, East Mustang Trail, Saginaw, MI 48609.

Sika explained the requirements as outlined by Ordinance Section 21.2. He explained that the applicant has provided the signatures of 50% of the owners of all dwellings within 500' of the subject property as well as approval by Bob Kaufman of the Saginaw County Department of Public Health. He noted that the request was made for a temporary permit from May of 2017 until September 2017 by the applicant. Sika informed the members that according to the Ordinance these permits were normally granted in increments of six (6) months and could be renewed not to exceed a total time frame of twelve (12) months. Mr. Hall addressed the members and pointed out where on the parcel they are locating the RV. He also mentioned that one neighbor present at the meeting is allowing them access to their water and electricity. He mentioned that the port-a-pot and RV

would be emptied out by the company that owns the portable toilet about once a week. Ms. Hall informed the ZBA that the decision was a financial one to live at the site as well as being able to be close by and present while construction of the new home was taking place. De Sander asked if there was any objection to the temporary dwelling permit being offered for a period of six (6) months as outlined in the Ordinance. The Halls had no objection to this. Having met all of the requirements in the Ordinance, a motion was made by Witt, supported by DeSander to approve the request for a temporary dwelling permit on the parcel #28-12-3-27-2204-000; East Mustang Trail for a period of six months from April 25, 2017 until October 25, 2017 with the option to come before the Zoning Board of Appeals to extend the permit for an additional six (6) months if necessary. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Election of Zoning Board of Appeals Officers

Sika explained that due to the recent resignation of Mr. Bill Bailey, it was necessary for elections to take place to elect a new Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary.

A motion was made by DeSander, supported by Milne to elect Steve Witt as the Chairperson of the Thomas Township Zoning Board of Appeals.

Yeas 3 Nays 0

Motion by DeSander, supported by Witt to elect Don Milne as the Vice Chairperson of the Thomas Township Zoning Board of Appeals.

Yeas 3 Nays 0

Motion by Witt, supported by Milne to elect Renee DeSander as Secretary of the Thomas Township Zoning Board of Appeals.

Yeas 3 Nays 0

New officers will be as follows:

Chairperson: Steve Witt
Vice Chairperson: Don Milne
Secretary: Renee DeSander

6. **Discussion** – None.
7. **Old Business** – None
8. **New Business-None**
9. **Adjournment**-a motion was made by Witt and supported by DeSander for adjournment of the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

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