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**THOMAS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
THOMAS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
8215 SHIELDS DRIVE, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026, 7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: R. Iamurri, S. Garvie, D. Bird, P. Lynch, and K. McDonald
Absent: S. Yockey, J. Curry
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 McDonald to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE	5 YEAS	0 NAYS	2 ABSENT	MOTION CARRIED
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Approval of Minutes:

Motion by McDonald, supported by Curry to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2026 meeting.

VOTE	5 YEAS	0 NAYS	2 ABSENT	MOTION CARRIED
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Hearings:

A. Master Plan

Iamurri opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Sika explained that the Master Plan was presented to the Township Board of Trustees for review, and was made available to all required surrounding jurisdictions. No comments were received during the required comment period.

There was no public comment.

Iamurri closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Motion by McDonald, supported by Garvie to adopt the attached Resolution of Adoption for the 2026 Thomas Township Master Plan Update.

VOTE	5 YEAS	0 NAYS	2 ABSENT	MOTION CARRIED
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New Business:

A. Swan Valley Schools Football Equipment Storage Building

Sika explained that, generally, schools are not required to apply to the local jurisdiction for site plan review, as they are regulated by the State of Michigan.

However, the state's application for review includes a section for local zoning approval. Because of this, Pumford Construction requested that the Planning Commission provide a courtesy review of its proposed site plan for a storage building to be located near the practice football field. The building will be used to store football equipment.

Motion by Curry, supported by Garvie to approve a courtesy review of the proposed school storage building per the request of Pumford Construction and the School Superintendent.

VOTE	5 YEAS	0 NAYS	2 ABSENT	MOTION CARRIED
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B. Discussion on Donation Bin Ordinance

Sika explained that the township received a request from a company to place a clothing donation bin within the township. The township attorney advised that an ordinance should be adopted to regulate donation bins, as there currently is no ordinance in place. Sika stated that a draft ordinance is being prepared and will be brought forward at a future meeting. Discussion took place regarding potential regulations to be included in the ordinance.

Adjournment:

Motion by Garvie, supported by Bird to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

VOTE	5 YEAS	0 NAYS	2 ABSENT	MOTION CARRIED
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Resolution of Adoption

Thomas Township

By the Thomas Township Planning Commission

Whereas, the Thomas Township Planning Commission has elected to amend and update their Master Plan, pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, PA 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3801, *et seq*; and

Whereas, the draft Master Plan was made available for review from May 12, 2026, until July 15, 2026, and

Whereas, the Thomas Township Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed Master Plan, inclusive of the charts, maps, demographic data, future land use plan, and goals for Thomas Township on Wednesday, July 15, 2026.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Thomas Township Planning Commission hereby adopts this Master Plan.

Motion by: Katie McDonald Supported by: Samantha Garvie

Ayes: Garvie, McDonald, Lamurri, Lynch, Bird

Nays: None

Absent: Hockey, Curry

Resolution declared adopted July 15, 2026.



Rod Lamurri, Chair

Thomas Township Planning Commission