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Community Development Department Report

October 2026

Dear Township Board Members,

During the month of September, the department continued its work in several areas. The Civic Center site work is nearing completion and will wrap up in the next month. The Township Hall and Public Safety Building have flooring, painting, countertops and other finishes that are nearing completion. The final cleaning is also starting in certain areas of the buildings. At this point, it appears that the “move in” for both buildings will occur in early December. Finally, we are recommending a reformatting and update to the Zoning Ordinance. This will provide for needed updates, due to ordinance amendments, as well as a new format that is more user friendly for the public and able to be updated, by staff, at no future expense to the Township.

There are many active projects in the approval process. The Lasting Impressions project (White Lake Rd. & Coastal Pkwy) had their Final Site Plan approved by the Planning Commission in March and final engineering design has not yet progressed. Edendale Crossing (Bogie Lake Rd & Cedar Island Rd.) is seeking approval on the Final Site Plan and Planned Development agreement at the Planning Commission and Township Board in the coming weeks. The Ginko Storage project (White Lake Rd. & Coastal Pkwy) has requested revisions to their Final Site Plan, and the Planning Commission recommended approval of those changes on October 1st. Tractor Supply is seeking administrative approval for a small building addition within the garden center (east of the building) and that project is under review.

As for approved projects, construction continues at Eagles Landing, Elizabeth Trace, West Valley, Gateway Crossing (SW corner of M-59 & Bogie Lake Rd), and Oakland Harvesters (White Lake Rd & Coastal Pkwy). Walmart has also begun the site work for their approved building expansion project. Avalon is awaiting full approval of their engineering plans but has begun grading and tree removal. The old Calvary Lutheran church site (M-59 & Sunnybeach Blvd), referred to as 9101 Highland, has been razed and their building and site work are now under way. Finally, Mack Industries (White Lake Rd, just south of Andersonville Rd) has not yet begun the 135,000 sqft expansion of an existing 14,000 sqft concrete structure and pipe production building but expect to do so late this fall.

Please find included in this report the permit and inspection activity report for building. If you have any questions or require any additional information from the Community Development Department, please contact us.

Respectfully,

Sean O'Neil



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TO: Township Board of Trustees

FROM: David Waligora, Senior Planner

DATE: October 13, 2026

RE: Parks and Recreation Update – September/October 2026

Purpose

The following provides an update on recent Parks and Recreation activities, ongoing planning efforts at Stanley Park, and opportunities for future community enhancements.

Stanley Park – Phase II Planning

The Stanley Park Subcommittee met to review engineering and architectural proposals for the proposed pavilion and restroom building associated with Phase II of Stanley Park.

During the meeting, members reviewed an additional architectural proposal and requested that further proposals be obtained for comparison. Another proposal was subsequently received on Friday, October 9, 2026. The subcommittee anticipates meeting again in the near future to review the available options and finalize its recommendations for moving the project forward.

The subcommittee also reviewed playground equipment options and discussed additional amenities for the proposed playground. Members expressed support for incorporating fencing around the playground area, agreeing that it would be a valuable addition and should be included in the final project scope.

Additionally, subcommittee members indicated they would reach out to local businesses to explore potential donations or sponsorships to help support the project.

Stanley Park – Site Improvements and Maintenance

Several improvements and maintenance activities have recently been completed at Stanley Park:

- **New Trash Receptacles:** As of October 13, 2026, seven new trash receptacles have been purchased and delivered to Stanley Park. Designed in a style similar to the park's existing benches, the new receptacles will replace the white plastic drums currently used throughout the park, providing a more attractive and consistent appearance.

- **Tree Removal and Bee Treatment:** In response to concerns regarding a bee nest and a dead tree near the fitness pod, the Township coordinated treatment of the bees and removal of the tree. The stump was also ground down, addressing both concerns.

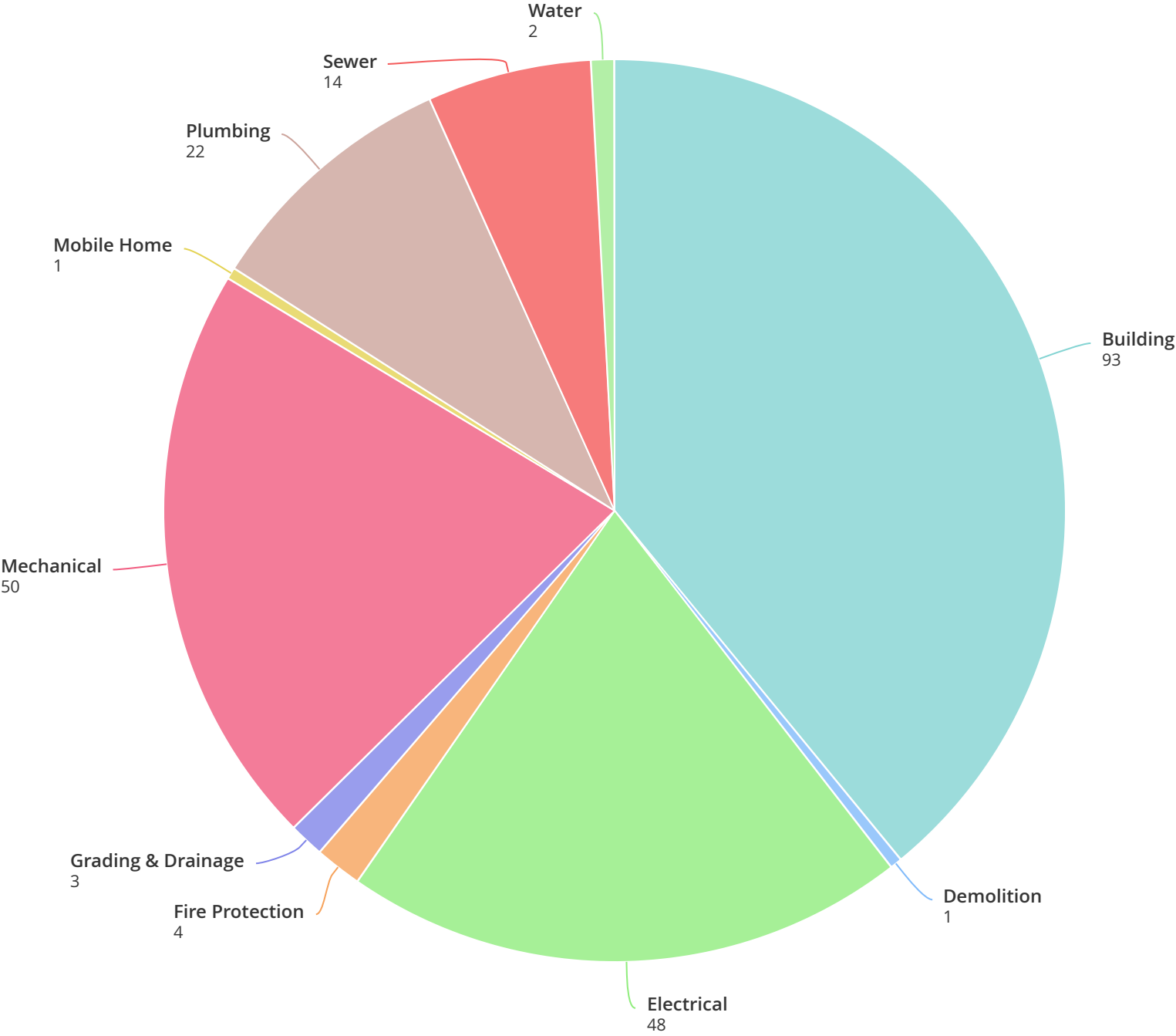
Detroit Institute of Arts – Community Art Opportunities

David Waligora met with a representative of the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) to explore potential locations for temporary community art installations throughout the Township.

The site visit included the White Lake Township Library, new Township Hall, Public Safety Building, and Stanley Park.

During the visit, the DIA representative also discussed an opportunity for the Township to participate in a **free community mural project in 2028**, should the Township wish to pursue it. This presents an opportunity to introduce public art into a Township facility or public space through a partnership with the DIA.

SEPTEMBER 2026 - PERMITS ISSUED



PERMIT TYPE NAME TABLE VIEW

- Building
- Demolition
- Electrical
- Fire Protection
- Grading & Drainage
- Mechanical
- Mobile Home
- Plumbing
- Sewer
- Water