

Memo



Date: July 20, 2026

To: Board of Trustees

Subject: FOIA Appeal – Ernest Parker RE: 9620 Cooley Lake Road

Dear Board members,

Please see the attached FOIA appeal and my response letter. I recommend that the Board affirm the Township's overall decision regarding the requestor's June 4, 2026, FOIA request for the reasons as outlined in my attached response.

Trish Pergament

Deputy Supervisor and FOIA Coordinator

Patricia Pergament

From: Ernie Silver Night Properties <silvernighpropertiesllc@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2026 11:14 PM
To: Township FOIA; Patricia Pergament
Subject: FOIA APPEAL TO TOWNSHIP BOARD – 9620 Cooley Lake Road / E260279

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To: twpfoia@whitelaketwp.com
CC: PPergament@whitelaketwp.com

Subject: FOIA APPEAL TO TOWNSHIP BOARD – 9620 Cooley Lake Road / E260279

White Lake Charter Township Board
c/o FOIA Coordinator Trish Pergament

Re: FOIA APPEAL TO TOWNSHIP BOARD – June 23, 2026 FOIA Response re 9620 Cooley Lake Road / E260279

Dear White Lake Charter Township Board and Ms. Pergament,

This is a written FOIA APPEAL under MCL 15.240 regarding the Township's June 23, 2026 FOIA response concerning 9620 Cooley Lake Road / enforcement number E260279.

Please place this written FOIA appeal before the White Lake Charter Township Board under the Township's FOIA appeal procedure.

I am appealing and requesting supplementation, clarification, or reversal for the following reasons:

1. Proof of mailing / mailing documentation

The response states that records showing mailing dates and mailing addresses were granted, but also states that no proof of mailing, certified mail record, ordinary mail record, mailing log, or related mailing documentation was found.

Please clarify what records the Township relied on to show that any notice, invoice, or violation letter was actually mailed. If no proof of mailing, certified mail record, ordinary mail record, mailing log, or related mailing documentation exists, please confirm that clearly.

2. Complaint records

The response states that anonymous complaint records were not found. However, produced records and communications refer to complaints, including the statement that "we have complaints."

Please identify and produce all complaint records, complaint logs, call notes, emails, reports, inspection notes, or other records showing who complained, when the complaint was received, how it was received, and what was alleged. If any complaint was verbal, informal, anonymous, or undocumented, please state that clearly.

3. Communications involving Josh Husted, Sean O'Neil, Matthew Ivory, Daniel Keller, Police Department employees, and Township employees

My request specifically asked for communications involving Josh Husted, Sean O'Neil, Matthew Ivory, Daniel Keller, White Lake Township Police Department employees, or Township employees concerning Ernest Parker, 9620 Cooley Lake Road, ordinance enforcement, code enforcement, house checks, vacation house watch, property condition, grass cutting, notices, invoices, or discontinuation of police house checks.

Some produced communications appear incomplete, duplicative, blank, missing context, or possibly redacted/withheld without a clear explanation. Please produce all responsive communications or identify the specific FOIA exemption relied upon for any withheld, redacted, omitted, or separated portion, and release all reasonably segregable non-exempt portions.

4. House checks / vacation house watch / police-house-check discontinuation

The response states that no Township-side records were found regarding discontinuation of house checks, vacation house watch, or police house checks. Please clarify what custodians, departments, email accounts, files, and search terms were checked before making that certification, especially for communications between Code Enforcement and Police personnel.

5. Duplicate records and fee issue

The production appears to contain substantial duplicate material, including repeated copies of my original FOIA request and repeated email material. I am appealing/objecting to any fee based on unnecessary duplication or repeated review of identical documents.

Please provide a deduplicated page count and explain whether the Township charged for repeated copies of identical records or repeated review/redaction of duplicate material.

6. Completeness of production

Please confirm whether the Township searched all reasonably likely locations for responsive records, including Code Enforcement files, email accounts, complaint systems, contractor/work-order records, billing records, and communications between the named officials.

For these reasons, I request that the Township reverse or supplement the partial denials, provide any improperly withheld records, identify any exemptions relied upon, release all segregable non-exempt portions, clarify the search performed, and review the fee for duplicate or unnecessary charges.

Please treat this as a formal FOIA APPEAL and provide the Township's written determination within the time required by law.

Thank you,

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7525 Highland Road, White Lake, MI 48383

Date: July 21, 2026

Mr. Ernest Parker
9620 Cooley Lake Road
White Lake, MI 48386
Email: silvernightpropertiesllc@hotmail.com

Subject: FOIA Appeal – 9620 Cooley Lake Road, Ernest Parker

Dear Mr. Parker,

The White Lake Township Board is in receipt of your administrative appeal dated June 25, 2026.

Regarding the assertions in your appeal that was emailed to the Township on June 25, 2026, the Township Board has investigated and has the following response:

Proof of mailing/mailling documentation

The Township granted this request for records showing the date each notice or invoice was mailed and the mailing address used. The records supplied to you had the addresses, emails, and dates on the document. Therefore, the records sent to you satisfied that portion of the request.

The Township denied the portion of your request that asked for proof of mailing, certified mail record, ordinary mail record, or mailing log or related mailing documentation because there were no records found. There were no mailing logs used, and the records that were sent via the U.S. mail were sent using regular mail, not certified. The Township stands by its original response to the corresponding request in its June 23, 2026, written response and raised in your pending appeal. The Township also certifies pursuant to MCL 15.235(5)(b) that any document not provided regarding the corresponding request and raised in your appeal means that those records do not exist.

Complaint Records

The Township has provided you with all complaint records that were entered into our system by the ordinance officer Josh Husted in the Township's June 23, 2026, response. The Township further clarifies that all records on this matter were entered into our systems by Josh Husted. FOIA does not serve to answer questions as to how a complaint comes into the Township. The purpose of FOIA is to produce **existing** public records. No records exist regarding an anonymous complaint. Therefore, this request was denied because there were no records found. The Township stands by its original written response to the corresponding request in its June 23, 2026, written response and raised in your pending appeal. The Township also certifies pursuant to MCL 15.235(5)(b) that any document

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not provided regarding the corresponding request and raised in your appeal means that those records do not exist.

All communications between Josh Husted, Sean O'Neil, Matthew Ivory, Daniel Keller, Police Department employees, or Township employees concerning Ernest Parker, 9620 Cooley Lake Road, ordinance enforcement, code enforcement, house checks, vacation house watch, property condition, grass cutting, notices, invoices, or discontinuation of police house checks.

The Township has provided all communications found between Josh Husted and Sean O'Neil, Chief Matthew Ivory, Daniel Keller, any White Lake Township police department employee, and any White Lake Township employee concerning Ernest Parker, Silver Night Properties, 9620 Cooley Lake Road, ordinance enforcement, code enforcement, house checks, vacation house watch, property condition, grass cutting, notices, invoices, or discontinuation of police house checks in our original response dated June 23, 2026. No documents were redacted or withheld. To help further clarify the blank emails for you; the reason the emails appeared blank is because they were simply forwarded to the other person. This means that there were no written comments.

The Township stands by its original written response to the corresponding request in its June 23, 2026, written response and raised in your pending appeal. The Township also certifies pursuant to MCL 15.235(5)(b) that any document not provided regarding the corresponding request and raised in your appeal means that those records do not exist.

House Checks/Vacation House Watch/Police House Check Discontinuation. You asked that I please clarify what custodians, departments, email accounts, files, and search terms were checked before certifying no records were found. This is a new request and not a part of this appeal which is specific to your initial FOIA request dated June 4, 2026. Additionally, you have since addressed this question in a subsequent FOIA request, which will be answered separately. The Township sent you a deposit request dated July 1, 2026, for this new request.

Duplicate Records and Fee Issue

No additional charge was given for reviewing duplicate documents or processing duplicate documents. The only charge was for the original time to search and locate documents. The Township denies a reversal of fees as there were none attached to this issue. Additionally, the charge would have been higher if the Township had to spend additional time reviewing and removing duplicate documents. Thus, the Township upholds its cost calculation under MCL 15.240a(c). Finally, the Township certifies all fees it charged, or did not charge you, were accurate and that the final invoice pertaining to your FOIA request complies with the FOIA and the Township's publicly available procedures and guidelines.

Completeness of Product

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The Township searched all Township employee emails, which includes the police department emails, and all general Township records related to this request. The requestor was directed to the police department for other police records regarding police house checks, which may include police systems where additional records may exist that the General Township does not have access to search. All records that were found in any police email or Township employee's email and the General Township records were provided to you in our June 23, 2026, written response. The Township stands by its original response to the corresponding request in its June 23, 2026, written response and raised in your appeal. There are no improperly held records or exemptions relied upon.

A clarification of the search is a new request, which you have asked for in your recent June 25, 2026, FOIA request. The Township sent you a deposit request dated July 1, 2026, for this new request.

In response to all items in your FOIA request dated June 4, 2026, the Township certifies pursuant to MCL 15.235(5)(b) that any document that was not provided to you in our response dated June 23, 2026, means that those records do not exist. The Township further clarifies that no documents from this request were redacted or withheld.

If you are dissatisfied with this determination, you have the right to seek judicial review in the Oakland County Circuit Court under MCL 15.240.

Sincerely,

Trish Pergament

Deputy Supervisor and FOIA Coordinator