

**MINUTES**

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**THOMAS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
THOMAS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING  
8215 SHIELDS DRIVE, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023, 7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: S. Yockey, D. Sommers, R. lamurri, D. Bird, P. Lynch, K. Beam, and J. Curry  
Absent: None  
Others Present: D. Sika, Community Development Director  
A. Bicigo, Code Enforcement Officer/Planning Assistant  
R. Hopper, DPW Director  
T. Schultz, Assistant DPW Director  
5 Interested Parties

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by Lynch, supported by Yockey to approve the agenda as presented.

**VOTE      7 YEAS      0 NAYS      0 ABSENT      MOTION CARRIED**

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Sommers, supported by Yockey to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2023 meeting.

**VOTE      7 YEAS      0 NAYS      0 ABSENT      MOTION CARRIED**

**Public Hearings:**

**A. Special Use Permit – Eggers Excavating**

lamurri opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Brad Walch spoke on behalf of Eggers Excavating to request permission to mine sand at 1825 N Graham Rd. The mine will provide sand to local construction projects as needed. Two sand pits will be dug, which will be turned into ponds in accordance with the ordinance, and the property will be sold for development. An estimated 100,000+ yards of sand is to be removed from the site. Sika stated that the Saginaw County Road Commission has no objection with the use of Graham and Geddes Roads to haul sand from the site. The applicant anticipates most traffic from the site to exit south on Graham to M-46. Dale Krueger of 1822 N Graham Rd spoke in support of the project. He stated that there have been no issues thus far with the

trucks coming and going to clear the property. Walch stated there will be anywhere up to 100 trucks entering and exiting the site daily. Discussion took place regarding the start date and time period of the permit.

Iamurri closed the public hearing at 7:29 p.m.

Motion by Yockey, supported by Curry to approve the special use permit to mine sand at 1825 N Graham with the following contingencies.

1. The special use permit for sand mining will commence on December 1, 2023 and conclude on May 31, 2024.
2. Operations will take place between the hours of 7:00 am and 6:00 pm on weekdays only.
  - a. No operations shall take place on weekends or holidays.
3. Per section 18.25f, Performance Bond, the applicant must provide a security bond or deposit in the amount of \$36,000 for any road repairs or site reclamation necessary after completion of the permitted activity.
  - a. The property and surrounding roads will be inspected at the beginning and end of the permit period to determine if the bond will need to be used.

**VOTE            7 YEAS            0 NAYS            0 ABSENT            MOTION CARRIED**

**Old Business:**

**A. DPW Sanitary Sewer Project Update**

DPW Director Rick Hopper provided an update to the Planning Commission regarding the various sanitary sewer improvement projects ongoing in the Township.

**New Business:**

**A. Review of Master Plan Goals and Objectives**

The Planning Commission reviewed the Master Plan Goals and Objectives as required by the State of Michigan.

Motion by Yockey, supported by Sommers to continue to act according to the Thomas Township Master Plan Goals and Objectives.

**VOTE            7 YEAS            0 NAYS            0 ABSENT            MOTION CARRIED**

**B. Approve 2024 Meeting Dates**

The Planning Commission reviewed the following meeting dates for 2024.

- January 17, 2024
- February 21, 2024
- March 20, 2024
- April 17, 2024
- May 15, 2024

June 19, 2024  
July 17, 2024  
August 21, 2024  
September 18, 2024  
October 16, 2024  
November 20, 2024  
December 18, 2024

Motion by Sommers, supported by Beam to approve the 2024 meeting dates as presented.

**VOTE      7 YEAS      0 NAYS      0 ABSENT      MOTION CARRIED**

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Yockey, supported by Sommers to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

**VOTE      7 YEAS      0 NAYS      0 ABSENT      MOTION CARRIED**