

DRAFT PLANNING SURVEY for **THE BEAR LAKE COMMUNITY**

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This is a discussion draft of questions that could be used in a survey of Bear Lake Community residents to help the Joint Planning Commission develop a well supported Comprehensive Plan. The survey would be mailed to residents with a cover letter and a stamped envelope requesting return in two weeks.

About Living in the Bear Lake Community

Q1. How important was each of the following to your decision to live in the Bear Lake Community?
(Please circle the number that most closely matches your opinion of the importance of each item, using a scale from 1 for Not At All Important to 5 for Very Important.)

		<i>Not At All Important</i>				<i>Very Important</i>
a.	Rural/Small Town Character	1	2	3	4	5
b.	Farms & Open Fields	1	2	3	4	5
c.	Desirable Neighborhoods	1	2	3	4	5
d.	Access to Bear Lake	1	2	3	4	5
e.	Public School System	1	2	3	4	5
f.	Recreation Opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
g.	Affordable Housing	1	2	3	4	5
h.	Friends or Relatives Live Here	1	2	3	4	5
i.	Close to Bigger Cities (e.g., Traverse City, Manistee)	1	2	3	4	5
j.	Easy Commute to Work	1	2	3	4	5
k.	Wildlife & Wildlife Habitat	1	2	3	4	5
l.	Public Services	1	2	3	4	5
m.	Air & Water Quality	1	2	3	4	5
n.	Retail or Commercial Opportunities	1	2	3	4	5

Others? Please List Below

Q2. Do you expect to leave the Bear Lake Community in the next five years?

_____ YES _____ NO

Q3. If yes, why will you leave?

About the Bear Lake Community's Rural Character

Q4. What are the most important qualities of Bear Lake Community's rural character?
(Please circle the number that most closely matches your opinion of the importance of each item, using a scale from 1 for Not At All Important to 5 for Very Important.)

		<i>Not At All Important</i>					<i>Very Important</i>
a.	Dirt or Gravel Roads	1	2	3	4	5	
b.	Farms & Open Fields	1	2	3	4	5	
c.	The Small Village Center	1	2	3	4	5	
d.	Farm Houses & Working Farms	1	2	3	4	5	
e.	Seeing Lots of Wildlife	1	2	3	4	5	
f.	Recreation Opportunities	1	2	3	4	5	
g.	Affordable Housing	1	2	3	4	5	
h.	Scenic Views	1	2	3	4	5	
i.	Absence of City Lights	1	2	3	4	5	
j.	Large Areas of Forests	1	2	3	4	5	
k.	Access to Bear Lake	1	2	3	4	5	
l.	Access to Steams & Small Lakes	1	2	3	4	5	
m.	Access to Hunting & Fishing Opportunities	1	2	3	4	5	
n.	Bicycling & Walking Paths	1	2	3	4	5	
o.	Quiet	1	2	3	4	5	
p.	Low Amount of Traffic	1	2	3	4	5	
q.	Large Lots for Houses	1	2	3	4	5	
r.	Wetlands	1	2	3	4	5	
s.	Historic Buildings	1	2	3	4	5	
t.	Others? Please List Below						

About Housing Opportunities in the Bear Lake Community

Q5. Additional residential development can be expected in the Bear Lake Community. Where would you like to see most of the new housing developed?

(Please circle the number that most closely matches your opinion of where new housing units should be concentrated, ranging from 1 for No New Housing to 5 for Many New Housing Units.)

		No New Housing Units			Many New Housing Units	
a.	In the Village of Bear Lake	1	2	3	4	5
b.	In Bear Lake Township, away from Village	1	2	3	4	5
c.	In Pleasanton Township, away from Village	1	2	3	4	5
d.	Near Existing Improved Roads in Countryside	1	2	3	4	5
e.	In Groups or Clusters of Houses Outside of Village	1	2	3	4	5
f.	Next to the Village of Bear Lake in the Townships	1	2	3	4	5
f.	Others? Please List Below					

Q.6 What types of future residential housing would you favor in the Bear Lake Community?

(Please circle the number that matches your level of opposition or support for the different types of new housing listed, ranging from 1 for Totally Opposed to 5 for Completely in Favor.)

		Totally Opposed			Completely in Favor	
a.	Single Family Homes on Large Lots (over 1 Acres)	1	2	3	4	5
b.	Single Family Homes on Very Large Lots (over 5 Acres)	1	2	3	4	5
c.	Single Family Homes in Compact Neighborhoods	1	2	3	4	5
d.	Duplex (Two-family) Housing Units	1	2	3	4	5
e.	Conversion of Single Family Housing to Multi-Family Units	1	2	3	4	5
f.	Clusters of Single Family Homes Outside of Village	1	2	3	4	5
g.	Mobile Home Parks	1	2	3	4	5
h.	Others? Please List Below.					

About Economic Development in the Bear Lake Community

Q7. What types of business and economic development would you favor in or very near the Village of Bear Lake?

(Please circle the number that matches your level of opposition or support for the different types of new housing listed, ranging from 1 for Totally Opposed to 5 for Completely in Favor.)

		Totally Opposed			Completely Favor	
		1	2	3	4	5
a.	Medical Services (e.g., dentist office)	1	2	3	4	5
b.	Small Manufacturing -25 employees or fewer including delivery and pick of goods with trucks	1	2	3	4	5
c.	Retail Stores and Shops	1	2	3	4	5
d.	Convenience Stores & Gas Stations	1	2	3	4	5
e.	Home Businesses	1	2	3	4	5
f.	Business & Sales Offices	1	2	3	4	5
g.	Bed & Breakfast	1	2	3	4	5
h.	Hotel/Motel & Resorts	1	2	3	4	5
i.	Warehouse/Distribution Center including heavy truck traffic	1	2	3	4	5
j.	Industrial Facilities	1	2	3	4	5
k.	Farm Market	1	2	3	4	5
l.	Tourist and Visitor Attractions	1	2	3	4	5
m.	Restaurants	1	2	3	4	5
n.	Others? Please List Below.					

Q8. Do you favor business and economic development in Pleasanton and Bear Lake Townships *outside of the Village of Bear Lake*?

_____ YES _____ NO

Q9. If you answered YES to Q8, what types of business and economic development would you like to see in Pleasanton and Bear Lake Townships outside of the Village of Bear Lake?

Please list your suggestions:

About Capital Improvements & Municipal Services in the Bear Lake Community

Q10. Which of the following municipal facilities and services would you like to see *constructed or improved over the next 10 years?*

(Please circle the number that most closely matches your opinion of the importance of each item, using a scale from 1 for Not At All Important to 5 for Very Important.)

	<i>Not At All Important</i>					<i>Very Important</i>
	1	2	3	4	5	
a. Construction of New Roads	1	2	3	4	5	
b. More Paved Roads	1	2	3	4	5	
c. Maintenance of Roads	1	2	3	4	5	
d. Expanded Public Water Supply System	1	2	3	4	5	
e. Sewer & Wastewater Treatment System	1	2	3	4	5	
f. Improvement/Renovation of Village Hall	1	2	3	4	5	
g. Improvement/Renovation of Bear Lake Township Hall	1	2	3	4	5	
h. Development of New Park on Bear Lake	1	2	3	4	5	
i. Improved School Facilities	1	2	3	4	5	
j. Improvements to the Public Library	1	2	3	4	5	
k. Improved Fire Department	1	2	3	4	5	
l. Others? Please List Below.						

Q11. To support business and economic development, would you favor the expansion of the public water supply system in and around the Village of Bear Lake if you did NOT have to pay any fees or taxes?

_____ YES _____ NO

Q12. To support business and economic development, would you favor the construction of a public sewer and wastewater treatment system in and around the Village of Bear Lake if you did NOT have to pay any fees or taxes?

_____ YES _____ NO

About the Natural Resources of the Bear Lake Community

Q13. Do you believe it is important to protect the water quality of the lakes, streams and groundwater of the Bear Lake?

_____ YES _____ NO

Q14. Which of the following things would you be in favor of local government doing to protect the water quality of lakes, streams and groundwater in the Bear Lake Community?

(Please circle the number that matches your level of opposition or support for the different types of new housing listed, ranging from 1 for Totally Opposed to 5 for Completely in Favor.)

		Totally Opposed				Completely Favor
a.	Work to Reduce Runoff from Streets & Parking Lots	1	2	3	4	5
b.	Maintain Shoreline Vegetation to Filter Stormwater Runoff	1	2	3	4	5
c.	Require Maintenance of On-Site Septic Systems	1	2	3	4	5
d.	Restrict New Construction within 500 Feet of a Water Body	1	2	3	4	5
e.	Others? Please List Below					

Q15. On a scale from 1 to 5, how important do you think it is for the Bear Lake Community to preserve the following natural features?

(Please circle the number that most closely matches your opinion of the importance of each item.)

		Not At All Important				Very Important
a.	Open Space, Such as Fallow Fields & Wetlands	1	2	3	4	5
b.	Farm Fields, Orchards and Active Agriculture	1	2	3	4	5
c.	Wildlife Habitat Such as Forests, Wetlands & Streams	1	2	3	4	5

About Recreation and Tourism in the Bear Lake Community

Q16. Are you satisfied with the quantity and quality of recreation facilities in the Bear Lake Community?

_____ YES _____ NO

Q17. How important are the following features to recreation and tourism in the Bear Lake Community?

(Please circle the number that most closely matches your opinion of the importance of each item, ranging from 1 for Not At All Important to 5 for Very Important.)

		Not At All Important				Very Important
a.	Expanding the Non-motorized Trail System	1	2	3	4	5
b.	Additional Public Park with Access to Bear Lake	1	2	3	4	5
c.	Additional Community Events	1	2	3	4	5
d.	New Outdoor Sports Facilities (e.g., softball, basketball)	1	2	3	4	5
e.	Others? Please List Below					

Demographic Information

Answers to the following questions will help us analyze the survey results and make it more meaningful for community planning purposes without specifically identifying you. Please mark the ONE response that most closely describes your status.

Q18. In which jurisdiction of the Bear Lake Community do you live?

Village of Bear Lake Pleasanton Twp. Bear Lake Twp.

Q19. What is your residential status in the Bear Lake Community?

Year Round Resident Seasonal Resident Not a Resident

Q20. How many people live in your household?

1 2 3 4-6 More than 6

Q21. Do you own property in the Bear Lake Community?

YES NO

Q22. Are you a registered voter in the Bear Lake Community?

YES NO

Q23. What is your age?

Under 25 years 25-44 years 45-64 years 65 years or older

Q24. What is your employment status?

Employed (not self-employed) Self-Employed Unemployed Retired

Q25. What is your household income?

Under \$20,000 \$20,000-\$39,999 \$40,000-59,999 \$60,000 or above

Q26. Do you have school-age children in your household?

YES NO