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Community Development Department Report

October 2021

Dear Township Board Members,

During the month of September, the department continued working with The Chesapeake Group and River Caddis, the Township's development partner, on the Civic Center area. We are working with them to take the next steps toward developing a collaborative plan for this area. That process will include significant public input over the coming months. I anticipate that a special Board meeting will be needed to further discuss this project.

We continue to work on many active projects around the Township. Oakland Harvesters (on White Lake Road) is moving forward with their final site plan. A new Taco Bell is proposed for a Meijer out lot and is currently under preliminary review. Finally, Elizabeth Lake Retail (southwest corner of M-59 and Elizabeth Lake Road) has a revised preliminary site plan and rezoning request that is under review and will likely be considered by the Planning Commission again in the coming weeks. We are also working with Trailside Meadow (Elizabeth Lake Road) and Preserve at Hidden Lake (Union Lake Road) on revising their amended final plans and documents. The Sonic restaurant redevelopment at 9328 Highland (M-59 and Fisk) received approval from the Planning Commission on their final site plan. The Pontiac Lake apartment project (on Pontiac Lake Road) will be appearing before the Planning Commission in the coming weeks seeking their final site plan approval.

As for approved projects, Centerpointe Plaza (on M-59) is nearing completion on their building and site. The Preserve at Hidden Lake and Trailside Meadow projects continue to build homes rapidly and have both begun site construction on the second phases of their projects. The New Hope White Lake assisted living project (Williams Lake Road) continues to make progress on their site work and building construction. The Eagles Landing project (Bogie Lake Road) will soon begin their site construction. The West Valley and Lakepointe projects (near Bocovina on either side of Union Lake Road) have still not moved forward with construction.

Please find included in this monthly report the parks and recreation update as well as 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,


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Parks and Recreation October 2021

Dear Township Board,

In September staff worked with Beckett & Raeder to submit the Supplemental Response to the MDNR for the Stanley Park Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application completed earlier this year. A decision on the grant application will be received by the end of the year.

On September 21, the Township hosted a workshop by Oakland County CISMA (Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area) on phragmites identification and management. On October 19, the Township will host another CISMA workshop at Stanley Park on recognizing and controlling woody invasive species. CISMA will demonstrate treatment techniques and answer questions.

CISMA notified the Township of an Oak Wilt issue at a property bordering Bloomer Park. A resident offered the Township services of a certified arborist to craft a plan to contain the Oak Wilt and hopefully prevent it from affecting the park property. In late October/early November, the project will commence at the park. The work involves trenching approximately 400 feet around the affected area, and felling eight red oak trees and herbicide stump treatment between December 2021 and March 2022. Bloomer Park will need to be monitored annually for Oak Wilt, as the disease is prevalent in this part of Michigan.

The Township improved the dilapidated driveway at Hidden Pines Park by installing crushed asphalt. Other maintenance projects are under review by staff, including tree trimming/removal at Bloomer Park to complete the storm clean-up necessary after the tornado. The Grass Lake observation pier at Bloomer Park was damaged by vandals; the minor repair can likely be made with volunteer effort of the Supervisor and staff.

The October 16 Historical Society Halloween event at Fisk Farm was cancelled. The Township may hold a Halloween event in 2022 if the Historical Society does not. Conversations on coordination with the Historical Society could be considered next year if the Township takes over spearheading the event.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Justin Quagliata
Staff Planner

Breakdown of Permits by Category

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