

**MINUTES**

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**THOMAS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
THOMAS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING  
8215 SHIELDS DRIVE, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2024, 7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: D. Sommers, R. Iamurri, P. Lynch, J. Curry, S. Yockey, and D. Bird  
Absent: None  
Others Present: D. Sika, Community Development Director  
A. Bicigo, Code Enforcement Officer/Planning Assistant  
3 Interested Parties

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Sommers, supported by Yockey to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2024 meeting.

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

**New Business:**

**A. Review Renewable Energy Ordinance**

The Michigan Township Association Sample Ordinance to regulate utility scale renewable energy facilities under Public Act 233 of 2023 was presented to the Planning Commission for review. Discussion took place regarding the sample ordinance and the new renewable energy siting law that will take effect in November of 2024. Patrick Curry of 2508 Lone Rd, owner of Fullerton Tool made comment regarding the current solar installation on Geddes Rd and its alleged negative impacts on Fullerton Tool, Saginaw Control and Engineering, and Cignys.

Motion by Sommers, supported by Yockey, to have staff move forward with the process to incorporate the Michigan Township Association Sample Compatible Renewable Energy Ordinance with the current Thomas Township Renewable Energy Ordinance. A draft is to be presented at a future Planning Commission meeting.

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

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Sommers, supported by Yockey to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

**VOTE**

**6 YEAS**

**0 NAYS**

**0 ABSENT**

**MOTION CARRIED**