

**WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
MAY 7, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Seeley called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mona Sevic

T. Joseph Seward

Pete Meagher

Robert Seeley, Vice Chair

Merrie Carlock, Chairperson

Debby Dehart

Scott Ruggles, Township Board Liaison

Others:

Sean O'Neil, Community Development Director

David Waligora, Senior Planner

Hannah Kennedy-Galley, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director O'Neil stated that Jax Kar Wash has formally withdrawn their request. The Zoning Ordinance amendment item was moved to New Business.

It was MOVED by Commissioner Seward, seconded by Commissioner Sevic to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried with a voice vote: (7 yes votes).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 7, 2026

It was MOVED by Commissioner Seeley, seconded by Commissioner Seward to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried with a voice vote: (7 yes votes).

CALL TO THE PUBLIC (FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. 9391 Highland Road Rezoning

Location: Property identified as Parcel Number 12-23-202-001 (9391 Highland Road), located south side of Highland Road, West of Fisk Road, consisting of approximately 11.64 acres.

Request: **Applicant requests to rezone the property from PB (Planned Business) to LB (Local Business).**

Senior Planner Waligora reviewed his report. The Planning Division staff recommends approval of the rezoning request.

Commissioner Dehart asked staff if the parcel can be divided if it is rezoned. Senior Planner Waligora confirmed.

Commissioner Meagher asked staff if this rezoning was consistent with the Master Plan. Senior Planner Waligora confirmed; the Master Plan calls for this corridor to be commercial.

Chairperson Carlock opened the public hearing at 6:45 P.M. Seeing none, she closed the public hearing at 6:46 P.M.

It was MOVED by Commissioner Meagher, seconded by Commissioner Ruggles to recommend the Township Board approve the rezoning request for the property identified as Parcel Number 12-23-202-001 (9391 Highland Road), from PD (Planned Development) to (LB) Local Business. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (7 yes votes) (Meagher/yes, Dehart/yes, Carlock/yes, Seeley/yes, Seward/yes, Ruggles/yes, Sevic/yes).

CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. Jax Kar Wash

~~Location: Property located on the northwest corner of Bogie Lake Road and Highland Road (M59). Identified as parcel ID 12-20-276-034. Consisting of approximately 1.88 acres. Currently zoned PB (Planned Business).~~

~~Requests: 1) **Final site plan approval**
2) **Planned development agreement**~~

~~Applicant: BMW KAR WASH, LLC~~

NEW BUSINESS

A. Draft Zoning Ordinance Amendments Discussion

Senior Planner Waligora reviewed his memo with the proposed ordinance language amendments. Amendments regarding lots of legal non-conformity, accessory structures, noise, and final site plan authority were discussed.

It was MOVED by Commissioner Seward, seconded by Commissioner Seeley to direct staff to draft language to add that the Township Board to take authority and consider approval of final engineer plans. The motion failed (4 no votes) (Meagher/yes, Seeley/yes, Dehart/no, Ruggles/no, Sevic/no, Seward/yes, Carlock/no).

LIAISON'S REPORT

Commissioner Ruggles stated that the Board discussed options regarding the sale of the current Township Hall property. The liquor license for Rockin the Farm was approved. A purchase for three new dispatch consoles for the new Public Safety building were approved. The rental ordinance was rescinded. There was a special meeting today; there was an approval of the public safety dispatch technology design.

Commissioner DeHart shared that one case was heard at the ZBA last month; it was approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director O'Neil gave the Planning Commission a brief update ongoing Township projects.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Sevic stated the Fisk Farm Festival is looking for volunteers. The festival will be held on the 2nd weekend of September.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE: June 4th, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

It was **MOVED** by Commissioner Seeley, seconded by Commissioner Meagher to adjourn at 8:15 P.M. The motion carried with a voice vote: (7 yes votes).

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