

# MINUTES

**THOMAS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
THOMAS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING  
8215 SHIELDS DRIVE, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024, 7:00 P.M.**

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

Iamurri called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

### **Approval of Agenda:**

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

**VOTE      4 YEAS      0 NAYS      3 ABSENT      MOTION CARRIED**

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Yockey, supported by Sommers to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2024 meeting.

**VOTE      4 YEAS      0 NAYS      3 ABSENT      MOTION CARRIED**

### **Hearings:**

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

Iamurri opened the public hearing at 7:04 pm.

Brad Walch of Eggers Excavating presented their request to extend their current Special Use Permit to mine sand at 1825 N Graham Rd. During the initial hearing in November of 2023, Walch anticipated that they would need to return to request an extension beyond the initial six-month permit period. The original permit began on January 1, 2024, but they were unable to begin mining sand until March 2024. Walch estimated that they will be able to complete work by the end of July. Joe Rugenstein spoke on behalf of Jill Jarvis, the owner of 1755 N Graham, the property directly south of the sand mine. She submitted a letter to the Planning Commission detailing concerns regarding dust from the sand mine disrupting the painting of the house at 1755 N Graham, which is scheduled to be completed during July. Rugenstein added that the homeowner will be moving into the house in August, and does not want the noise and dust from the sand mine to be a long-term problem. Walch stated that they would be willing to

pause operations during this time and to work with the homeowner to address their concerns. He also explained that there is a water truck on site that is used as needed to help keep dust down. Sika stated that there have been no complaints from residents regarding the sand mine, outside of the concerns voiced by Jarvis and Rugenstein.

Iamurri closed the public hearing at 7:13 pm.

Motion by Yockey, supported by Sommers to approve an extension to the Special Use Permit for Eggers Excavating to mine sand at 1825 N Graham Rd, with all work to be completed by August 31, 2024.

**VOTE      4 YEAS      0 NAYS      3 ABSENT      MOTION CARRIED**

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Yockey, supported by Bird to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

**VOTE      4 YEAS      0 NAYS      3 ABSENT      MOTION CARRIED**