

**MINUTES**

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**THOMAS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
THOMAS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING  
8215 SHIELDS DRIVE, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026, 7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: R. Iamurri, S. Garvie, D. Bird, J. Curry, P. Lynch, and K. McDonald  
Absent: S. Yockey  
Others Present: D. Sika, Community Development Director  
A. Bicigo, Code Enforcement Officer/Planning Assistant  
1 Interested Party

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**VOTE      6 YEAS      0 NAYS      1 ABSENT      MOTION CARRIED**

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Garvie, supported by McDonald to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2026 meeting.

**VOTE      6 YEAS      0 NAYS      1 ABSENT      MOTION CARRIED**

**Presentations:**

**A. Site Plan Review – J&B Boots Pole Barn**

Steve Goward of J&B Boots presented an update to his previously approved site plan to reduce the footprint of the proposed pole barn from 40’x 64’ to 40’x 40’. This is the only proposed change.

Motion by McDonald, supported by Lynch to approve the amended site plan for a 40’ x 40’ cold storage building at 7648 Gratiot Rd as presented.

**VOTE      6 YEAS      0 NAYS      1 ABSENT      MOTION CARRIED**

**Old Business:**

**A. Master Plan Update**

An updated draft of the Master Plan was presented to the Planning Commission for review. The Planning Commission pointed out grammatical corrections to be made, as well as the addition of a section for the Thomas Township Library. Staff noted that updated maps have been requested from the Saginaw County GIS Department to replace any outdated maps.

Motion by Bird, supported by Curry to approve the updated copy of the Master Plan, contingent upon grammatical corrections, the addition of a section for the Thomas Township Library, and updates to any outdated maps.

**VOTE      6 YEAS      0 NAYS      1 ABSENT      MOTION CARRIED**

**New Business:**

**A. Tech Park Data Center Proposed Text Amendment**

Sika presented a proposed amendment to the Great Lakes Tech Park Ordinance to include a definition for “Data Centers” and list it as a Special Use with additional requirements. The Planning Commission members agreed that a Public Hearing should be scheduled for the March 18, 2026 meeting to review the proposed ordinance.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Garvie, supported by McDonald to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

**VOTE      6 YEAS      0 NAYS      1 ABSENT      MOTION CARRIED**