

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMENTS

Improvements:	
Day Park – Boat Ramp	
	I would use the access if the township would do something with it. I have been trying to get someone to act before 6 years
	repair the boat ramp at day park
	Please improve the ramp sits we now have on Torch Lake and the Bay. Can we get some DNR help (I know we can) to make the real ramp site on GT Bay at the foot of Grand Traverse Bay road? I know it will require a sea wall to be weather resistant.
	We use the W.K. Good day park all the time, as does our family and friends. We appreciate what a jewel it really is. Thank you for adding the new poles on the boat ramp, and we look forward to adding the rest of them. Could they go all the way around the outer end to assist in boats waiting to go out and in? I hope we repair the ramp itself when the boating season is over, as the large hole makes it hard to go in and out, especially the wider trailers. Perhaps a status report on your web page would help keep residents informed. Thank you for keeping our park so nice. .
	Please repair the Good Day Park Boat Launch and enforce the fees and rules for its use with an officer empowered to do so.
	Fix the Bill Good Day park ramp increase public launch fees for non residents hire an attendant for the park. You need too enforce the 10pm closing time
	Launch ramp @ Good Day Park in need of fixing and has been since late summer of 2009.
	NEED TO KEEP WILLIAM GOOD TOWNSHIP BOAT RAMP WELL MAINTAINED.
	Most important to IMPROVE the Wm K Good Day Park Boat Launch Ramp.
	Torch Lake Village boat ramp needs to be repaired.
	Need launch in Wm K Good Day Park to be maintained and improved. Has fallen into disrepair
Lake Michigan – Primitive Boat Launch	
	The Primitive Boat launch is a very important spot to us and the only public space we use here and the ONLY township facility that we really use for all of our tax dollars!!!!!!!!!! It needs to be updated and repaired so it is more easily accessible for boat launching.....
	I wish there was a way we could improve the Torch Bay Road boat ramp. It is almost not usable even with 4 wheel drive. There are no other launch sites that I know of in the Township to GT Bay.
	Please improve the boat launch at the end of Traverse Bay Road...we were unable to use it this year.
	The Eastport Boat Launch on Lake Michigan is way too sandy and many trucks get stuck. It needs to be improved at it is a hazard.
	Torch Bay Nature Preserve primitive boat launch needs to be improved and maintained. You should be able to launch and retrieve a 12'-19' boat safely. A removable dock for boats and fishing would be great. I launch my kayak now and even that is difficult. It is a nature preserve but some improvements are in order to view nature from the lake side. We need safe accessible access to Lake Michigan with a boat in our own township, even if it requires a new launch site. This should be the number one priority for our community.
West Torch Lake Drive Boat Ramp (south of Barnes Rd)	
	The boat launch south of Barnes Rd. is and has been an accident looking for a place to happen for a long time. Local residents are no problem but others create a dangerous situation by speeding out from the shore at an angle. I have asked for a sign with rules like the day park has.

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General Boat Ramp	
	Who is supposed to repair boat ramps??
Road End/Access	
	I Think road endings should be developed So citizens would have more access to the lakes
	Improving the access site at the end of Creswell would be convenient Safer shoulders on existing roads or new biking paths would be nice More information about the location and facilities at the parks would be helpful (I didn't know they existed!
	We would like to proceed with the improvement of the 3rd Street access. This is the third administration that has told us they would get it done. We've had many meetings, and we're ready now. You don't have to improve every street ending if you improve one. That is "slippery slope" logic and doesn't hold water.
	Road endings should be maintained and not an eyesore to residents! There should be a decent improved Lake Michigan Boat Launch at Barnes Park for safety and convenience.
Other Improvements	
	Upgrade existing rather than buy more
	Before we work and pay to encourage more public use of Torch Lake, we have to get the general public to be more responsible with the beautiful natural resource this lake is. Let's develop and post rules, staff attendants at the public locations to help educate and monitor public usage.
	Amount of tables at parks are fine but adding a few benches to sit on would be great.
	Please pave Erickson Road!
	We don't need more boat launches; just keep the Day Park one in good shape
	should improve day park for children
	Increase the boat launch fee at Good Day Park for non-residents to \$20.00 and then monitor usage with a seasonal employee on the weekends one week prior to Memorial Day through Labor Day.
	We have a private access, which is why I answered that boat launches weren't important to me. Also, I detest motorboats. But if boat launches were used for sailboats, kayaks, or canoes, I certainly would favor keeping them in good condition so that folks who don't own property could use the lake.
	Preserve accesses to lakes. Update and improve parks.
Bike Path/Trails	
	Linking the many roads and trails for walkers and bikers along Torch Lake and Grand Traverse Bay would be fantastic. These connector trails (some currently exist) are in essence informal easements. They are offered by land owners and used by neighbors on an informal basis. This sort of community spirit greatly enhances the outdoor experience in our neighborhoods.
	We need more township walking and biking paths that utilize the Barnes Park paths. Could go from Barnes Park to Torch Lake Village.
	My husband and I would like to see the existing roads along Lake Michigan connected by bike paths so we can ride into Elk Rapids safely, instead of along dangerous highway 31. Another alternative would be to pave bicycle lanes along the highway, like those that are along 31 near Acme.
	Paved bike paths would be great, especially if they connect to other area systems, or at least get you off US-31..
	Biking paths on 31 are a great improvement and more bike friendly lanes or trails are

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	desired.
	I would particularly like to see more bike paths.
	More walking trails and nature areas please!!
	Extend the bike paths along US 31 to the southern Torch Lake township border.
	Make a bike path along U.S. 31 from Eastport to Elk Rapids.
	Bike path from US31 - From Barnes to Erickson.
	Institute appropriate signage at proper intervals along the US 31 bikes paths to alert motorists to the presence of the M-DOT authorized right-of-way. This would increase safety and reduce township liability.
Enough now:	
	We have more boat launches than any other township on the lake, no more are needed.
	I am not open to more boat traffic on Torch or Lake Michigan.
	I'm pretty content with existing facilities.
	As a Torch Lake frontage property owner, I have a boat but never use the ramps. I feel that the existing ramps are adequate and that there should be NO more added to our lake. Better monitoring of the ones we have is vital to the health of our lake and as a TAXPAYER I would like to see access be more restrictive in many ways.
	No need to improve the above at this time. Maybe in the future if the economic conditions improve.
	I think we have sufficient public access to Torch Lake.
	There are enough launch sites and public parks.
No concern – never use:	
	We are not boaters so the above concerns are not important to us but would be to attract people to our area and to those that live here and are boaters.
	We never use any of these facilities.
	Not having used any of the above sites, I have no opinion as to which improvements are most necessary.
	I am not interested in more of any of items mentioned in Section 1.
	We live on the lake and have no need for a park.
	since I have just indicated that we never use the above facilities, I feel I cannot comment 11-16
	Never used any of the above in 23 years.
More access needed:	
	At the present time the property we own is simply a vacant lot so we do not use Torch Lake in the same way we did in the past when we owned a home on the lake. I do think it important to keep some parts of Torch Lake Township available to anyone who would like access to the lake and trails and parks.
	Would love to have a nice boat launch on the bay somewhere in the Township. I know a lot of people that would use it regularly for fishing/pleasure. Also add a dock at the boat launch on NW Torch Lake Dr. (south of Barnes)
Signage needed:	
	I've never heard of these facilities, and I've had a cottage up there for 11 years! You need to do a better job of telling new people what is available.
	Where are Torch Bay Nature Preserve Beach and Boat launch?
Property owners vs public access:	
	The Torch Lake Township has to make sure that it does not abandon (vacate) any of the current road end lake access sites over which it currently has jurisdiction. Some

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	contiguous property owners try to take physical control of road ends, claiming them as their property; however, they do not pay (nor are they billed) for property taxes on these properties. A periodic letter reminding property owners contiguous to road ends that the Township intends to retain its jurisdiction over them suffices to establish a record intention. Technically, public property cannot be "adversely possessed" but courts have overturned that possibility when it can be established that Township officials either "knew" or "should have known" that a contiguous property was "using" Township property.
	Question 1.07 Not necessary to have a park setting at road ends - just marked and clear access to the lakes. We don't have that.
	Effort should be made to educate local residents and summer residents of the purpose and use of public access points. We have had many instances of neighboring property owners claiming private property rights at public access locations.
	Don't actually use these much do like to share Torch lake with others
	Additional comments:
	We need much better High speed internet service and that should be a 10 on the scale. Way above any of the above. It impacts business, tourism and is now as important as phone service. COLI should NOT be our only option. They stink.
	Run the elections. Pay the bills. Put a little money aside for a "rainey day" Re-evaluate usage and need of fire equipment. We may have more than we use or need. Maintain the EMS. Work with the county on roads. That's all we really need township to do. Curtail the activism of the Planning commission and ZBA.
	You did not make provisions for use of the above for locations once every few years. Its at least once a year or not at all
	Thanks for asking!
	Use the hiking path in the nature preserve daily. It is wonderful.
	There should be some limit on Noise from next door. Fifteen grandchildren all summer long might be okay if only they didn't high pitch scream. Much worse than any park/camp or wedding noise.
	Please do whatever is necessary to eradicate Phragmites!!!
	Look forward to using the parks more this next year.
	We are not up there as much as we would like to be
	Too much of use of DNR property that is under litigation on N. West Torch Lake Drive (just south of Barnes Road).
	These items at this time are an unnecessary expense !!!
	If this survey purpose is more tax I AM AGAINST IT.....
	The questions #11 - 16 were a bit confusing - what does "improving road endings" mean?? I think the most important aspect is to provide for the needs of the majority of residents and summer time vacationers/visitors by providing what the majority of them need, and to do it in a reasonable and non-invasive manner.
	We use the boat launches only to put the boats in and take out because we live on Torch lake.
	Boat launch is necessary.
	Township needs to protect the general public's right to use god given waters at all costs from self centered selfish people.
	There should be no charge for using the boat ramps.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMENTS

Township Hall comments	
	There should be someone in the office everyday that can deal with township issues ever day for most of the day.
	The supervisor should have regular posted hours when the public can see him.
	You already do a fine job of making the township facilities available.
Recreation comments	
	Would like to see a park w/Tennis Court facilities available w/in our township.
	To me, the Milton Township Sport/Recreation Fields seem grossly under utilized.
	need tennis courts in the township
	2.10 No more recreation fields needed anywhere!!
	There is room at the Day Park for some tennis courts or work with county, not Milton for ball fields at Barnes Park.
Library comments	
	I am closest to Elk Rapids and find their library wonderful to use. I also launch my boat at their marina where the people are extremely helpful.
	I use Bellaire Library
	2.06 Answers may change if we become full-time residents 2.08 Rude Librarian at Elk Rapids Library
	The Central Lake Public Library should allow patrons to print a maximum of 10 pages a day from the computer for free, and the charge to photocopy a document is too much. It can't possibly cost that much (25 cents per page) for the paper, ink and maintenance. The library is a public service not a profit making enterprise.
Recycling comments	
	Milton Twp recycling center is closer and open 24/7 used over 50 times
	I'd like to work with a committee to establish a recycle program with Waste Management so the full time residents can use recycle with the normal trash pick up. This may help to increase the amount of recycle.
	Please expand the days and hours for the Central Lake Compactor and Recycling Center!! (More than just Tuesdays and Saturdays!)
	As summer residents we do not use these except the recycle
	It is preposterous that the Elk Rapids recycling center has been moved to a separate location from the compactor.
	Use Bellaire recycling
	Having the Elk Rapids recycling center open 24/7 and at such a convenient site is awesome - THANK YOU!!
	The more recycling hours the better during the period from Memorial to Labor Day.
	I recycle my bottles at the Village Market in Elk Rapids
	We now have county recycling.
	I thought we went to a county wide recycling program. I usually use the recycling bins in Milton Township with occasional use of those in Elk Rapids.
	NOW USE MILTON TWP. RECYCLING CENTER 25-50 TIMES
	Would like recycling centers to accept more types of materials
	It would be helpful if the recycling center accepted brush so that there is a place to dispose of the fallen branches after severe storms. It would also be helpful if the recycling center was open on Thursday as well as Tuesday and Saturday as it was years ago.

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Trash pick-up comments	
	I have Waste Management curb service.
	Would like to see our township have a trash pick up like Milton township does once a year for big items which was just done at the park in Kewadin. Also maybe something like what Bellaire & Elk Rapids does, pick up at the curb once a year. This would help the clean up of the area greatly of "junky yards"
	There are serious trash issues (dumping of household trash at the day park) - could someone address these issues and do something to help prevent this?
	We use the Elk Rapids landfill in addition to the recycle station in town.
Additional comments	
	Please note: I only own vacant property in Torch Lake Twp.
	Might use some of this stuff if I become a full time resident
	IF THIS SURVEY MEANS MORE TAX - I AM AGAINST IT..
	I only live in my Eastport home 3 months out of the year.
	All above facilities are very important to the area even if not to me.
	As applies to all sections, we own property but have not yet moved to the area. These use answers will no doubt change when we are able to relocate.
	We are not full time residents.
	How many basements have been saved by firefighters?
	We don't live in the area. We have property we come to and camp. This is why we have never used these facilities.

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	Updated technology extremely important. Definitely do NOT want commercial wind turbines in the township.
	Wind Turbine is important to me if it helps reduce the cost of electricity for the residents otherwise it's not so important.
	One wind turbine (like the ones in mackinaw city) would provide the majority of the townships electrical needs!
	I doubt that wind turbine electrical generators are economically feasible in this area unless the turbine is situated on the bay.
	Permitted Private or Public Wind Generators could reduce electric costs.
Internet comments	
	Coli is a good source of internet service. We have been using it for 8 years and found it to just keep getting better.
	Internet access via wireless using COLI is terrible along the waterfront. They offer service. The service is very variable, and makes "getting work done" very difficult. I'd rank this my number one priority. However we can get better service, we should go for it. It's good for residents. It's good for business. There may be some Obama Money to do this. We should tap that. This is important for kids and for elderly, and everyone in between. How can we do this? Very important.
	The need for high speed internet far outweighs other improvements.
	High Speed Internet Access from a cable provider and/or DSL so competition would be available plus HARD line services for reliability. COLI is OK, CCC is bad, but the township is missing revenue potential from licensing agreements with Broad Band providers.
	We have to do something about high speed internet. I know of one family that makes their income online and had to sell their house due to this problem.
	Natural gas service along N. W. Torch Lake Drive should be pursued as a very high priority along with high speed internet capability
Cable comments	
	digital cable and high-speed broadband internet are necessary - Charter has been promising this for 10 years and has not delivered (doubt they ever will)
	We definitely need a much better cable system - a bit of competition would be GREAT!
	Since digital cable TV started I can no longer pickup any TV channels on antenna. New digital converter box and new antenna did not pick up ANY stations. I cannot get any TV stations without paying for cable or satellite TV.
	I am not able to get high speed internet service, or any cable television service. I'd sure pay for them if they were available!!
	Cable service is ok but no internet available, have to use COLI service which is good
	Improved cable & cell phone signals are hugely important and I hope something can be done soon.
Only have vacant property	
	Note: I only own vacant property in Torch Lake Twp.
	I own property but am not a resident, but can see the necessity of these areas if I were able to use this property more than a few times a year. Due to illness and distance this is not possible. Thanks for the opportunity to have some input.
	I do not live in the township, just own property. My interests are limited.
	Currently just a property owner.
	BECAUSE WE DO NOT LIVE IN TORCH LAKE TWP. BUT DO OWN PROPERTY, THESE QUESTIONS ARE DIFFICULT TO ANSWER.
Additional comments	
	YES to Natural Gas!!!!
	Renewable energy is important for our future.
	I don't use trash pickup or recycling but would if I was a full time resident
	ONCE AGAIN - IF THIS MEANS MORE TAX I AM AGAINST IT

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	spelling - #1
	Don't know provider.
	How does Township impact Great Lakes Energy Service?
	Interested in paving of roads like Birchview. Waited way too long for Erickson but it's nice now. Services along the roadside, although probably county responsibility? Are a menace as the upcoming deer season approaches as well as unsightly. Need to be mowed throughout the season. Phragmite problem still exists and our cards have been turned in. Need to address that on an on-going basis so we get rid of them. We have the chance now to control- although it wasn't easy convincing townships we had a problem. Please keep this upper most in priority.
	3.07 Keep free TV!!

FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMENTS

Preservation of Farmland and Open Space is important	
	Very important to maintain the rural character and open spaces in the Township.
	My main residence is in the Chicagoland area. The natural beauty of this area is its greatest reason. Why we drive 6 hours to get here!
	farmlands and open spaces are treasures to preserve and are what makes the township worth to live in.
	I love the saying NO FARMS NO FOOD. WE must work hard to preserve our farms. The beauty of our area is that we are rural, without the strip malls and fast food and chain stores that bring all the worst of our society with it. Let's work hard to keep our small businesses and services alive and well and do all we can to keep that charm of our community intact.
	Also, I believe in supporting local family farmers, who are up against huge competition.
	Must maintain the pristine beauty of the township, preserving the rural character of the area.
	Would rather keep area as vacation area vs having a "strip" along highways. Like the rural/farm look.
	Preserve the rural and agricultural.
	Most definitely!
	<p>Preservation of views and farmlands and open space is very important. The township should use the amount of money collected as an administrative fee (2%) for preserving farmlands and open space rather than requesting additional millage. By using the 2% money there would be no increase in taxes.</p> <p>The taxpayers pay taxes and the officials collect, allocate, and spend the money for township services for the citizens. Collecting an additional 2% administrative fee is collecting money for the same service twice.</p> <p>There should be no dedicated millages (except possibly for infrastructure development such as public sewers). Taxpayers pay taxes so that the township officials can collect the taxes, budget the money and allocate it for various public services. Dedicated millages prevent officials from assuming their full responsibility for setting priorities and allocating the money accordingly. Dedicated millages restrict the budget process and the ability to prioritize all the services and respond to emergencies as needed. Dedicated millages allow officials to abdicate their responsibility for establishing the budget.</p>
Farmland preservation in not important	
	way too much concern put on this view of farmlands ...my God
	We already defeated a millage on farmland preservation. Don't bring it back!
Commercial development comments	
	Don't let development ruin the reason why people come here in the first place...the natural beauty.
	Question 4.02 - Prefer no strip development.
	Our community is unique with its very precious orchards and farmlands plus the high quality shorelines of both Torch Lake and Grand Traverse Bay. This precious combination needs to be preserved. Strip malls and fast food chains would spoil our environment in ways that could never be restored.
	4.02 - Nothing gained by allowing strip development
	Good Lord, do you even need to ask these questions (4.01 to 4.04)? WE DO NOT WANT STRIP MALL DEVELOPMENT!
	Please don't bring in "Development" (which we call the "D" word) to our township!
	All these things are crucial to me. If there's too much construction, especially of things like shopping areas, this beautiful area will degenerate into more example of suburban sprawl, which we have enough of in this country.
	No strip development!
	We have facilities in the Township that could be successful local restaurants or other shops. Let's see if we can first improve those before we look for new minimal strip developments.
	The township doesn't have a lot of farms and it would be nice to have a few more stores in the village where they have already started, so people could walk from place to place.
	Providence Farm is wonderful.. We are so lucky to have them in our township. I would like to see our township more friendly to small businesses and not so many silly regulations.
	Any commercial development helps tax base.
	We are way too rural with more farms and open space than we need. They undermine our tax base

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	and now because of them we have this proliferation of gas wells. How does the township benefit from them?
	Any commercial development should be restricted to the US 31 and M-88 intersection. Develop Eastport.
	Township planning should encourage appropriate businesses to ensure some young folks remaining in our area.
Too much government control	
	That government, which governs least, governs best!!
	I like the idea of farms and open space But I am absolutely opposed to taking away the rights of the property owners and dictating how they use their property. I am also opposed to restricting business.
	What could possibly give me the right to control the preservation of farmlands and open space? This seems above and beyond the scope of citizens to try and control natural development.
Additional comments	
	We don't need anymore cell towers
	We should do all we can do to maintain the rural beauty of our township and all rural areas!
	It is an eye sore and BLIGHT on the village of Eastport with empty buildings on 3 of the 4 corners in Eastport. Yes, the old township hall is included in this blight. Create a Renaissance zone in Eastport like the big cities have (property tax except, remove old building etc.) which would encourage and help the few seasonal businesses stay viable. What local business we have caters to the seasonal snow birds and it's becoming clear few can survive during the short tourist season. Minimal strip development? Can't be serious? Except for a fruit stand we have zero strip development. We don't even have a viable restaurant in the area.
	non-farm economic development can co-exist w/farming so long as the rules remain reasonable
	Question 4.02 is worded oddly. If "minimal" development is not important to me, does that mean I would like to see maximum strip development? I honestly would like to see no strip development
	I don't know what "strip development" is!
	Reduce developments and the "monstrosity" homes on Torch Lake. Minimum construction requirement of 25 square feet of vacant land for each 1 square foot of house space. Meaning 2,000 square foot home must be situated on 1 acre of land, 5,000 s/f house must have 2 1/2 acres.
	I would have liked to see something with bike paths. I worry about folks riding on the side of 31. The cars travel so fast and the area given for a bike is so nominal. I surprised there have not been more bicycle accidents
	Theft of farmers land values by restrictive zoning to supposedly "protect" farmland and views is wrong. If you want to steal a farms value, pay for it!
	4.01 This is confusing. Don't we have all sorts of roadside vendors right now that provide us locally w/ plenty of fresh farm produce? Also there are the farmers' markets in the area.

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No Changes	
	One of the beautiful aspects of Torch Lake is the primary use and scenery is residential. Let's keep it that way.
	All of the above developments would ruin the reason so many love our township. Progress is not always wisest. A main reason so many of us are choosing to retire or live here seasonally is to get away from all exactly the things you mention above, all of them.
	Could use a Meijers but Acme would be close enough. Don't need public transportation to TC but will probably need it in a few years and might even use it now occasionally. Don't need shore commercial development.
	I believe we have all we need right here in the township. To bring in anything more would dramatically change the atmosphere of the area.
	I don't feel that there is any chance of any of the above happening in the township.....we do not have the population base to support any of the above.....and the three months of the year that it might be viable, cannot support the nine months that it isn't viable.
	I am not for any of the above items in this section.
	I don't want major stores, or fast food restaurants, or any type of commercial shoreline development
	1. Please maintain the existing rural character of the township.
	No more development, please!
	This survey can be confusing. because I check "least important" doesn't mean that I don't care - it is important to me as a resident and tax payer that strip malls are NOT put in our neighborhood, so it IS an important issue, but I would NOT choose to build them in my township or neighborhood!
	I love things the way they are!
	None.
	I commented on this in the previous section but will state again most strongly that we do NOT need any of the businesses mentioned above. Seriously, I am strongly against any of these items above for our township.
	NONE.
	We have the IGA market and I think it is sufficient.
	Absolutely NO to all 5.01 through 5.07 questions.
	Similarly to what I wrote in Section 4, I would really be against developments of the above sort,
	I do not want ANY commercial development along the shore line of Torch Lake or Lake Michigan
	Torch lake Twp should not try to be a mini TC or elk rapids. It is a rural farming and vacation area and should stay as such.
	Definitely a very strong NO on all of these. Any of these would change what this area has to offer. We have no trouble driving to Elk Rapids, Charlevoix, or Traverse City, Central Lake, Bellaire etc if we want a restaurant, "big box" store, shopping center, etc. This is why we have a place here - to get away from this "stuff". And definitely NO waterfront marina - this would change the tone of the bay (We're on Grand Traverse Bay)
	No fast food restaurants!
	5.01 No! No! No! 5.02 No! No! No! 5.05 Industrial Parks are deserted in Michigan! What industry in this economy?
Development needed	
	We need development that will provide jobs and will make our community more self-contained. We can't depend on Elk Rapids for our commercial services and job area.
	5.01 - would be great for added tax base, but I don't see it happening in my lifetime.
	To bring light manufacturing - or business - furnishing employment for young citizens.
	The existing zoning is thwarting economic growth and limiting services that would save 30 mile round trips at today's high gas prices.
	Would like a reasonable mix of each except 5.05. The future demographics of the township will ultimately influence development. If history is any indication future development will be focused on tourism and be minimal.
Restaurants needed	
	A year around restaurant would be most desirable. I wish someone would buy the old Sneakins

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	property and reopen it.
	Good locally owned and operated restaurant
	A couple of good shoreline restaurants would be a big plus.
	How about a miniature golf course and a Sub Shop for people living between ER and Charlevoix at the old township building? This makes more sense then letting the building sit idle and spending money on taxes and upkeep. This would give locals and tourists a jumping off point in an uncongested area for some kid fun stuff between the Mac bridge and TC. Tourists might even become more familiar with the area and use facilities that we already have here. Just a thought.
	Bob Evens type restaurant or a low profile hamburger chain
	A restaurant on the bay would be appealing.
	restaurants
	waterfront restaurant
	Restaurant
	One good restaurant for dinner. Petersons does not qualify.
	A local restaurant run by friendly, courteous owners.
	Restaurants along US 31. Eastport Market has done a wonderful job of trying to meet the needs of our community. Torch Lake Market has filled a need for a specialty store and restaurant.
	A nice restaurant
	A good restaurant.
	Mechanic - auto repair. Restaurant - dinner.
	We sure could use some restaurants other than Peterson's and a place to get a burger etc (sonny's probably offers this but we don't shop sonny's). I would love to see a sportsplex that is shared with Elk Rapids, Central Lake etc.
	A good restaurant!!
	More quality restaurants. One good dry cleaner.
	Medium prices restaurant. Flower shop. Sandwich place.
Marinas with gas stations needed	
	more marinas
	Gas service at the Day park launch could be a good revenue source for the Twp., provided it is compact, and kept to just that. Not a new building with lots of other items for sale, but a small above ground tank & pump, with a booth for the attendant.
	Waterfront marina maybe on Torch Lake - not on lake Michigan.
Industrial Park would be good	
	No to all. Individual businesses ok to be built if architectural guideline.
	To bring light manufacturing - or business - furnishing employment for young citizens.
Additional stores desired	
	I am not oppressed to bigger stores or fast food stores being here. It's not a relevant question because they would not come here anyway.
	more name stores that can offer a variety that little mom and pop stores and can't and can employ more people with limited education
	larger drugstore with longer hours grocery store
	It would be nice to see another couple of choices for dining, seasonal shops, gift shops etc. Making the township user friendly for these kinds of stores would help. Alden has done a great job of attracting small businesses.
No big box stores	
	I did not understand what a "big box" store is. If we do not have one now, we do not need one.
	This township is a long way from justifying a need for a big box store unless they would add significantly to our tax base.

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	No big box stores or fast food restaurants!
	No big box stores!
	NO! To "big box" stores of any kind! NO! To major brand fast food restaurant! If people desire these 2 items they can go either N or S and in 30 minutes or less have those things. How many jobs and how much \$\$ would a waterfront marina provide the township? NO! To an industrial park in the township. It's not far N or S to find jobs within 30 miles of Torch Lake. As it is an industrial park here in these times would probably not succeed. There certainly is no valid reason outside of more tax revenue to put more buildings on Torch Lake. There's already a lot of "for sale" signs up. Who's buying?
	Please preserve what we have for future generations. People can get their big box restaurants and stores in Traverse City or Petoskey.
Public Transportation to Traverse City desired	
	Public transportation will resolve some of the requirements regarding shopping and restaurants for those who do not drive. Hence, we will not need to build additional stores, malls, or restaurants.
	Bioenergy, very low emission public transportation and other very low impact types of businesses that have no emissions or waste. Farmer's markets.
	Transportation to TC for seniors is important, but we don't know enough about what Antirm County offers to know if additional options are needed.
	Traverse has all we need and if we can get an easier transport system for those that aren't able or who choose to use public systems then I would be all for that. Is there a way to make my answers reflect a less than ONE vote??
	except for some kind of bus service to Traverse City, which would be OK if enough demand existed.
	5.06 Yes!
	Public transportation to Traverse City is a great idea!
Additional Comments	
	Competitor high speed internet providers--immediately, or pubic access to a township hall hot spot.
	Not sure.
	Traverse Bay vs inland lakes - access depends which you are on.

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Government involvement comments:	
	This sounds like micro management
	Regarding 6.08,,,,,,we're already getting screwed on property expenses! Property values are going down faster then property taxes are! Forget it!
	I urge caution on too much government regulation
	I would like to see less government control and let people do what they want with the property they pay taxes on
	Let's not go overboard, remember we are still a small community.
	Get your noses out of other peoples business... maybe real jobs for control freak retirees on township boards? And for gods sake street lights belong in the city... last I checked this was northern Michigan and you all were trying to preserve our way of life!
	Common sense should prevail in this small township. Government control and involvement is costly.
	I would hope we would not replicate any law enforcement on a local or state area. Perhaps more local constable oversight.
Noise comments:	
	I would like to see all townships come together and put forth statutes that the sheriff enforces on Torch Lake to get control of anchoring. Minimum distance from residents docks or rafts, time limit to anchoring, specific hours, etc. Huge increase in anchoring last 6 years. Have had many times anchorers drop 50' from our dock & 8 people tossing footballs.
	NOISE is a HUGE Problem. Fifteen grandchildren (all under 7) screaming all summer (a few days okay-- and if they didn't scream) but this makes life miserable for us and everyone around us. There should be an ordinance against this.. or possible some limit on number of people per 100 ft of shore. Or even number of days you allow 15 or more people (perhaps a week or two).
	Excess noise from A-Ga-Ming Golf Course Tent facilities reaches Torch Lake waters.
	Noise and fireworks regulations are a big issue for us. We need a constable to help enforce the ordinances!
	Large, noisy boats on Torch should be outlawed!
	Noise control of seadoos and similar are fundamental to keep peace and quiet in and around our lakes. Many lakes in the country have forbidden seadoos which are a major nuisance.
	Illegal fireworks more than just on the 4th of July. Need control over the downstaters who come up and unabashedly fire them off intermittently all summer long without regard to time of night and neighbors.
	We need a noise control ordinance as the police have no authority to enforce any control. I am not in favor of wind turbines in our township
	Noise control of what?
	Regarding crowd control - are you kidding me?
	Increasing "cigarette" boat traffic in recent years has increased the amount of "noise" pollution on Torch Lake. These boats also present a safety hazard to other boaters on the lake - we have seen them racing in front of our property. Would like to see efforts to control/reduce boat traffic of this sort.
	I am currently (at this very minute) under a constant barrage of orchard cannon fire in my home. This incredibly cruel practice has been gaining in use since 2009 and makes living in my home unbearable. I now know what veterans remember from being in a war zone. I have researched and understand the orchard cannon need, use and operation of these units. I am also aware and have read the "Right to Farm Act". Life has changed since the 1980's!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I firmly believe that every farmer has the right to farm yet does not have the right to destroy my quality of life. Why must these cannons fire non-stop day and night?????? Why must they be so loud as to be heard with windows, doors closed? I keep my televisions, radios and stereo on all day in order to TRY to block the never ending bombing. Actually being able to sleep a full night is a bonus for me...my health and job performance is suffering. How can the obvious abuse and over use of these bombs be affective in keeping the raiding animals from the fruit to be harvested when they become VERY used to the noise VERY quickly???? This over use and excessive volume is ruining the effectiveness for all farmers, even the ones using the equipment in an intelligent manner!!!! This is cruel and abusive behavior. If I was the perpetrator and kept our hard working farmers awake day and night I'd be held accountable for my actions...I don't have a "Right to Farm Act" to support bad

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	behavior. Whoever is responsible for this cruel and abusive behavior should be made to STOP. Or should I get some cannons and aim them at his home for continuous days and nights? Perhaps that is the solution for my unnecessary suffering. It is hard to fathom that a rational person thinks he has the right to invade and destroy the life and lives of people living in the area. He has created a war zone and might have to put under attack to understand how he is destroying a life that NEVER interfered with his way of life!!!!!!!!!!!!!! My previous respect and support of farmers is quickly disappearing. How can a few arrogant and cruel people be allowed to continue this abuse and torture of a community?
	South Sandbar seems to be the "Trouble" spot. If I lived there it would be most important. It seems now gatherings are handled very well.
	6.05 Need noise ordinance enforced for loud music (especially country music) and motorcycles. 6.02 No semi-trailers for storage
Wind turbine comments:	
	Re wind turbines. We support having regulations that allow private generators.
	We need wind turbine regulations (do not ban!) for commercial and residential properties.
	Wind turbines would be a horrible blight: and unnecessary
	Wind Turbines are attractive and cut the cost of Electricity for all of us.
	Wind turbines should be regulated, and provide revenue to the public (TWP), as well as the landowner. The public pays a price for the diminishment of general use and enjoyment of the area (views, etc.) as much as the landowner.
	No Wind Turbines. Visual and Noise Pollution.
	I don't know what is meant by wind turbine regulations.
	NO wind turbines.
	NO WIND TURBINES!!
Septic system comments:	
	Until the township wants to put in sewers leave septic tanks alone. Home inspection is the responsibility of the home buyer, not the township!
	Upgrade and control of current septic systems not performing to current standards.
	Health department controls septic system inspections.
	I think it is totally wrong to require septic system inspections. If a buyer wants it inspected then it should be at his expense not a regulation which government controls. We need LESS government not more.
Private road comments:	
	What are private road standards?
	We're on a private rd - owners complain if it's not well taken care of. Township doesn't need to do this.
Billboard comments:	
	State law controls - Billboard Control
	billboard and light pollution - keeps the desirable nature of the township area
Junk ordinance comments:	
	We have a junk ordinance.
Wood burning outdoor boiler comments:	
	Wood burning outdoor boilers definitely need regulations. They must do more to control the smoke!!
Underground utilities comment:	
	Underground utilities are fairly important but new developments are limited by your present ordinances.
Additional comments:	
	Need to be diligent about monitoring the quality of the lake, stopping the use of pesticides and fertilizers that run off into the lake.
	6.06 ?

ADDITIONAL TAXES COMMENTS

No new taxes	
	Enough already with more taxes..!!
	Actually taxes are plenty high but most goes to the schools I would think
	Want to raise taxes? have homestead and non-homestead pay the same rates....then see how people "feel" about raising taxes
	I am the owner of an unimproved lot on Lake Michigan. Although I love the area and support it with my property taxes, the current tax schedule for absentee owners like myself is extremely high (unreasonable).
	Non resident of new homestead - too high for services used. My guess is the non homestead pay 2/3 of all income to Township.
	As a non-homestead- Taxes are way too high now.
	We pay more taxes then townships on both sides. Do they have lowered theirs a lot since values of homestead land have went down. Not here! Not fare!
Ambulance comments	
	If you're going to raise the millage for ambulance it should go to raise the wages to a livable wage.
	What does our ambulance service..!! cost now? I found it to be very expensive and not covered by insurance.
	7.01 - 7.11 Where does all the money go now? 7.05 Bundled comm. = Yuck! 7.09 Too much \$\$\$ for ambulance now.
	Please consider cost to evaluate organization of ambulance, fire department and need to connect with neighboring emergency programs. Hire a consultant.
Trash pick-up comments	
	We already pay for trash pickup and have found it to be very fair. We pay for the weeks that we are here, and if we go south for a few months we discontinue it.
	Already pay directly for weekly trash pickup.
	I am happy to pay for my own trash pickup.
	The community recycling centers are more than adequate for trash disposal.
Water quality issues	
	Water quality is very important.
	We're for protecting ground & lake waters but don't understand this. IF there's a problem now, we'd be willing to support this.
	Public sewer to protect ground and lake waters - other sources and grants from State and County and other townships could be used.
Park comments	
	I think it's very important to improve the Day Park recreational facilities especially the playground equipment which is currently unsafe and way out of date. It isn't used much during the height of summer but rather in the spring and fall. Some brave souls use it in the winter too!
	MAIN INTEREST IS THE WILLIAM GOOD PARK BOAT RAMP & PARK.
Road maintenance comments	
	Need better Lake Michigan access. Doesn't MDOT provide funding for major roads?
	Birchview drive needs paving
	It is the township and countys responsibility for road maintenance and construction.
Additional comments	
	We really need high speed internet and I'm willing to pay more and do whatever is necessary to get it.
	Each and every topic must be supported by a sound business case before we take it to the voters.
	It's hard to guess without specific proposals. For example the day park seems to have been a great idea for all. Other proposals might also have similar merit.

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	This is very confusing - there ought to be a more easily understood way to survey this. i.e. so should all the figures add up to 1.0 millage?
	I don't know enough about the Township to answer most questions. I don't even know if Elk Rapids is part of the Township since there were questions about that town. I would be willing to pay up to .1 mil for all "most important" improvements.
	The township is not configured in a way that would make public sewer or water affordable.
	Think of jobs not parks!!!!
	Legal Fees to fight wind turbine development .26-.50
	Economy is down. Milton Township and Banks Township down. How about Torch Lake.

DEMOGRAPHICS COMMENTS

Keep the township as it is	
	We don't need massive development in this very small township. We do need to maintain what we already have.
	Torch Lake Township is a very nice place to live. We very much favor keeping it nice. Sometimes that costs money but it is very important for folks with big investments here.
	What a beautiful area!
	Summer resident only. I appreciate all the effort expended to formulate this survey. Important considerations: no outdoor advertising (billboards), underground wires.
	Our family has owned the property I now live on since 1948. My father lives here as well and I am his caregiver. We have watched this area change over the last 60 plus years in many ways, not all of the positive.
	Our cottage on the bay is for our use & our family. There is no need to turn Torch Lake Township into a city, even though we pay as much as we paying the city.
	I sense from this survey that there are people interested in building up the township commercially. It would be a mistake to do this. Times are bad for businesses right now and will remain so for the next couple of years. When times are good, there will be jobs in TC, Charlevoix and Petoskey. We whole heartedly support fire and ambulance service, road maintenance services. Land preservation is a questionable tax sink.
Part time resident who hopes to live here full time in the future	
	I plan to move my full time residence to Torch Lake township when I retire.
	We love Torch Lake. We've waited a long time to move here permanently. We plan to stay here as long as we live, and are willing to help support the township.
	We been living seasonally in Torch Lake Twp for 25-years and intend to retire to our home in a few years.
	Might retire up there, that would help the tax situation. It's getting a little uncomfortable
	I do plan on eventually retiring to this area and would like to see things remain as unspoiled as now.
Both husband and wife answered the questions	
	We had 2 kids graduate from Central Lake Schools. We at one time owned Torch Crest Grocery and lived there part time. We had to move down state to get work. We now are at our home every weekend during the warm months. We answered these questions as a "couple", not a male or female.
	These answers represent the views of both my husband and me.
	Husband and wife discussed all questions and agreed on answers.
	We have a summer cottage on East Bay and live in it for 2-3 months each year. Gender is male and female. Have owned it for just over 20 years.
	My answers reflect my wifes thinking also.
Thanks for asking	
	Thanks for doing this. It looks like you've covered a lot of important issues.
	Great survey, hope it helps, thanks
	Congratulations to the developers of the survey. Well done.
	Thank you for the opportunity to share my opinions.
	So glad you did this survey. I hope you will listen to the public and think about some of the suggestions for the future.
Additional comments	
	Why don't you just ask me who I am?
	Homestead resident Milton Twp
	Please explain why so many questions on the survey asked for input on other communities and how this survey would impact those relations if any. Also as a year around resident does any weight given to these residents when compiling your facts as compared to a non-residential owner?
	Our family has been full and part time residents since the 1930's

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	There is no access to my property. I might be more receptive to helping with improvements if I could at least access my property.
	I hope that something can be done for the community in ways that will benefit the township as a whole. We have been trying to get the daypark updated for over 4 years now. It is used a great deal in the summer by residents and nonresidents alike. It is one nice place where families can come and enjoy Torch Lake. That and the boat launch there need to be improved. That is our main concern.
	Please factor in visiting grandchildren! Some of us have several!
	Use existing taxes more effectively before raising taxes. Nice, big beautiful & unnecessary township building built in the last few years....so we can heat, air condition and maintain a large building that how many people are actually in during the day?
	Sometimes I think the Township needs to sit back and just let people live without trying to get involved in everything. It's almost comical how a township this small is so got their nose in everything...its also funny to hear other townships chuckle about ours...too much government, especially on the scale we are at, is a bad thing..
	I am just an occasional week-end resident. My answers are probably immaterial since we are there so little.
	I would appreciate feedback as to the final results. Plus why don't you ask questions how do you feel our parks are maintained?
	I have had a cottage on East Bay since 1967
	Eastport resident, but we winter in Florida
	Stop the Sand Bar parties, pass an ordinance on boats "rafting off", enforce alcohol consumption laws on Torch Lake (No toilet, no alcohol), pass/enforce a maximum number of boat launches per day, charge for lake access/boat ramp usage, limit non-resident boat launches and lake usage to "in the morning/ out at evening" with a "day park" type sticker for boats. Increase littering fines for Torch Lake to \$1,000.
	The best way to increase income is through raising the tax base, i.e. new construction, commercial - less taking property out of tax base. Raising millage is not the way.
	So this will allow me to complete as many surveys as I wish. Excellent control. How much are we paying for this fiasco? We did one back around 2002 maybe. Did we not like those results?
	8.01 Not yet. 8.02 Not yet - but watch out when we become one! Bill Briggs - out!!
	Bring back Native Americans. Keep - Jennifer and Hillary out.
	Questions 8.01 and 8.05 seem conflicting. If you are not a full time township resident then you do not "live" in the township. Your residence is elsewhere. I have owned property in the township for over 20 years. Although I now (for the last eight years) spend most of the spring, summer and fall in the township, this property is still vacation property; and my primary residence is elsewhere.