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TO: Kathy Knol, Trustee
FROM: Laura Kreps, Community Planner
DATE: December 11, 2025
RE: Planning/Zoning Activity Report

This report provides information on planning and zoning projects that have been through a pre-application meeting, reviewed by the Planning Commission, and/or the Zoning Board of Appeals as well as updates on special projects and ordinance amendments.

Summary of Meeting Items and Action:

PRE-APPLICATION MEETING SUMMARY:

Pre-application meetings are a required step in the site plan review process where the applicant presents a concept site plan to Township staff, including one Planning Commission member prior to submitting the project for formal review. It is likely that these projects will be on an upcoming Planning Commission agenda for action.

- **65 Enterprise** – Utility connection to existing structure currently shared from another building on the property.
- **Menards Outlot** – Potential multi-tenant development including a grocery store, other retail and drive-through uses.

PLANNING COMMISSION SUMMARY:

DECEMBER 8, 2025 - REGULAR MEETING

- **OA-PUD#24006/PSP#24017 Ember Grove** – The applicant is proposing a new PUD project for a mixed-use residential development at the northeast corner of Jackson and Parker Roads. The project contains 104 single-family units; 59 townhome units; and 96 duplex units. A public hearing was conducted by the Planning Commission where a few neighbors were present and asked questions. One neighbor requested additional screening and the neighboring church representative indicated they were excited about the residential development but did not anticipate an open cross access agreement between the properties. The Planning Commission recommended approval (4-2 affirmative vote) to the Township Board with a number of conditions to be addressed.

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*Pending Action: Placement of this item on a future BOT meeting agenda – **tentative date, January 27, 2026.***

- **CU#25011 Hometown Pizza Golf Simulators** – The applicant is requesting conditional use approval to allow an indoor recreation use within the C-2 zoning district. A text amendment allowing indoor recreation facilities as a conditional use in the C-2 district became effective on October 31, 2025. The applicant is proposing to add three (3) golf simulators to the existing pizza restaurant use. A public hearing was held where no comments were received. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the conditional use.

*Pending Action: Placement of this item on a future BOT meeting agenda – **tentative date, January 13, 2026.***

- **Data Center Ordinance Discussion** – The first draft of a data center ordinance was shared with the Planning Commission for initial comments and conversation. J. Culbertson and K. Brant resolved to review and provide additional information for the next discussion in January. Other members should provide any comments or suggestions via email to assist in keeping the conversation moving forward.

*Pending Action: PC members to review and provide feedback on the initial draft. Further discussion is scheduled for the next PC meeting – **January 12, 2026.***

- **HRWC Green Infrastructure Workshop Feedback/Next Steps** – The Planning Commission discussed the HRWC Green Infrastructure Workshop that was conducted on Monday, December 1. We will await the finalized information from the HRWC to include in OPEN overlay ordinance and Master Plan update discussions.

Pending Action: Awaiting final product from HRWC.

PENDING PROJECTS:

- **Jackson Road Corridor Study Report and Recommendations Presentation** – OHM provided a presentation on the completed Jackson Road Corridor Study Report. The PC, BOT and DDA held a joint special meeting date on August 19, 2025 with the BOT and DDA to discuss implementation of the report. A priority document has been prepared by J. Culbertson. PC recommended the BOT establish a Multimodal Transportation Committee (should include some residents with expertise in this area) and a Jackson Rd Corridor ordinance committee of PC and BOT to work with CWA on updates needed based on the corridor study.

Pending Action: BOT direction to PC and/or establishment of subcommittees to begin implementation of study.

- **OA#25010 – Piper Ridge Conditional Rezoning** – A second request has been submitted for consideration to conditionally rezone the former Parkland Plaza Senior Living site on Parkland Plaza immediately north of the Scioview development (H-08-26-200-008) from PUD, Planned Unit Development to MR-3, Multiple-Family Residential allowing a maximum of 54 townhome units to be developed on the 7.7-acre property. Six (6) conditions of rezoning were offered voluntarily by the applicant. A public hearing was held by the PC on April 28, 2025. After much discussion, the PC voted 4-2 to recommend approval of the proposed conditional use with the conditions offered. However, the Board of Trustees approved a resolution of denial for the initial 63-unit project at their regular meeting on September 9, 2025. The Planning Commission held a new public hearing and recommended approval with the conditions offered by the applicant (5-1 affirmative vote).

*Pending Action: Placement of this item on a future BOT meeting agenda – **tentative date, January 13, 2026.***

- **OA#25008 Quik Trip Conditional Rezoning** - Request for rezoning of five (5) parcels located at the northwest quadrant of Baker Road and I-94 from R-1, Single-Family Residential to C-3, Highway Commercial. A public hearing was held, and discussion was held. Action on the conditional rezoning was postponed until the variance to allow commercial development without sanitary sewer is considered by the ZBA. On November 20, 2025, the ZBA approved the variance request. The applicant will be submitting additional information for conditional rezoning information for consideration at a future Planning Commission meeting. With the submittal of new/additional information, a new public hearing will be scheduled for consideration of the conditional rezoning at the January 12, 2026 Planning Commission meeting.

Pending Action: Schedule a public hearing for the January 12, 2025 Planning Commission meeting.

- **SP#25010 Cribley Drilling** – The applicant is proposing to add an approximately 120-foot by 40-foot gravel vehicle and equipment storage area behind the westernmost building on site. This area currently exists and was constructed without site plan approval. The neighboring property owner has expressed concerns regarding their sightlines into the facility, noise and other disturbances within the project area. The Planning Commission tabled the request until the applicant and neighbor can address concerns and provide a revised site plan for review. The applicant and neighbor met on November 20, 2025.

Pending Action: Resubmittal to Planning Commission for review.

- **SP#25008 – Fire Station #2 Site Plan** – Request for site plan approval for construction of a governmental building (Fire Station #2) located at 900 S. Wagner Road in the A-1, General Agricultural zoning district. The Planning Commission recommended approval

with conditions including that the revised landscape ordinance that has not yet been adopted be considered to be utilized as part of the project.

Pending Action: Placement of this item on a future BOT meeting agenda after detail engineering plan is submitted and reviewed with all outstanding outside agency approvals have been obtained.

- **OPEN Overlay / HRWC Bioreserve Discussion** – CWA provided a background memo and map demonstrating the previously approved OPEN overlay area with the most recent bioreserve map produced by the Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC) for discussion.

Pending Action: The Planning Commission will discuss further at future meeting(s).

- **OA#25007 – 5741 Jackson Road** – Request to rezone property from I-1, Limited Industrial to C-2, General Commercial for development of uses allowed in the C-2 zoning district. The Planning Commission held a public hearing and recommended approval of the rezoning of the parcel to C-2, General Commercial.

Pending Action: Placement of this item on a future BOT meeting agenda once transfer of ownership has occurred.

- **CU#25001 – DBM AA LLC, (8-Point Building Supply)** – The property owner has requested conditional use approval for expansion of the current use on the property. This property is located at 6985 Jackson Road and received a conditional use permit for outdoor display and building material sales in 1974. In the last five years, expansion of operations has occurred, not only intensifying operations, but also physical expansion of the development further south onto the existing parcel which included tree removal and relocation of a “ditch” (potential wetland) on the property. As part of enforcement action that has been taken regarding the expansion of the use/site improvements without proper approvals, the property owner has submitted for conditional use consideration. A public hearing was held where the neighbor that initiated the complaint was present and provided additional information regarding how this expansion has and continues to affect his property.

The Planning Commission postponed action requesting additional information be provided by the applicant by August 1. Since the Planning Commission meeting, CWA, the Township Attorney and Code Enforcement Officer have continued discussions with the property owners’ representative and attorney to obtain a complete site plan to determine the required necessary improvements to correct the violations that have occurred. On September 9, CWA met with Atwell Engineering who recently contracted with the property owner to conduct initial surveys and develop a preliminary site plan. We anticipate continued discussions and the submittal of a preliminary site plan document in the next 6 weeks.

Pending Action: The Township Planner and Township Attorney are working with the owner's representative and their attorney to get the information needed for further consideration of the conditional use expansion.

- **Planning Commission By-Laws** – Additional discussion was held by the Planning Commission related to the mimicking of the Board of Trustees conflict of interest language that was recently adopted as part of their Rules of Order. Kathleen Brant and Kim Moore will be contacting Township Attorney, Mariah Fink, to discuss further to bring back additional language for PC discussion.

Pending Action: Continue by-laws discussion at a future Planning Commission meeting.

- **Discussion regarding Jackson Road Overlay District (JROD)** – This item was not on the April 28, 2025 PC agenda; however, we are working toward a joint PC/BOT meeting to discuss the direction of potential modifications to the JROD district. This joint session may be held off until the SEMCOG corridor study is completed. On February 25, 2025, the Planning Commission held a discussion regarding the findings of the Jackson Road Overlay Advisory Group to determine whether ordinance amendments are warranted. The Planning Commission requested additional mapping and listing of current uses allowed throughout the JROD for further consideration; these were provided for additional discussion. It was decided to postpone further consideration until a joint meeting with the BOT can be scheduled and the SEMCOG Corridor Study is further along – potentially June 2025.

Pending Action: Schedule joint PC / BOT meeting to discuss potential changes to the ordinance.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS SUMMARY:

No meeting since last report.

OTHER PLANNING AND ZONING ISSUES

The Planning Commission is working and/or discussing the following items:

- PUD Regulation Amendment (work ongoing)
- Renewable Energy Ordinance (work ongoing)
- EV parking Ordinance
- ESCAP implementation strategies (work ongoing)
- OPEN Overlay amendments (work ongoing)
- Data Centers (work ongoing)



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