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**THOMAS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
THOMAS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
8215 SHIELDS DRIVE, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022, 7 O’CLOCK P.M.**

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

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

Approval of Agenda:

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

VOTE 5 YEAS 0 NAYS 2 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Bird, supported by Ms. Beam to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2022 meeting.

VOTE 5 YEAS 0 NAYS 2 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED

Presentations

A. Site Plan Review-Hemlock Semiconductor; miscellaneous improvements at facilities W,X,Y, Z,A,B,C; southwest development of facilities R,T,S V.

Marci Plahutnik of Hemlock Semiconductor was present to discuss the new site plan changes proposed at the property. There was a discussion concerning the contingencies made as a part of approval and that a lot of these had already been met since the packets were distributed. Sidewalks will be completed along Geddes and north on Orr as well.

A motion by Ms. Beam, supported by Mr. Sommers to approve the site plan presented by Hemlock Semiconductor for the latest improvements with the following contingencies:

- Locational site plan.
- Verify locations crossing drives.
- Paved parking & drives.
- Storm water retention.
- Indicate zoning on plan.
- Legal description and tax identification number need to be indicated.
- Contact the Fire Chief, Mike Cousins in regards to the location of the nearest hydrant & route to accommodate the fire department. He can be reached at (989) 781-4141.
- Existing landscaping and trees need to be indicated.
- A complete landscape plan must accompany all site plans.
- Storm water review must be completed and approved.
- A soil erosion permit, if necessary, must be obtained from Saginaw County.
- Approval to drive on edge of road near culvert must be obtained from the county.
- Upon necessary infrastructure improvements & capacity issues resolved.

VOTE 5 YEAS 0 NAYS 2 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED

YEAS: Sommers, Bird, Lynch, Beam, lamurri

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Curry, Yockey

New Business:

A. Sidewalk Repair Procedure Update.

Mr. Sika discussed several situations in the Township where the sidewalk has been removed and the necessary steps have not been taken to install a temporary sidewalk to allow for safe passage of those who use the sidewalks. Recently it created an unsafe situation when a portion of sidewalk was removed along Gratiot Road and no temporary sidewalk installed. It forced a resident who was in a wheelchair out onto Gratiot Road in order to get through the area. There have been suggestions concerning several amendments by the Township Manager for the Planning Commission to consider and discuss. These involve such things as getting a permit for the removal of any sidewalk, insuring that a temporary sidewalk is put in place the same day as a removal, consideration for the DPW to have the ability to install a temporary sidewalk to correct an unsafe situation and possibly the issuance of a municipal civil infraction ticket to those who violate the new regulations. After discussion by the Planning Commission, they would be in favor of changes to the ordinance to address the safety issue. Ordinances of other communities will be reviewed and something put together for review and discussion at a future meeting.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mr. Sommers, supported by Mr. Bird to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.