

Property Taxes

Property taxes are billed twice yearly and are payable to **Secord Township**:

2026 Summer Taxes: mailed out July 2026 – Due September 14, 2026

2026 Winter Taxes: mailed out December 2026 – Due February 16, 2027

*Please verify that your address and all information is correct on your bill. Note and send any changes back with your payment.

(Winter Tax late payments: made after February 16, 2027, MUST be paid directly to the Gladwin County Treasurer's office [late fee will apply])

Payment by mail is preferred or please call for an appointment: 810-730-6872

Cash Payments MUST BE EXACT

Post marks **NOT** accepted. Receipts mailed only with self-addressed stamped envelope included with your payment

To pay online at our website:

www.secordtwp.com

The vendor charges a 3% (minimum \$1.50) fee for online payments. If using e-checks, make sure your property ID is noted on the check. Credit Cards are accepted **ONLY** online through the website. We also have a drop box at the Township Hall (next to the door) at: **1507 Secord Dam Rd.** for your convenience & payment ease.

*The below link will allow you to register for your own log in for free access, as a property owner in Secord Twp, for up-to-date tax information. An information fee will be charged to non-property owners requesting information.

BSAonline.com

Secord Lake Water Return & Lake Bottom

Maintenance

With water coming back this year, we need to, as a community, pull together to make sure all lake bottom areas that can be cut, are cut. There are a few properties that have not been cut. Again, the weeds on dry land will die off, our concern is with the trees! The trees will die over time, but the wood, branches & trunk will last a long time and may present a danger to boats, swimmers and even prevent boats from getting to their docks or hoist's. Work with your neighbors, volunteers & Secord Lake Association to make sure all properties are cut.

Assessor Visits

The Secord Township Assessor & crew will be in the area performing routine site visits. Certified inspectors will have photo ID & wear safety vests. They will not ask to enter your home nor ask for personal information. They may ask specific questions to the features of the property. Assessments are performed on 20 % of the Township per year in a 5-year cycle

Road Committee

- Apply Brine to all dirt roads within the township (2 applications)
- Crack Seal all paved roads east of the lake
- Mow all roads, (including secondary roads) twice
- Pave Three Rivers Rd, one mile from Wirtz Rd. north to the township border
- Pave Cedar Lake Rd. from the north township border-south- 1 ½ miles to the intersection of North Pinecrest Dr.
- Pave North Pinecrest Road 0.2 miles
- Pave Lundy Dr. 0.05 miles between Cedar Lake Road & West Branch Dr.
- Pave Park Dr. 0.75 miles between Cedar Lake Rd. & Points Rd.

Dead fall cleanup is the responsibility of the property owner!

Hall Rental

Rental is limited to Secord Township residents. Please call the Clerk, for updated rental information, prices and to schedule a hall rental.

Alcohol & Smoking prohibited!

Secord Township Hall is an American Red Cross Designated Heating and Cooling Center

Fire Department News

2025 was a very busy year for the Secord Fire Department. As of September 23, we have had 126 calls vs all of 2024 which had a total of 168 calls.

We have a drone to aid in rescue which will be helpful in forest areas. We also have a Rescue Boat, not a Patrol Boat. With the lakes returning this summer, we have already begun training with the Rescue Boat & Drone

Secord will be offering boater safety classes: February 22 at 9am & March 22 at 9am
Secord Fire Department is now recruiting a few paid-on-call personnel to assist with fire & rescue missions. Interested persons can email at firechief@secordtwp.com

Fire Chief Shaver is willing to meet with anyone who would like more information about the fire department and the equipment on hand. He is at the fire station on the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month from 4pm-8pm. For more information call: 989-429-2329

Chief Shaver also reminds everyone to check the batteries in their smoke detectors and CO 2 alarms. Both could save your life and the lives of those you love.

Remember, burning of leaves and debris in ditches is illegal and you can be fined by the Township and E.G.L.E. We advise you not to burn in ditches due to the eventual run-off that will find its way to the river and promote weed growth. We also now have natural gas and cable in many areas and the lines run through and along the ditches. Burning over a gas line is very dangerous. Be mindful of burning on or near the lake beds as it will be very hard to rescue due to lack of water.

Secord Township is a Zoned Community!

-Before you build anything, please contact Cherie Mascarello, the Secord Township Zoning Administrator, and obtain a Secord Township Permit. Gladwin County will not issue a building permit without an approved Secord Township zoning permit.

-If you build a dock or change the dimensions of your dock, you need approval from EGLE.

-Please follow posted speed limits, and do not drive on anyone's private property!

Planning and Zoning Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month

Planning & Zoning Committee:

Board of Appeals Chairperson - Kerry Shaffer

Zoning Administrator - Cherie Mascarello

Planning Secretary – Maria Alward

Short-Term (STR) & Rentals

STR/Rentals require an application to receive a yearly License/Permit. Visit our website for information regarding the STR/Rental Ordinance.

Rental properties require inspections from the Health Dept. and Fire Department.

*A Few Reminders:

Any building or renovations will require an approved permit. Contact Zoning Administrator to issue permits. Includes: sheds, gazebos, additions, garages & pole barns.

- Signs and outdoor storage containers require a permit.

- Shipping Containers are not permitted!

- Point of sale inspections: It protects our main asset, the river and lake. An approved inspection of your well and septic is required for the sale of any property or change of ownership. The inspection, once approved, is good for 5 years.

- Please be aware of the change made to the Fireworks Ordinance. Dates and times of usage can be found on the website. There will be a fine of \$1,000.00 for each violation.

All Ordinance complaints must be made by contacting the Ordinance Enforcement Officer (Tim Seagraves) or Township Supervisor (Joel Vernier) by email or written letter.

Telephone Directory

Supervisor: Joel Vernier 989-329-9319

Clerk: Kristine Panetta 989-426-8741

Treasurer: Christine Grace 989-329-5295

Trustee: Maria Alward 989-429-3204

Trustee: TBD

Fire Chief: Fred Shaver 989-429-2329

Road Chairperson: Ken Douglas 248-431-9509

Assessor: Kristi Sidelko 989-942-4877

Asst. Assessor: Allison Thompson 989-312-3012

DNR Burn Permits 866-922-2876

Gladwin Road Commission 989-426-7441 Health

Department 989-426-9431

Charter Communications

800-846-1820

Charter/Spectrum Support

855-248-7822

**(Because the telephone numbers of elected and appointed officials are their home numbers, please limit the calls to normal business hours)*

PLM Lake and Land Management

1-800-382-4434

www.plmcorp.net

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2026 Spring/Summer Newsletter

Secord Township Board meetings are held at 10:00 am on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Property owners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

SECORD TOWNSHIP

1507 Secord Dam Rd

Gladwin MI 48624

989-426-7445

989-426-3232 fax

www.secordtwp.com

Garbage Collection

Garbage collection is every Monday (6am to 8pm) (Exceptions are holidays and weather conditions)

Call ahead for large item trash pickup

Be sure to state you are in Secord Twp and give your full address

Republic Waste 1-800-438-0966

Recycling is picked up on **every other** Thursday.

Yard Waste pick up is every Tuesday from 6am to 8pm (April – November months only). *** Yard waste should be in biodegradable paper bags or open containers specifically marked as "YARD WASTE".** Yard waste

is defined as: leaves, grass clippings, twigs, (branch's less than 1 inch) and dried lake debris.

It is illegal to blow debris into the water!!!

Recreational Vehicles and Travel Trailers

Attention Campers!

Overnight camping on private property can be permitted in Districts R-1, R-2 and A-1 providing that the recreational vehicle receives a permit from the Zoning Administrator, then may occupy a parcel for not longer than ninety (90) days in a calendar year & is subject to the following conditions: Must adhere to all setback requirements, including 40ft from water's edge. Travel Trailers & RV's must be connected to water & septic services (**SEE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES**) NO winter dwelling is allowed in Travel Trailers or RV's. All Travel Trailers & RV's must have a current state license.

Sanitation facilities must meet the requirements of, and be approved by, the District Health Department

