

#### **Minutes**

# THOMAS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION Thomas Township Public Safety Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609 June 15, 2011 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, Diane LaMountain, Chris Thompson, Dale Halm and Rod Iamurri. Also present were Dan Sika, Director of Community Development, Susan Coggin, Planning Assistant/Code Enforcement Officer and two (2) interested parties.

Members Absent: Rick Lorentzen.

#### 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 3. Approval of Agenda:

It was moved by Mr. Halm, seconded by Mrs. LaMountain 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 May 18, 2011 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### 5. Hearings

A. Proposed Text Amendment to Zoning Ordinance – Chapter 1, Section 10-1-2-A – Prohibited Uses.

Mr. Sika stated that the Township Attorney, Otto Brandt, had recommended that a definition for prohibited uses be added to the Zoning Ordinance. This definition covers Thomas Township from any use not specifically permitted or any use which is unlawful by state, federal or local ordinance.

Mr. Bintz then asked for public comments in favor or in opposition to the proposed text amendment. There being no public comments, Mr. Bintz closed the public hearing.

Motion by Mrs. McDonald, supported by Mr. Halm to recommend approval of the proposed text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 1, Section 10-1-2-A, Prohibited Uses to the Township Board as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- **6. Presentations** None.
- **7. Sign Board of Appeals** None.
- **8.** Old Business None.

#### 9. New Business

Mr. Sika updated the Planning Commission members on the banner pole installation, which should be underway soon. He also reminded the Planning Commission members of the upcoming Shields Festival to be held June 23 through June 26.

## 10. Adjournment:

Motion by Mrs. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The next meeting date is Wednesday, *July 20, 2011*.

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