



BOARDS & COMMITTEES

2026 Board & Committee Openings

Get Involved with Texas Township!

Ever wonder who reviews Township initiatives or makes development recommendations to the Township Board?

It could be you!

From approving development plans to shaping policies that ensure community safety, more than 10 citizen boards and committees help guide decisions in Texas Township.

We're looking for passionate, civically minded residents to serve. Several committee positions are currently open! Learn more about the openings, requirements, and how to apply [here](#):

[Texas Township Application for Appointment](#)

Applications are accepted year-round; however, to receive priority consideration for appointment to an upcoming expiring term, please submit your application by **Friday, October 31**.

Applications submitted within the past two years will also be reviewed. Applications received after the priority date will be kept on file and considered for future vacancies.

Note: This priority date does not apply to upcoming DDA positions, which will be reviewed in Q1 2026.



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF TEXAS

2026 BOARD & COMMITTEE OPENINGS

Application Information

Important Dates for Applicants

October 31, 2025 Priority application deadline to submit Application for Appointment

November 24, 2025 or December 8, 2025

Recommendations for committee appointments will be presented at the Township Board Meeting.

Application and Appointment Process

Intake

Once an application is received, it will be reviewed to determine eligibility for the requested board or committee. Some boards and committees have specific membership requirements; please refer to each board's webpage for details.

Vetting

Applications are reviewed by the Township Superintendent, Township Supervisor, Township Board, and the respective committee chairs. Because many boards and commissions influence the use of public funds, candidates must be in compliance with Township Code.

Appointing Authority

The Township Board serves as the official appointing authority. All committee appointments are made by the Board based on a recommendation from the Township Supervisor.

Selection

After the Township Board votes on appointments, applicants will be notified of the outcome. Those selected will be contacted by the committee chair or staff liaison to complete necessary paperwork. If an applicant is not appointed, their application will remain on file for future consideration.

[*View a full list of boards & committees*](#)

Planning Commission

Staff Contact

Staff Liaison: Kelly McIntyre, Planning Director

Email: planner@texastownship.org **Phone:** 269-548-4305

Overview

The Planning Commission, with support from the Planning Department, plays a key role in guiding the physical development of Texas Township. It is responsible for preparing and maintaining the Township's Master Land Use Plan—a living document that expresses the community's vision for the future.

To carry out this vision, the Commission administers the Township's Zoning Ordinance, reviews site plans and rezoning requests, and makes recommendations to the Township Board. Because the Master Land Use Plan must reflect both current conditions and the community's long-term goals, the Commission periodically recommends updates to ensure it continues to represent the type of community residents enjoy today and aspire to in the future.

Term Length: Three Years

Meeting Schedule: Twice/Month. Workshop Mtg: Second Tuesday at 5 PM. Regular Mtg: Fourth Tuesday at 6 PM.

Positions Expiring/Vacant

Position	Qualifications	Appointing Authority	Term Length
Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Liaison* <small>*Must be a member of the ZBA</small>	Residency required	Township Board – Recommendation by Township Supervisor	3 year term ending Dec 2028
Member	Residency required*	Township Board – Recommendation by Township Supervisor	3 year term ending Dec 2028

*NOTE: ONE MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION DOES NOT HAVE TO BE A RESIDENT

Current Committee Composition

Position	Name	Term Begins	Term Ends
Chair, ZBA Liaison	Mike Corfman	Jan 2023	Dec 2025
Vice Chair	Ryan Eavey	Jan 2024	Dec 2026
Secretary	Larry Loeks	Jan 2025	Dec 2027
Township Board Liaison	Michelle O'Neill	Nov 2024	Nov 2028
Member	Ken Toy	Mar 2025	Dec 2027
Member	Kathy Buckingham	Jan 2023	Dec 2025
Member	Jeff Matson	Jan 2024	Dec 2026

Compensation

Members of the Planning Commission receive a per diem for their service. Additional increases may be available based on continuing education or the attainment of relevant professional credentials.

- Member: \$90 per meeting
- Citizen Planner Designation: Additional \$15 per meeting
- Master Citizen Planner Designation: Additional \$30 per meeting
- Chair: Additional \$15 per meeting
- Continuing Education (8 Hours): \$250 annual stipend

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)

Staff Contact

Staff Liaison: Kelly McIntyre, Planning Director

Email: planner@texastownship.org **Phone:** 269-548-4305

Overview

The Zoning Board of Appeals is responsible for reviewing and deciding on:

- Variance requests from the zoning ordinance
- Interpretations of zoning ordinance provisions
- Appeals of administrative zoning decisions

The ZBA provides a fair and balanced process to ensure the Township's zoning regulations are applied consistently while also considering unique circumstances.

Term Length: Three Years

Meeting Schedule: The ZBA meets once per month on the fourth Wednesday at 6:00 PM, provided an application has been submitted.

Positions Expiring/Vacant

Position	Qualifications	Appointing Authority	Term Length
Planning Commission Liaison*	Residency required <small>*Must be a member of the PC</small>	Township Board – Recommendation by Township Supervisor	3 year term ending Dec 2028

Current Committee Composition

Position	Name	Term Begins	Term Ends
Chair	Frank Machnik	Jan 2024	Dec 2026
Vice Chair	Michael Bakker	Jan 2024	Dec 2026
Secretary	Michael Mair	Jan 2025	Dec 2027
Planning Commission Liaison	Mike Corfman	Jan 2023	Dec 2025
Member			
Alternate	Andrew Kuiper	Jan 2025	Dec 2027
Alternate	Linda Drenth	Mar 2025	Dec 2027

Compensation

Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals receive a per diem for their service. Additional increases may be available based on continuing education or the attainment of relevant professional credentials.

- Member: \$90 per meeting
- Citizen Planner Designation: Additional \$15 per meeting
- Master Citizen Planner Designation: Additional \$30 per meeting
- Chair: Additional \$15 per meeting

Continuing Education (8 Hours): \$250 annual stipend

Public Safety Committee

Staff Contact

Staff Liaison: Jeff Hawke, Interim Fire Chief

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Phone: 269-375-4610

Overview

The purpose of the Texas Township Public Safety Committee is to:

- Providing recommendations on operational policies for Law Enforcement, Fire/Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS).
- Reviewing operations and performance standards for Law Enforcement, Fire/Rescue, and EMS services.
- Addressing other public safety issues that may arise within the Township.

The Committee is composed of five members: One Township Board member, one member with emergency medical experience, one member with law enforcement experience, one member with fire service experience, and one citizen at large.

Term Length: Three Years

Meeting Schedule: Every other month on the third Monday at 4 PM.

Positions Expiring/Vacant

Position	Qualifications	Appointing Authority	Term Length
No positions expiring			

Current Committee Composition

Position	Name	Term Begins	Term Ends
Fire Service Exp.	Scott Leroy	Apr 2025	Dec 2027
Citizen	Kristen Smith	Apr 2025	Dec 2027
Citizen	Dennis Smith	Apr 2025	Dec 2027
TB Liaison	Barb Hammon	Nov 2024	Dec 2028
TB Liaison	Don Boven	Nov 2024	Dec 2028

Compensation

Members of the Public Safety Committee volunteer their time.

Parks & Trails Committee

Staff Contact

Staff Liaison: Brooke Hovenkamp, Superintendent

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Phone: 269-375-1591

Overview

The Parks & Trails Committee guides the growth and upkeep of Texas Township's parks and trails systems, ensuring they meet community needs and align with the Recreation Plan. The Committee helps shape annual development plans, prioritizes projects based on public interest, and makes budget recommendations to the Township Board. This ensures park improvements are thoughtfully planned and reflect the community's vision.

Term Length: Three Years

Meeting Schedule: Once per month on the fourth Tuesday at 5 PM.

Positions Expiring/Vacant

Position	Qualifications	Appointing Authority	Term Length
Alternate	Residency required	Township Board – Recommendation by Township Supervisor	3 year term ending Dec 2023

Current Committee Composition

Position	Name	Term Begins	Term Ends
Chair	James Whittaker	Jan 2024	Dec 2026
Township Board Liaison	Lisa Koop	Nov 2024	Nov 2028
Planning Commission Liaison	Larry Loeks	Jan 2024	Dec 2026
Township Board Liaison	Emily Beutel	Nov 2024	Nov 2028
Member	Jennifer Bussies	Jan 2024	Dec 2026
Member	Ellen Hector	Jan 2024	Dec 2026
Member	Tricia Keala	Jan 2024	Dec 2026
Alternate	Vacant	Jan 2024	Dec 2023

Compensation

Members of the Parks & Trails Committee volunteer their time.

Board of Review

Staff Contact

Staff Liaison: Claudia Stirton, Assessor

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Phone: 269-548-4311

Overview

The Board of Review meets three times each year. In March, the Board reviews the property assessment roll prepared by the Township Assessor and hears appeals from property owners. In July and December, the Board meets as needed to make any necessary corrections to the assessment roll. Members are appointed by the Township Board and serve a two-year term.

Term Length: Two Years

Meeting Schedule: 12 Hours in March – 3 of those hours are held after 6 PM, as required by statute. Additionally, the Board of Review meets one day in July & one day in December.

Positions Expiring/Vacant

Position	Qualifications	Appointing Authority	Term Length
No positions expiring			

Current Committee Composition

Position	Name	Term Begins	Term Ends
Member	Kathy Buckham	Jan 2024	Dec 2026
Member	Trish Roberts	Jan 2024	Dec 2026
Member	Jim Caporale	Jan 2024	Dec 2026
Alternate	Doran Lefaive	Jan 2024	Dec 2026

Compensation

Full Day: \$190

Evening Sessions & Half-Days: \$80

Additional Compensation for BOR Secretary:

Full Day: \$76

Evening Sessions & Half-Days: \$32

Farmers' Market Committee

Staff Contact

Staff Liaison: Val Glasscock, Market Manager

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Phone: 269-400-9749

Overview

The Farmers' Market Committee oversees the operations of the Texas Township Farmers' Market, which aims to foster a sense of community, support local businesses, encourage economic development around local food, and raise awareness of the rich agricultural heritage in southwest Michigan.

The Committee is composed of community members, including representatives from the Township Board, Planning Commission, DDA, and Parks and Trails Committee, as well as residents and market vendors.

Term Length: Three Years

Meeting Schedule: Quarterly Basis

Positions Expiring/Vacant

Position	Qualifications	Appointing Authority	Term Length
No positions expiring			

Current Committee Composition

Position	Name	Term Begins	Term Ends
Chair, Market Manager	Val Glasscock	N/A	N/A
TB Member	Emily Meinema	Mar 2025	Nov 2028
TB Member	Lisa Koop	Mar 2025	Nov 2028
Resident	Lorrie Loeks	Jan 2025	Dec 2027
Market Vendor	Eric Tate	Jan 2025	Dec 2027
Market Vendor	Denise Schultz	Jan 2025	Dec 2027
DDA Member	Emily Heckerthorn	Jan 2025	Dec 2027
Member	Margie Stinson	Jan 2025	Dec 2027
Member	Sarah Huber	Jan 2025	Dec 2027
Market Vendor	Karen Bailey	Jan 2025	Dec 2027

Compensation

Members of the Farmers' Market Committee volunteer their time.

Road Committee

Staff Contact

Staff Liaison: Brooke Hovenkamp, Superintendent

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Phone: 269-375-1591

Overview

The Road Committee provides guidance and recommendations to the Township Board on road improvement projects throughout Texas Township. The Committee works closely with representatives from the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County (RCKC) to evaluate projects and prioritize improvements based on community needs. While the Committee does not hold regular meetings, it convenes as needed to review specific projects and ensure that road improvements meet RCKC standards.

Term Length: Two Years

Meeting Schedule: The Committee meets on an as-needed basis to review projects, discuss priorities, and provide recommendations.

Positions Expiring/Vacant

Position	Qualifications	Appointing Authority	Term Length
No positions expiring			

Current Committee Composition

Position	Name	Term Begins	Term Ends
Township Supervisor	JoAnne McFarland O'Rourke	Dec 2024	Nov 2028
RCKC Representative	Mark Worden	N/A	Dec 2028
Member	Dan Moyle	Jan 2025	Dec 2028
TB Representative	Michelle O'Neill	Jan 2025	Dec 2028
Member	Charles Minor	Jan 2025	Dec 2028
Member	Bryan Webster	Jan 2025	Dec 2028

Compensation

Members of the Road Committee volunteer their time.

Downtown Development Authority

Staff Contact

Staff Liaison: Stacy Davison

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Overview

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) guides the growth and economic vitality of the Corners Business District (CBD) in Texas Township. The DDA works to support and promote local businesses, attract new investment, and foster a vibrant, thriving community hub in Texas Corners. Through strategic planning and collaboration, the DDA plays a key role in shaping the district's long-term success and appeal.

Term Length: Four Years

Meeting Schedule: Fourth Thursday of each month at 8:30 AM.

Positions Expiring/Vacant

Position	Qualifications	Appointing Authority	Term Length
Member	Residency required	Township Board – Recommendation by Township Supervisor	4 year term ending Apr 2029
Member	Residency required	Township Board – Recommendation by Township Supervisor	4 year term ending Feb 2029
Member	Residency Required	Township Board – Recommendation by Township Supervisor	4 year term ending Apr 2029

Current Committee Composition

Position	Name	Term Begins	Term Ends
Township Supervisor	JoAnne McFarland O'Rourke	Nov 2024	November 2028
Member	Paul Carlson	Apr 2022	Apr 2026
Member	Steve Bosch	Apr 2022	Apr 2026
Member	Larry Loeks	Jan 2025	Dec 2027
Secretary	Seth Ganton	Mar 2023	April 2027
Vice President	Dave Groendyk	Mar 2024	Feb 2028
President	Andrew Schultz	Mar 2024	Feb 2028
Treasurer	Alexandra Copeland	Apr 2022	April 2026
Member	Joe Wolf	Jan 2024	Dec 2028

Compensation

Members of the Downtown Development Authority volunteer their time.