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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
LANSING

MARLON I. BROWN, DPA  
DIRECTOR

Lathfield Investments LLC,  
Petitioner,

MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL

v

MTT Docket No. 24-001640

City of Lathrup Village,  
Respondent.

Presiding Judge  
Jason C. Grinnell

**SUMMARY OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE**  
**ORDER SETTING ASIDE DEFAULT OF RESPONDENT**

**SCHEDULING ORDER**

**NOTICE OF VIDEO CONFERENCE HEARING**

A prehearing conference on this matter was held on September 11, 2025. Attorney Jason Conti appeared on behalf of Petitioner and attorney Scott Baker appeared on behalf of Respondent. A Scheduling Order has been established and a video conference hearing, held via Microsoft Teams, is set for:

HEARING DATE:	Wednesday, January 14, 2026, through Friday, January 16, 2026
HEARING TIME:	9:00 a.m.
TEAMS HEARING LINK:	<a href="#">Join the meeting now</a> Dial in by phone: 1 248-509-0316 Phone conference ID: 784 823 777#
PARTICIPANTS' GUIDE:	<a href="https://bit.ly/34fBXnN">https://bit.ly/34fBXnN</a>

This hearing is open to the public and this notice is provided under the Open Meetings Act. Any participant in the hearing or member of the public wishing to attend this hearing must click on the link above to gain access to the hearing.

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هذا هو وثيقة قانونية هامة يرجى لديك شخص تترجم الوثيقة.

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**PREHEARING CONFERENCE SUMMARY****I. SHOW CAUSE HEARING AND DEFAULT OF RESPONDENT**

- A. The prehearing conference commenced as a show cause hearing due to Respondent's failure to timely file and exchange its valuation disclosure and prehearing statement, as required by the Prehearing General Call and Order of Procedure (Prehearing General Call) issued in this case on October 1, 2024.
- B. At the prehearing, Respondent's counsel, Mr. Baker, stated he recently entered his appearance in this case and thought it was scheduled on the same Prehearing General Call as two other cases which involve the same Petitioner, and are assigned to Judge Marcus L. Abood. Mr. Baker contends there was no deliberate delay on his part and takes responsibility for his miscalendaring of the filing due dates. Attorney Conti was given the chance to respond but left it to the discretion of the Tribunal. Mr. Baker submits the brief delay did not prejudice Petitioner and requests the Tribunal find there is good cause to offer its valuation disclosure for admission into evidence.
- C. Given the above, the Tribunal finds that Respondent has shown good cause to justify the admission of its valuation disclosure and prehearing statement. Accordingly, Respondent may offer the listed witnesses to testify at hearing. Further, the July 16, 2025 default entered against Respondent is set aside.

Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the July 16, 2025 default entered against Respondent is SET ASIDE.

**II. VALUATION INFORMATION:**

- A. The true cash value (TCV), assessed value (AV), and taxable value (TV) for each of the parcels and tax year at issue as established by the Board of Review:

Parcel Number: 40-24-13-357-001

Year	TCV	AV	TV
2024	\$839,440	\$419,720	\$266,110

Parcel Number: 40-24-13-357-002

Year	TCV	AV	TV
2024	\$27,900	\$13,950	\$6,900

Parcel Number: 40-24-13-357-008

Year	TCV	AV	TV
2024	\$27,900	\$13,950	\$6,900

At the prehearing conference, the parties confirmed the information and contentions set forth in their prehearing statements, filed by Petitioner on May 6, 2025, and Respondent on May 21, 2025, and the Tribunal incorporates them by reference. Further, Respondent did not file a valuation disclosure for the parcel numbers ending in -002 and -008.

III. PENDING MOTIONS OR DISCOVERY:

- A. Motions: None pending at this time.
- B. Discovery: Discovery is closed unless otherwise stated below.

IV. WITNESSES

- A. As provided by TTR 241, a person, other than a rebuttal witness, who is NOT identified as a witness in the prehearing statement, shall NOT be permitted to give testimony, unless, for good cause shown, the Tribunal permits the testimony to be taken.
- B. Witnesses will testify under oath or affirmation at the hearing, are subject to cross-examination by the opposing party, and to questions by the administrative law judge.

V. VIDEO CONFERENCE HEARING INFORMATION

The parties and the Tribunal have determined the above-captioned case will be conducted via video conference unless either side files a motion requesting the case be heard in-person.

A link to the **MTT Guide for Participants for the Conducting of Entire Tribunal Hearings as Video Conference Proceedings** is provided above. Participants are encouraged to review this Guide prior to hearing and are **required** to comply with the requirements of the Guide, as said requirements will facilitate the conducting of the scheduled hearing.

The Tribunal's [Remote Witness Instructions](#) must also be reviewed by any witnesses who may be called at hearing.

**SCHEDULING ORDER**

- I. January 8, 2026 is the final date to file and serve upon the opposing party and the Tribunal a final exhibit list and to furnish the opposing party with a copy of each exhibit. **The parties must use**

**the form prescribed by the Tribunal.** An exhibit will not be admitted into evidence unless the exhibit is disclosed and furnished in accordance with this order (even though admissible) except upon a finding of good cause by the Tribunal.

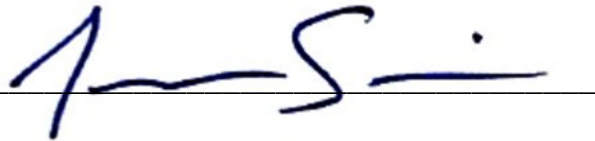
II. January 8, 2026

is the date for Petitioner to notify the Tribunal in writing of the name and telephone number of the court reporter retained by the parties to transcribe the hearing.

Failure to comply with this order may result in holding the non-complying party in default or the dismissal of the case or the conducting of a show cause or default hearing, as provided by TTR 237.<sup>1</sup>

Date Entered: September 17, 2025  
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By

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<sup>1</sup> See also MCL 205.732.

## HEARING INFORMATION – PLEASE READ IMMEDIATELY

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** An impartial hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Michigan Tax Tribunal Rules (R 792.10201-R 792.10297) and the Michigan Administrative Procedures Act, MCL 24.201 *et seq.* The Michigan Rules of Evidence and the Michigan Court Rules may be applicable. A party is expected to exercise proper respect and courtesy toward other parties, witnesses and administrative law judges, which includes attending the hearing on time, silencing cell phones, and dressing in appropriate clothing for in-person hearings.

**REPRESENTATION:** A party may be represented by an attorney or other authorized representative of the party's own choosing and at the party's own expense. The Tribunal does not recommend or appoint attorneys.

**WITNESSES:** Parties may present witnesses, if any, identified in the Prehearing Statements, to testify under oath or affirmation at the hearing, subject to cross-examination by the opposing party, and questions by the administrative law judge.

**EXHIBITS:** The parties shall submit exhibits pursuant to the Guide for Participants.

**COURT REPORTER:** The parties shall not only provide a court reporter to transcribe the hearing but shall also provide an electronic copy of the hearing transcript to the Tribunal by e-mailing it to [taxtrib@michigan.gov](mailto:taxtrib@michigan.gov). The costs attributable to the court reporter shall be shared equally by the parties. If the parties fail to pay the costs of the transcript to the court report prior to the submission of the transcript to the Tribunal, the court reporter may report this to the Tribunal with the submission of the transcript. As a result, the party or parties who failed to pay the costs associated with the transcript may be held in default.<sup>2</sup>

**WITHDRAWAL:** If Petitioner no longer wants to continue with the appeal, Petitioner may submit a written request to withdraw the case. The request must be submitted to the Tribunal and served on Respondent at least 14 days before the hearing. Respondent may file a concurrence or objection to the request within 7 days of the service of the request on that party. If Respondent does not timely submit a concurrence or objection to the request will be deemed to be a concurrence to the request. If the request is granted, the case will be dismissed. If a request is not granted or the Tribunal has not notified you that it has been granted, you are required to attend the hearing.

**SETTLEMENT:** Parties may submit a written agreement settling a case (i.e., stipulation). The stipulation must be on a form made available by the tribunal or shall be in a written form that is in substantial compliance with the tribunal's form and be signed by the parties' attorneys or authorized representatives, if they have attorneys or authorized representatives, or by the parties, if they do not have attorneys or authorized representatives. There is a \$50 fee for the filing of the stipulation. If the stipulation with appropriate filing fee is received by the Tribunal or the parties email a copy of the signed stipulation to the Tribunal by 4:30 p.m. on the business day immediately preceding the day of the scheduled hearing, the hearing may be adjourned. Parties that email a copy of a signed stipulation to the Tribunal for purposes of adjourning a hearing are also required to submit the original signed stipulation with appropriate filing fee. The stipulation, once submitted, will be reviewed and, if accepted, the Tribunal will issue a consent judgment.

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<sup>2</sup> See TTR 237.

**FAILURE TO APPEAR:** The failure of a party to timely appear or otherwise participate in a hearing will result in adjournment of the hearing and the holding of that party in default. The defaulted party will be given an opportunity to show good cause for the failure to appear. Failure to respond or show good cause may result in dismissal of the case or the conducting of a default hearing.

**REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS:** All hearings are conducted in a barrier-free location in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. An individual requiring reasonable accommodation for effective participation in a hearing, including accessible documentation such as braille, large print, electronic or audio reader, should contact the Tribunal by telephone at (517) 335-9760, or complete and submit an accommodation request form located [here](#).

An individual requiring a foreign language interpreter for effective participation in a hearing, should contact the Tribunal by telephone at (517) 335-9760, or complete and submit an accommodation request form located [here](#).

All requests must be filed within five (5) days of receipt of the Notice of Hearing to ensure availability of accommodation.

Hearing participants and observing members of the public who need assistance with speech or hearing may also participate in a telephonic or virtual hearing by dialing 7-1-1 and using the Michigan Relay service. More information about this service may be found [here](#).

**PRIVACY OF INFORMATION:** In order to conduct a comprehensive and fair hearing, a party's private or confidential information, such as health or financial information, may be disclosed to the Tribunal and other parties and their attorneys or representatives. The Tribunal will use the private information solely for purposes related to the hearings process. A party may file a motion to request that a public hearing be closed in part or file a motion for protective order to deem certain information private and confidential in order to afford that information special protection.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of the foregoing was sent on the entry date indicated above to the parties or their attorneys or authorized representatives, if any, utilizing either the mailing or email addresses on file, as provided by those parties, attorneys, or authorized representatives.

By: Tribunal Clerk