Village of Howard City
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2026

Chairperson Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Thomas, Gebhardt, MacTavish & Parker

Absent: Jara

Others Present: Falcon and VanderPloeg

The pledge of allegiance was given.

Motion by Gebhardt seconded by MacTavish to approve the May 18, 2026, minutes. Motion CARRIED (4-0)

Public Comment: None.

Old Business: None

New Business: Motion by Gebhardt seconded by Parker, to recommend approval from the Village Council and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) for parcels 047-426-017-00 and 047-426-017-00 located off N. White Street within the Village limits, to allow for the following:

1. Parcel 047-426-006-00 shall be used solely for exercising, running, and working with horses
2. Up to five (5) horses may be housed on Parcel 047-426-017-00.
3. Existing buildings on Parcel 047-426-017-00 may be used as a barn, run-in shed, and for feed/tack storage. No new accessory structures shall be constructed on the parcel.
4. Fences and barn areas on Parcel 047-426-017-00 shall be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury, contain the horses, and restrict the entrance of other animals.
5. On both parcels, all animals and all animal buildings/enclosures shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.
6. Both parcels shall comply with all applicable Village ordinances.
7. No animal shall be left without attention for more than twenty-four (24) consecutive hours.
8. The fences ara on Parcel 047-426-017-00 shall not exceed two (2) acres.

CARRIED (4-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Parker to adjourn the meeting. CARRIED (4-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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Stephanie VanderPloeg, Clerk/Treasurer Michael Falcon President