SPRINGFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP

MEMO

New Business

TO: Springfield Township Board

FROM: Ric Davis, Supervisor

DATE: October 8, 2026

RE: Appointment of Brian Koistinen and Jack Rooney to the Planning Commission

These appointments fill the vacancies on the planning Commission as Mark Yovich and Jason Price have submitted their resignations. Brian Koistinen and Jack Rooney have expressed an interest in serving and meet the qualifications required by Springfield Township. If approved, the appointments will be effective immediately, with a term expiring on December 1, 2028.

Please see their attached resumes along with an email from Brian Galley regarding the applicants and the list of questions asked for each candidate.

Recommendation:

Appoint Brian Koistinen and jack Rooney to the Planning Commission. Their term will expire on December 1, 2028.

Outlook

Fw: PC Interviews

From Ric Davis <rdavis@springfield-twp.us>
Date Thu 10/1/2026 10:30 AM
To Denise Hale <dhale@springfield-twp.us>

From: Brian Galley <bgalley@springfield-twp.us>
Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2026 8:44 AM
To: Ric Davis <rdavis@springfield-twp.us>
Subject: PC Interviews

Supervisor Davis,

Per your request the following is a summary of the candidates that applied and were contacted for a possible Planning Commission open seat appointment. There were 4 applications before the stated deadline and the intent was to ask the same list of questions to each candidate and then allow them to speak freely about why they want to serve on the Planning Commission. Typical procedure and Michigan Law dictate that the Supervisor shall recommend such appointments, opening the applications to the public as well as seeking referrals was an excellent idea to help fill the seats and create a more diverse Commission to help with our current case load. The general questions were as follows,

1. Why are you interested in serving on the Planning Commission?
2. What experience in your background do you have that would help you serve?
3. Do you have public speaking experience, and feel comfortable doing so?
4. What are your time constraints, and how many hours do you feel you can contribute monthly?
5. Do you have opinions on current developments in the township that would sway how you vote? (the answer should be I need to hear the case)
6. Where in the township do you live, and for how long?
7. In summary describe why you are the right person for the open seat.

Two of the candidates called me back quickly and answered the questions very effectively in my opinion. Jack Rooney and Brian Koistinen both were recommended after my interview, they also have very different backgrounds from the current members creating a more diverse and well-rounded PC in my opinion. Both bring in a younger age and a different work background than almost all the current PC members.

The other two candidates Norm Kaz (a business owner nonresident) and Dennis Stacherski did not respond to my message for an interview. Mr. Stacherski did speak with me after our last PC meeting and expressed continued interest in the future, we exchanged a short conversation.

If there are any questions, please contact me anytime.

Brian J. Galley
PC Chair

Mark W. Yovich
7492 Ormond Rd.
Davisburg, MI 48350

July 23, 2026

Charter Township of Springfield
12000 Davisburg, MI 48350

Springfield Twp. Planning Commission
Attn: Sean R. Miller Twp. Clerk
12000 Davisburg, MI 48350

Dear members of Springfield Township Board and Planning Commission,

I would like to express my sincere thanks for the opportunity to serve as a member of Springfield Township Planning Commission.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, I must respectfully resign from my position on the Planning Commission, effective immediately. While the decision was not made lightly, it is necessary at this time.

Thank you again for the trust and confidence you placed in me, and for the opportunity to serve the residence of Springfield Township. I appreciate the experience and wish the board and Planning Commission continued success in the important work you do for our community.

Respectfully,

Mark W. Yovich

SPRINGFIELD
CHARTER TOWNSHIP



August 20, 2026

Ric Davis
Springfield Township Supervisor
Springfield Charter Township

Dear Ric,

Please accept this letter as formal notice of my resignation from the Springfield Township Planning Commission, effective at the conclusion of the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, August 25, 2026.

This was not an easy decision. I have genuinely enjoyed serving on the Planning Commission and having the opportunity to contribute to the future of Springfield Township. I have also enjoyed working with the other Commissioners, Township staff, and the residents who take the time to participate in the process.

Unfortunately, I now have a recurring scheduling conflict that makes it difficult for me to continue serving in the way the position deserves.

I am a single parent with two young children who are heavily involved in competitive travel hockey. Their schedules for the upcoming season were recently released, and both of them now have hockey commitments on Tuesday evenings, which is the same night the Planning Commission meets.

My commitment to serving the Township is important to me, but my responsibility to my children has to come first. At their ages, I want to be present for their activities and support the things they are working hard to accomplish. With both of their schedules now conflicting with Planning Commission meetings, I do not believe I can consistently give both commitments the time they deserve.

I also do not expect the Township or the Planning Commission to adjust its meeting schedule around my personal circumstances. Given the recurring nature of this conflict, I believe stepping down is the right decision and allows the Township to appoint someone who can consistently attend the Tuesday evening meetings.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve Springfield Township and for the confidence placed in me. I care a great deal about this community and its future, and I hope there may be another opportunity for me to serve the Township when my family schedule allows.

Thank you again for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Jason Price
Springfield Township Planning Commissioner

Brian L. Koistinen

Davisburg, MI
Ph: 605-868-3344
bk3322@comcast.net

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Proven leader and sales and management professional with over 20 years of organizational leadership, business management and sales experience with a consistent track record of exceeding goals and growing revenue. Experience across many different industries, bringing a unique mix of communication, implementation, consulting and problem solving skills. Outstanding presentation, leadership, coaching and mentoring skills. Well versed in defining and implementing short-term and long-term strategic initiatives. Expert in relationship development and management, including C level executives. Exceptional negotiation skills and experience.

SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS

- Successfully landed TWB's first non-automotive production contract with John Deere.
- Collaborated with BGM to increase product content and close an additional $2.5M in annual revenue.
- Achieved a 40% increase in WIEC sales team closing rate in fiscal year 2018.
- Successfully devised strategy and negotiated a 25% price increase on over $60M in business with Caterpillar, WIEC's largest customer.
- Developed and implemented a sales reporting tool to identify weaknesses within the Big Picture sales force in order to better focus training, resulting in a 30% growth in sales volume in 2007.
- Top salesperson in the Hall Kinion Broomfield office for 2000 with over $1.2M in sales.

WORK EXPERIENCE

TWB Company – Monroe, MI
Technical Sales Manager 2019-Present

- Responsible for managing overall business relationship and growth of sales revenue with General Motors, Tesla, Nissan and other automotive OEMs and Tier 1 suppliers.
- Collaborate with customer design engineering groups to influence new vehicle design, negotiate pricing and contracts and mange overall business performance.
- Drive customer diversification through new business development outside of the automotive industry.

Worthington Industries Engineered Cabs – Columbus, OH
National Sales Manager 2016-2018
Manager, Key Accounts 2014-2016
Account Manager 2011-2014

- Instrumental in rebuilding and strengthening the capabilities and performance of our commercial sales team.
- Responsible for driving the prospecting, qualifying and securing of new business opportunities within our customer base.
- Managed overall business and corporate relationship with majority of our large OEM customer base, up to 70% of existing business unit revenue.
- Drove increased profitability through negotiated price increases with many large OEM customers
- Developed and strengthened long term relationships at multiple levels within customer organizations resulting in increased share of wallet for the business
- Trained, coached and mentored WIEC's commercial sales team

Angus-Palm Industries – Watertown, SD
Product Coordinator/Account Manager, 2010-2011
Angus-Palm designs and manufactures cabs and ROPS/FOPS structures for manufacturers of off-highway vehicles to keep operators safe and comfortable.

- Responsible for project management to ensure on-time delivery of NPI projects within startup budget and targeted production pricing structures.
- Established and maintained client relationships and developed and executed strategic plans to gain additional business.
- Worked with customers, both internal and external, so coordinate and ensure smooth flow of information and business relationships encompassing delivery, accounts receivable and other areas as needed.
- Led teams to identify and implement cost savings resulting in higher profit for the company.

The Big Picture Inc. *- Englewood, CO*
Sales Manager, 2001-2010
The Big Picture designs, sells and installs custom home theater and whole home distributed audio/video systems.

- Consulted with clients to design and sell custom home theater systems and whole home distributed audio/video solutions
- Developed and implemented a sales reporting tool to identify weaknesses within the
- sales force in order to better focus training, resulting in a 30% growth in sales volume
- Consistently exceeded target goals for sales volume and gross profit margin
- Resolved client satisfaction issues regarding sales and installation

Hall Kinion - Broomfield, CO
Account Manager, 2000-2001
Hall Kinion is a full-service professional staffing firm providing contract and direct hire information technology staffing solutions – company acquired by Kforce

- Provided specialized IT talent solutions to clients on a temporary and permanent basis
- Responsible for new business development thru lead generation, cold calling, presentation and relationship building
- Maintained, serviced and further penetrated existing client accounts
- Top contract salesperson in the Broomfield office for 2000

EDUCATION

University of South Dakota - Vermillion, SD
B.S. in Business Administration, 1997

JACK ROONEY
13690 Carriage Trail Drive, Davisburg, MI 48350
620 Broadway Rd, Davisburg, MI 48350

248-807-7775 jackdrooney1024@gmail.com

EXPERIENCE

Tri-County Equipment | Auburn Hills, MI

Service Manager | 2026 - Present

- Manage and oversee a team of 5 Service Technicians to ensure high-quality repairs and maintenance.
- Guarantee all customer equipment is serviced and returned in a timely and efficient manner. Resolve customer concerns and ensure high levels of satisfaction.

Parts Department | 2023 - 2026

- Provided customer service by handling phone inquiries and processing parts orders.
- Managed small engine sales and assisted customers with technical needs.

Jack Rooney Farms, LLC
Owner | 2023 - Present
• Rents land in and around Springfield Township for hay crop production.

Cybulski Farms | Holly, MI
• 2025 - Present

Springfield Township

- Alternate Board Member, Zoning Board of Appeals |2025 - Present

EDUCATION

Holly High School
Class of 2024

In a Michigan charter township, the township supervisor appoints planning commissioners, subject to approval by a majority of the township board members elected and serving. Both the supervisor's selection and the board's approval are required.

I checked the Michigan Townships Association's published guidance and Michigan's statutory provisions. They agree:

- **Michigan law:** Section 15(1) of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act assigns appointment authority to the chief elected official, with approval by a majority of the legislative body elected and serving. Section 3 identifies those officials in a township as the **supervisor** and the **board of trustees**, respectively. See MCL 125.3815 and MCL 125.3803.
- **Michigan Townships Association:** In its discussion of appointments, MTA says the supervisor has the **"exclusive right to select the members who will serve"**, followed by confirmation by the full township board. It specifically lists planning commissions under MCL 125.3815(1). See MTA's *Township Focus*, January 2017, page 30, "Appointments".
- **Charter township confirmation:** The Charter Township of Garfield expressly states that its planning commissioners are appointed by the supervisor with township board approval. Garfield's official boards and commissions page.

In practice, **the supervisor cannot finalize an appointment without board approval, and the board cannot independently substitute its own appointee for the supervisor's selection.** With all seven board seats filled, approval requires **four affirmative votes**, even if fewer members attend the meeting. This follows from the statute's requirement for a majority of members elected and serving. MCL 125.3815(1)

This answer concerns the township's own planning commission. A **joint planning commission** serving multiple municipalities has appointment provisions in its establishing agreement under a separate statute. MCL 125.135

Wednesday 1:33 PM

what options are available to the supervisor to argue in a dispute or resistance to the appointments the supervisor makes.

Wednesday 1:36 PM
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The supervisor's strongest argument is that the law gives the supervisor the right to select nominees—but it also gives the board the right to withhold approval. The available response depends on whether the board is rejecting candidates, refusing to act, or trying to appoint its own candidates. MCL 125.3815(1)

I reviewed published guidance; I have not obtained a direct opinion from MTA about your particular dispute.

1. If the board tries to choose its own commissioners, challenge that directly.

The supervisor can argue that the board's confirmation power does not transfer the supervisor's selection authority to the board. MTA's published explanation specifically places planning commissions in the category where the supervisor selects members and the full board confirms them. Board members can suggest candidates, but independently appointing their preferred candidate bypasses that process. MTA, January 2017 *Township Focus*, page 30

The practical step is to request a written township attorney opinion identifying whether the disputed action complies with the statute, and place that opinion and the supervisor's objection in the meeting record.

2. If the board votes down the supervisor's candidates, make the case for approval—but recognize its discretion.

The statute does not require approval simply because a nominee meets minimum qualifications, and it does not limit rejection to "for cause." A supervisor therefore should not claim the board must rubber-stamp an appointment. MCL 125.3815

A useful practical approach is to:

- Submit each nominee's qualifications, eligibility, availability, and relevant experience in writing.
- Explain how the nominee improves the commission's representation of community interests and geographic areas.
- Ask opponents to identify specific concerns and what would resolve them.
- Seek separate consideration of each nominee, subject to the board's meeting rules.
- Consider another candidate if the necessary votes cannot be secured.

Those are negotiation and accountability measures, not legal requirements that opponents explain their votes.

3. If the board refuses to consider appointments, establish a formal record of the delay.

Submit the appointments in writing, identify the seats and terms, request consideration on a stated date, and document any effect on commission operations.

A charter township supervisor can also submit a written request to the clerk for a special meeting under **MCL 42.7(2)**, following member-notice and public-notice requirements. That can bring the issue before the board, but does not guarantee a quorum or approval. Charter Township Act, §7

4. Obtain MTA guidance and a legal opinion before escalating.

Ask MTA Member Information Services to address the precise disputed conduct, with the ordinance, minutes, nominations, and vote history attached. Its published contact is **517-321-**

6467, option 1, or **michael@michigantownships.org**. MTA provides guidance; it cannot overturn a township vote. MTA contact information

For persistent refusal to act or an attempted takeover of appointment authority, municipal counsel can assess a court challenge. **A court order compelling approval of a particular nominee is generally a poor fit:** Michigan's mandamus rules distinguish compelling performance of a clear legal duty from controlling an official's discretionary decision. Whether a court could require the board to act at all would need a specific legal and factual showing. Michigan Judicial Institute, mandamus guidance

There is no automatic appointment through silence. Section 15 provides no deemed-approval deadline. It also provides for members to remain until successors are appointed, so an expired term may involve a holdover member rather than an empty seat; resignations and other vacancies require separate analysis. MCL 125.3815(1)–(2)

Which charter township is involved, and is the board voting nominees down, refusing to vote, or attempting to appoint its own candidates? That distinction will determine the strongest argument and next step.