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OCTOBER 2026 STAFF REPORT

PLANNING and ZONING

At the time of this report – there is no indication of an application being filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) for a utility scale renewable energy project within Wexford County.

ENFORCEMENT / COMPLIANCE

Staff is cooperating with other agencies regarding 'alleged' unpermitted structures, occupancy, and child endangerment concerns in South Branch Township. The concerns cannot be verified from public right of ways or adjacent property; therefore, staff have NOT confirmed the existence of any type of violation within our jurisdiction.

TRAINING

The ZA recently participated in a virtual 3-hour Land Division training class sponsored by Michigan State University Extension. Permission has been granted to this recording of the class internally. Please contact WJPC staff and will gladly email it to you. Please reference: PINNED EMAIL TRAINING.

The Zoning Administrator will be attending a Data Center presentation in Mount Pleasant on Tuesday, November 17th, sponsored by the Michigan Township Participating Plan.

Navigating the Minefield of Data Centers Agenda

8 – 8:45 a.m.	Registration
8:45 – 9 a.m.	Welcome/Introductions
9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Zoning for Data Centers
12:00 – 1 p.m.	Networking Lunch
1:00 – 2 p.m.	Balancing Board Responsibility and Community Outcry; Addressing Common Misconceptions
2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Q & A

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, October 28th, 2026 at 6:00 pm. They will continue to hear a matter related to a setback variance request for the installation of a new wireless communication tower.

Land Use Permit Activity (since last report)

Permit #	Parcel #	Applicant Information	Use Type	ZONE	TWP	Zoning Comments
2026-105	2210-SUGB-08	Borsum, Emily	ND	R1	SEL	New Dwelling Att. Garage
PAYMENT	XXXXX	RANGER POWER | SHIPYARD SOLAR	INVOICE			Additional Review Fees
2026-106	2210-CS-27	Rummel, Kegan - Alspaugh Const.	RA	R1	SEL	Residential Accessory
SLU2026-02	2212-DAE-24	Potter, Rodney and Beth	SLUP	RR	SLA	SLUP-Cottage Industry
2026-107	2210-14-4202	Helton, Kelsey	RA	RR	SEL	Farm Stand + Chicken Coop
SLU2026-03		Coyote Productions	SLUP	RR	SOU	Music Festival
2026-108	2110-16-2301	Hall, Marcy	RA	RR	CHE	Residential Accessory
2026-109	2311-35-1101-01	Lesh, Steven	RA	RR	ANT	Residential Accessory + Sign
2026-110	2211-02-3401	Yankauskas, Phil	RA	RR	BOO	STORAGE BUILDING
2026-111	2110-WHB-39	Feldpausch, Pat - Marr Const.	RA	R2	CHE	Garage Addition
2026-112	2412-06-2201-B	Harrand, Michael	ND + Gar	RR	WEX	ND + Garage
2026-113	2110-BB56041	Valentine, Ron - Nichol's Const.	RA	R2	CHE	New Garage
2026-114	2312-14-2201-06	Zenner, Matther - Pine Grove Homes	ND	RR	SPR	New Dwelling

ND = New Dwelling RAD = Residential Addition RA = Residential Accessory

For your review,

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