

Secord Township Open Board Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2026 @ 10:00 am

1507 Secord Dam Rd, Gladwin, MI 48624 www.secordtwp.com

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

- Supervisor Joel Vernier (supervisor@secordtwp.com) **PRESENT**
- Treasurer Christine Grace (treasurer@secordtwp.com) **PRESENT**
- Clerk Kristine Panetta (clerk@secordtwp.com) **PRESENT**
- Trustee Maria Alward (mlalward@gmail.com) **PRESENT**
- Trustee Kathy Seagraves (deputysupervisor@secordtwp.com) **PRESENT**

Motion by Christine Grace and 2nd by Kristine Panetta to approve Board meeting minutes of June 17, 2026. All ayes. Approved.

Motion by Joel Vernier and 2nd by Kristine Panetta to approve Special Board meeting minutes of June 25, 2026. All Ayes. Approved.

Consent Agenda/Changes to Agenda

- Add Camping ordinance to Other Business section following approval for election workers.
- Add New Personal Computer discussion after Treasurer's Report.
- Add Cutting Lake Bottom following discussion about Weed Account.

Motion by Kristine Panetta and 2nd by Maria Alward to accept changes to agenda. All Ayes. Approved.

Public Comment:

- Brandon Glod complained that fence is around dam area so he cannot fish there now.
- Hunter Kerry from Rose Pest Solutions discussed mosquito control including starting larvicide treatment on April 24 and May 20, and on then May 28 began weekly fogging throughout Secord Township. Rose was unable to spray when temperature was below 55 degrees or wind was ≥ 15 mph. They spray starting at approximately 9pm-11:30pm on Thursdays. Rose has had 405 calls for perimeter service.
- Patty Smith reported that she was in favor of new camping ordinance so that she can use her property.

Guests:

- Mike Visnaw, County Commissioner reported that the Board of Commissioners met and approved a position for a jail health administrator; approved replacement of 5 new computers; joined Chamber of Commerce; reviewed MMP recycling contract and heard public comment about opposition to solar farms.

Secord Township Treasurer's Report: July 15, 2026

(Fund Balances as of 07/13/2026)

General Fund Checking	\$250,000.00	
Balance:		
General Fund ICS :	\$410,251.79	* (balance does not reflect o/s checks)
General Fund CD# 55	\$59,281.61	
General Fund CD# 56	\$58,996.50	
General Fund Total:	\$778,529.90	

Fire Fund Checking Balance:	\$13,573.78	
Fire Fund ICS:	\$139,613.13	* (balance does not reflect o/s checks)
Fire Fund Total:	\$153,186.91	
Garbage Fund Balance:	\$42,380.00	
Garbage Fund ICS:	\$178,834.33	
Garbage Fund Total:	\$221,214.33	
Lake Weed Fund Balance:	\$15,000.00	
Lake Weed Fund ICS:	\$441,508.24	
Mercantile Bank Weed Fund Balance:	\$250,540.27	
Lake Weed Fund Total:	\$707,048.51	
Mosquito Fund Balance:	\$15,000.00	
Mosquito Fund ICS:	\$58,494.85	
Mosquito Fund Total:	\$73,494.85	
Road Fund Balance:	\$15,000.00	
Road Fund ICS:	\$477,666.52	
Road Fund Total:	\$492,666.52	
Tax Fund Checking Balance:	\$6,229.23	
Tax Fund Total:	\$6,229.23	* (balance does not reflect o/s checks)
Total of All Funds:	\$2,432,370.25	

Motion by Maria Alward and 2nd by Kristine Panetta to receive and file Treasurer’s report. All Ayes. Approved.

New PC for Treasurer- Christine Grace reported that she has had computer issues and that Tom Stiehl, IT, said that she needs a new tower for cost of approximately \$500.

Motion by Kristine Panetta and 2nd by Maria Alward to approve expenditure for new computer for Christine Grace. All Ayes. **Approved.**

Clerk’s Bills Paid:

General Fund Bills: \$ 45,820.97

General Payroll: \$12,405.56

Fire Bills: \$5,890.21

Fire Payroll: \$3,795

Motion by Maria Alward and 2nd by Kristine Panetta to approve payments. All Ayes. Approved.

Discussion regarding need to refresh mulch at the Township Hall for approximately \$600.

Motion by Kristine Panetta and 2nd by Maria Alward to approve mulch refresh as presented. All Ayes. Approved.

Clerks Correspondence Received: Maxine Larsen’s report

Reports:

- Planning & Zoning: John Kuksa- Held public meeting regarding “Camping” Ordinance (No. 3.16 Recreational Vehicles and Travel Trailers) followed by a Planning and Zoning Board meeting to approve. Was approved.

Motion by Joel Vernier and 2nd by Maria Alward to approve the changes to No. 3.16 Recreational Vehicles and Travel Trailers Ordinance. All Ayes. Approved.

- Fire Board Report: Pete Doyle- Excused absence
- Fire Chief Report: Fred Shaver -Reported 12 rescues and 2 fires; still working on SAD for new positions at fire station. Will have public meetings before moving forward.
- Constable Report: Maxine Larson- Monitored the County Fair and all went well.
- Road Committee Report: Ken Douglas-“Zoned Community” signs are in and will be posted soon.
- Zoning Administrator Report: Cherie Mascarello-8 permits and 2 variances granted in June and already has 6 for July. Reminder that EGLE has to approve permits for docks.
- Ordinance Enforcement Officer Report: Tim Seagraves-Mostly tall grass and weeds complaints. Usually, people comply when he reaches out but he does let them know that if they do not, the Township takes action to mow and sends the fee to the property owner.
- Well and Septic: Maria Alward- 4 requests received and all approved.

Other Business:

- **Approval of Election Inspectors** for Primary election August 4, 2026:
Ward Comer
Patty Comer
Donna Gronau
Ann Lambert
Maddie Taube
Becky Day
Maxine Larson
Diane Barajas
Kyle Proctor
Jacqueline Beck

Motion by Kristine Panetta and 2nd by Christine Grace to approve Election Inspectors as listed. All Ayes. Approved

- **Discussion of Weed Account-** Joel Vernier reported that a lot has been cut including sandbars, boating lanes 40 ft from property for both Smallwood and Secord lakes. More will need to be done prior to the water coming back. Christine Grace reported that the weed assessment was \$210 but was reduced to \$105 last year. The revenue from the weed tax was \$122,130 which was less than the liability. However, because

we had excess in the fund, we met the obligation. The liability for this year will also exceed the revenue but we will have enough and will continue to spend-down this fund. For now, we are keeping the assessment tax for weeds at \$105.

- **Discussion about Lake Bottom cutting.**

Motion by Kristine Panetta and 2nd by Christine Grace to increase the amount for lake bottom cutting to \$50,000. All Ayes. Approved.

Supervisor Comments:

- Fishing spot at the Dam noted by resident in beginning of meeting is now owned by the county. Their decision to add fence around it was likely due to safety concerns.
- There will be more boating safety courses available in the future. Public notices forthcoming.

Public Comments/Announcements

- **Kisha Crane-** complained that her notice for public records request has not yet been completed.
- **Brandon Glod-**wants to know how the property by the Dam became county property when it was privately owned for many years.
- **Judy Bowman-**noted that a new permit is needed if 50% or more of a dock is being built; also noted that she is in support of the pending Fire Board special assessment.

Motion to Adjourn Joel Vernier and 2nd by Kristine Panetta @ 12 pm. All Ayes. Approved.
Meeting Adjourned.