HOWELL TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

3525 Byron Road Howell, MI 48855 October 28, 2025 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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Wayne Williams

Chair

Robert Spaulding

Vice Chair

Mike Newstead

Secretary

Tim Boal

Board Representative

Matt Stanley

Commissioner

Sharon Lollio

Commissioner

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Township planner Brady Heath, Annex Group Representative Randy Morris and Zoning Administrator Jonathan Hohenstein

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The roll was called. Chairman Williams requested members rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion by Boal, Second by Newstead, "If we could just switch numbers 11 and 12." Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES:

September 23, 2025

Motion by Boal, Second by Spaulding, "To approve the minutes as presented." Motion carried.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT:

None

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT:

Draft minutes are included in the packet. Board Representative Boal gave an overview of topics discussed. Renewable Energy Ordinance was tabled due to edits in the document, Storage Container Ordinance passed, MHOG will be branching away from Genoa Township, Data Center Committee and discussion of a Moratorium for the Data Center. Vice Chair Spaulding questioned if the Renewable Energy Ordinance would return to the Planning Commission and if there would be any changes to the Township with MHOG branching out.

ORDINANCE VIOLATION REPORT:

Report in packet. Zoning Administrator Hohenstein gave an update on the new Code Enforcement Officer.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Old Business:

1. Union at Oak Grove, PC2025-18, 1820 Molly Ln., Parcel #4706-25-100-028, Amendment to Approved Site Plan-Township Planner Heath gave an update on the site plan. The applicant would like to keep everything the same that was approved in 2020 except replace one of the tot lots for a Disc Golf area. Commissioner Lollio questioned if there would be changes to the landscaping standards. Randy Morris from the Annex Group spoke about their proposed change to include a Disc Golf course on site. Currently there are four playgrounds on the property, and they are looking to add a Disc Golf Course to promote a healthy lifestyle for adults and young adults as well. There will be no changes to the landscaping plan. Secretary Newstead questioned if there would be equipment available for the tenants to use. Vice Chair Spaulding questioned the area where it would be placed. Board Representative Boal questioned if they are allowed to build Disc Golf baskets within their setbacks. Discussion followed. Motion by Newstead, Second by Spaulding, "To recommend approval for the amendment of site plan for the Union of Oak Grove PC2025-18, 1820 Molly Ln., #4706-25-100-028 contingent on the hole #8 being relocated to avoid the neighboring property." Motion carried.

Other Matters to be Reviewed by the Planning Commission:

A. Data Center Committee Discussion- Board Representative Boal gave an overview of the committee. Committee members Cory Alchin, Jodi Fulton and Dan Bonello spoke about their role on the committee, starting the beginning phase of collecting and analyzing Data Center information, creating a Data Center Ordinance and answered questions from the Planning Commission Board. Commissioner Lollio questioned how many members were assigned and her concerns with a board member being placed on the committee. Board Representative Boal questioned whether the committee members are interested in speaking with the public and answering questions. Vice Chair Spaulding questioned if the meetings would be open to the public. Zoning Administrator Hohenstein asked if the board would like to add the Data Center Committee as an agenda item. Discussion followed.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Kristin Dennison, 7196 Manor Lane-Spoke on Data Centers

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Boal, Second by Newstead, "To adjourn." Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Mike Newstead

Planning Commission Secretary

Name Hebert

Recording Secretary