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**THOMAS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
THOMAS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
8215 SHIELDS DRIVE, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021, 7 O’CLOCK P.M.**

Members Present: R. Iamurri, D. Sommers, P. Lynch, S. Yockey, D. Bird and J. Curry
Members Absent: K. Beam
Others Physically Present: D. Sika, Community Development Director
C. Watt, Planning Assistant/Code Enforcement Officer
Interested parties.

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

Approval of Agenda:

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

VOTE	6 YEAS	0 NAYS	1 ABSENT	MOTION CARRIED
YEAS: Sommers, Yockey, Iamurri, Lynch, Curry, Bird				
NAYS: None				
ABSENT: Beam				

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Yockey, supported by Mr. Bird to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2021 meeting.

VOTE	6 YEAS	0 NAYS	1 ABSENT	MOTION CARRIED
YEAS: Iamurri, Lynch, Bird, Curry, Sommers, Yockey				
NAYS: None				
ABSENT: Beam				

Hearings:

A. Text Amendment to Section 3.13; Customary Home Occupations to add “Performance Standards”

Mr. Iamurri opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m. There was a review/discussion of the text amendment which the Planning Commission has been working on for the past few months. It gives a “tool” to the Police force when dealing with “odors” emitted by home occupations which would include that of medical marihuana growth. There was no public comment. Mr. Iamurri closed the Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Bird, supported by Mr. Yockey to approve the text amendment as presented for Section 3.13; adding “Performance Standards”.

VOTE	6 YEAS	0 NAYS	1 ABSENT	MOTION CARRIED
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YEAS: Yockey, Bird, Lynch, Sommers, Curry, Iamurri

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Beam

B. Text Amendment to Section 19.3; Regulation of Condominium Development to specify no minimum or maximum acreage for development.

Mr. Iamurri opened the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m. A review of the text amendment was discussed. There was no public comment. Mr. Iamurri closed the Public Hearing at 7:17 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Sommers, supported by Mr. Yockey to approve the text amendment to Section 19.3 as presented.

VOTE	6 YEAS	0 NAYS	1 ABSENT	MOTION CARRIED
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C. Text Amendment to Section 6-1-5 ; Sidewalk Ordinance from the Thomas Township General Ordinance.

Mr. Iamurri opened the Public Hearing at 7:18 p.m. There was review and discussion of the text amendment which involves the placement of barricades whenever a sidewalk is being removed or installed due to safety concerns this has brought about. There was no public comment. Mr. Iamurri closed the Public Hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Yockey, supported by Mrs. Curry to approve the text amendment to the Sidewalk Ordinance Section 6-1-5 of the General Ordinance to include requirements for barricades.

VOTE

6 YEAS

0 NAYS

1 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED.

D. Addition of a new General Ordinance under Title 2; Business and License Regulation; Chapter 5; “Mobile Food Vehicles”.

Mr. Iamurri opened the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m. A review and discussion of the new ordinance took place. It was noted that there were two typographical errors within the Ordinance. These will be corrected. There was no public comment. Mr. Iamurri closed the Public Hearing at 7:21 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Sommers, supported by Mr. Bird to approve the new ordinance for “Mobile Food Trucks” with the two typographical errors corrected.

VOTE

6 YEAS

0 NAYS

1 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business:

A. Review of Master Plan Goals & Objectives

The pages of the Master Plan were presented to the Planning Commission that reflect the “goals and objectives” that are guidelines for the decisions the Planning Commission makes. Mr. Sika noted that these will be reviewed each year as required to make sure the Planning Commission is “on-track”. As of now he said he feels they are right in-line with the goals and objectives they have set forth.

New Business:

A. Approval of the 2022 Meeting Dates.

The 2022 meeting date calendar for the Planning Commission was presented. It lists the dates of the Planning Commission as the third Wednesday of each month throughout the year of 2022. Mr. Iamurri did emphasize the importance of notifying Mr. Sika or Mrs. Watt if at anytime a member is unable to make a meeting.

Motion by Mr. Lynch, supported by Mr. Bird to approve the 2022 Meeting Dates as presented.

VOTE

6 YEAS

0 NAYS

1 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

Receive and File Correspondence:

Planning & Zoning News for November 2021 distributed.

Information was distributed for MSU Citizen Planner training courses by MSU via Par Plan News.

The Planning Commission was provided with information from a telephone call received from Mr. Jack Brown of 7600 Madeline. Mr. Brown requested that the Planning Commission review the “small wind

ordinance” to consider them for residentially zoned areas. After discussion of their concerns with any changes to the ordinance at this time, a motion was made by Mr. Yockey, supported by Mr. Sommers to not reopen and/or revisit the ordinance at this time and to possibly take a look at it in the future as technology changes.

VOTE

6 YEAS

0 NAYS

1 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

Notification will be sent to Mr. Brown that the Planning Commission did consider his request but have decided at this time not to review this ordinance.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mr. Bird, supported by Mr. Yockey to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Motion carried.