

## Bay Township Community Survey

Please feel free to comment below regarding any concerns or suggestions you may have that were not addressed in the survey.

1. The needs of the homeowners on water are different, yet we do not feel valued. We support the school and roads with our taxes and are good citizens. Yet if one alarm goes off, we're issued a letter saying there was an additional charge.
2. I am excited by the proposed high speed internet!
3. Quit over regulation. You don't enforce current ordinances.
4. Need high speed cable. We pay \$200/month just for tv/internet!
5. Over regulation of some codes can stifle and/or overly burden the property/home owner
6. Septic systems: A re-certification of septic systems should be done for a specified periodic basis, not just at time of transfer.
7. I love yearly curbside trash pickup!
8. Change is good a little with a lot of input from those who live here.
9. Quit micromanaging community
10. Too many vehicles speeding through Horton Bay - not enough cars being pulled over and warned and then ticketed.
11. The speed at which many cars travel on Camp Daggett is frightening - should be considered scenic route!
12. -Need better zoning enforcement (now very lax)

-Need more junk pickups

13. A few pages on Bay Township website need info. to be added. (ie board of zoning appeals, lake access, township halls & grounds, etc.)
14. mentioned zoning issues numerous times but I try to stay current on things & I don't know of any zoning into. Township needs to focus predominantly on open space/ farmland protection in order for it to maintain its current characteristics.
15. protect the farm land. That means keep the township board people from trying to control our land. We enjoy our property the way it is. Thank you but NO THANKS
16. stay out of private property owners business.
17. If you want to know if I will support tax millage give specifics.
18. Our lakes have been destroyed with to many houses (to close together) to many high powered boats. Dock too far out in lake. No rule to follow. Don't try to tell Farmers what to do with their property. We never told Lake people how to destroy the lakes. They did a good job.
19. needs rentals without income restrictions that are still affordable.
20. List of amenities in Bay TWP
21. LOVE the trash pickup day! Love living here! Its my forever home! Encourage farm endeavors and discourage "suburbs" and associations. It's the open land and lack of developers that make Horton Bay so charming.
22. Curbside recycle or better recycle center
23. Thank you - nice job
24. I love that the twp has allowed a "spring collection" and getting rid of junk that our trash collection cannot pickup. Now we need a recycling area.
25. Less regulation is better

26. This is our seasonal home and are very happy in Bay TWP - the new bike pedestrians trail is beautiful
27. Monitor speed on rural roads.
28. Organize recycle pickups
29. The Odawa Indian claims against TWP property and the pensions fighting that action...where is it?
30. Stop putting government buildings on waterfront property!!!
31. Proud to live and be part of this community! Leave the docks in longer in the fall at Sumner RD and Lake Street. Lot of folks still fish in October!
32. Taxes are way too high!!
33. Stop building (big) houses on shore lanes. People that pay year round taxes would like to see the lakes.
34. Roads need to be plowed more often, especially during heavy snowfall.
35. I'd love to see a senior community or neighborhood with lakeviews for the future when maintaining a home is too much me.
36. bike paths??
37. emergency services have not been needed thankfully! hard to evaluate effectiveness.  
Trash not picked up on our private road so not applicable. Same is true of road maintenance at our home.
38. more effort should be made to promote and protect the rural agrarian aspect of the township which in turn enhances the quality of the residential resort areas.
39. Bay two is perfect the way it is. That is why we are here. Any additional development will ruin the character and everything that makes Bay top amazing. There are already evolved cities in the area that have lost their soul and are simply suburbs of Chicago and Detroit. Please keep Bay two magic. Let Petoskey and Charlevoix keep the Walmarts, chain restaurants and traffic!
40. Good work being done. Keep it up.
41. We are technically "seasonal" but spend at least one third of our time in the home we own in Bay (we also own an additional property nearby) Please up the road improvement of the past few years.
42. Keep Bay Township beautiful!
43. No cable on Camp Daggett - seriously?! Dish, higher and Direct are terrible - they have a monopoly on service. Please get us cable service. Speeding on Camp Daggett is the routine.
44. Township trustees are doing a very good job - A+! New ADU amendment, trash pickup program, good zoning enforcement, etc.
45. A development plan is important. It can also address housing, trail-building, etc.
46. Keep taxes at their current level
47. I greatly appreciate the curbside pickup of trash in the spring. Thank you.
48. Fertilizer run off into streams and lakes.
49. Restrict bicycle riding on Camp Daggett Rd. between Sumner and US31
50. There is a perception that zoning rules are applied unfairly - and that waterfront owners may be exempted from greenbelt rules.
51. Like to have dumpster during summer next to town landing at end of Lake St.
52. Make more than 1 foot necessary from boundary line for driveways. More strict drain fields in proportion to wells - longer distance.
53. bike trails!
54. High speed internet!

55. Greatest and most frustrating concerns are:

1. High speed internet
2. Curbside recycling pickup

Both are behind the times.

56. 1. Garbage/run down homes. Do something.

2. Fireworks - farmers penalties

3. Rental of homes. You know who does it. Fine, fine, fine!

57. High speed internet (preferably Fiber) would be huge upgrade for the township and I believe many would support a millage to make it happen. Also, a few more cell towers for better coverage.

58. Nice to have high speed internet in our area, it's not available.

59. The board of trustees need to pay attention to what the township people want and need and not have their own agenda.

60. Just people going too fast on Camp Daggett. Always a problem with speeders.

61. No new millage.

62. Keep Horton Bay....Horton Bay

63. Reinforce law regarding right to walk the beach along Lake Charlevoix - doesn't state rule on this? So many feet from water are allowed?

64. Need internet service!!! Live off Stott

65. We are building right now, will have more feedback next year if you conduct a survey then. Thanks.

66. Should cater to starter homes for young families and elderly adults. Keep it uncluttered and quaint, quiet and dark.

67. Residents on seasonal roads are taxed like everyone else. Why would I want to pay a millage that never helps me?

68. Must ensure all demographics are represented. Not just farmers. Need more small business.

69. Street lights - Alpine Valley area

70. Enforce existing blight laws.

71. Why is the board trying to gain more power? Don't make new rules, enforce the ones you have

#### ZONING

72. I would very much like to have street side recycling bins. More people on my street would recycle if they did not have to take own recycling to town.

73. Need more hidden drive signs.

74. We feel safe and comfortable here.

75. stop trying to raise taxes with all kinds of worthless millages. These are pet projects of planning commission members rather than improving the township

76. Planning commission wasted money

77. Questions are such that the planning commission only wants confirmation of what they already think. This was poorly done.

78. Internet and cell phone coverage are in need of attention.
79. Please don't allow condos or senior living buildings no commercial permits either
80. Local and state laws are required to hold property owners "harmless" for any and all non motorized trails adjacent to private property.
81. For secondary home owners taxes are extreme! I pay more up north - almost double what I pay at my primary residence.
82. I'm concerned that we are using up our resources. I think we need to keep our area as it is and not build up too much. We have enough light pollution!
83. Please limit private citizens using fireworks
84. Thank you, we need to focus on high speed internet. Creates jobs and producing of business.
85. Thank you for this overall thinking and work.
86. Need high speed internet

Personal fireworks enforcement

87. Finish Villa de Charlevoix resurface project!
88. Transportation for disabled/elderly/non-drivers to grocery shopping (Meijer), Doctors and hospitals when we are only one mile into Charlevoix County - Next to Emmett
89. Too many dead trees along the roads
90. It's time for a new Township Hall to give people something back not a 100 year old one. Its time to move ahead.
91. #9 Should read separate millage - not increased tax

#12 one duplex per current zoning regulations

92. Love the progressive growth plans, but something needs to be done regarding yard based "junk". Residents need to be made aware their personal property blight reflects on the community standards.
93. Pleased with two officials.
94. Hope the rest of Villa de Charlevoix Assn. gets new pavement.
95. Prevent short term rentals in residential areas - top priority
96. Fines for destructing beach landscaping by people and littering - please post a sign and fines - it would help - because people know any cell phone camera can catch the act
97. More bike paths, less sprawl. Grow in the city, denser city population.
98. I believe size restrictions should be implemented on waterfront homes. The square footage should be based on waterfront footage and on lot dimensions.
99. SMOKE POLLUTION!!! Dog barking problems and people who have more than 3 dogs
100. Again I would like to mention about burning trash in outside boilers! Faster internet to outlying areas would be nice...charter.
101. Was homeowner - now vacant land owner
102. No high speed internet
103. I like the yearly "junk" pickup that was started, it helped to clean up troubled areas. Please keep it going, it really works.
104. We need to improve cell phone service and cable upgrade, telephone lines.
105. Fix the roads,
106. Please continue the roadside trash pickup.
107. Seniors need to pay less on property taxes - way too high!!!

108. Trash pickup - bin arrival - very good timing
109. Trucks through Horton Bay speeding and very loud. How about "No truck route"
110. Avoid over development. Maintain the rural environment.
111. Consider hiring additional zoning enforcement staff, particularly for waterfront issues
112. We are over regulated and then ordinances not enforced
113. You allowed the guy next door to build a 8000 sq ft home and he destroyed the lot.
114. Bay township seems to be a very well ran municipality. My wife and I appreciate the job you do.
115. Speed limits - speed limits on Boyne-Char road. There are some hidden curves (like at Sumner Rd.) It's a highly used road and vehicle speeds out of Horton Bay make crossing vary dangerous and I've seen close calls with not only cars but a couple of school busses. It's a tragedy ready to happen. Some of these curves need lower speed limits!
116. Again> No landline (hardline) phone service available on Sumner and cell signal on my hill is barely there! But beaver island has had it all for 10 yrs or more. How can I call 911?
117. zoning problems, are not because of improvements on existing homes, but from existing trash in peoples front yards for years with nothing done.
118. 98 years old. Living with daughter and family. Born in Bay Township 12-12-19 - served TWP Board, school and church board.
119. We need more housing for younger families in lower incomes.
120. Growth is vital to the Boyne City, Boyne Falls and Walloon Lake areas...
121. Need internet throughout township - ok to open road ends BUT protect adjacent land owners with signage - do not trespass
122. There is ABSOLUTELY no reason to not have Charter internet everywhere. CHARTER would with township support!
123. I would like to see cottage industries encouraged.
124. Need more places for visitors to stay; they have to go far away to other cities to visit the lake. Therefore all of the restaurants and stores in Boyne City are losing out of the money visitors spend. Get real!! Hotels and rentals are needed!
125. Keep up good work
126. Hiking/biking trails are important to us, as is waterfront access
127. Need road commission to not plow down mailboxes when clearing road, especially when already set back. Thank you.
128. Don't encourage growth!
129. The cemetery on upper Horton Bay Road needs to be looked into so I can be buried there (unmarked graves)
130. 1. Speed through Horton Bay sometimes is out of control.  
2. Bikers not using the bike lanes through Horton Bay.
131. I would like to see high speed internet come down our road without the high installation expense.
132. The Boyne City school tax is an unbelievable charge. I am from a small town and it is not right how much non-residents pay - will it ever end?
133. I have another home in Resort TWP which is worth 30% more, but the taxes are 30% less.

134. Boyne City/Charlevoix Road thru Horton Bay
1. Very very little adherence to speed limit
  2. Ban engine braking in Horton Bay
135. Less zoning rules - more uses such as accessory dwelling/garages, general use NOT restricted to granny flats only
136. High speed internet should be a huge priority! Dish internet is not an affordable or good option. Please make this possible!
137. We are Bay Township property owners who plan to eventually build, move to, and live permanently in the area. I am very concerned about the lack of broadband internet access in the township given what exists close to Boyne City, Petoskey and Charlevoix. We may have to choose to live closer to one of these towns instead if cable, emergency services and natural gas line availability are not to a level that we feel they should be at that point. I do not think that Bay Township would be any less rural with them. These are all things that have become "standard" in many areas. Some townships have funded centrally located volunteer emergency squads to help improve initial response times. Bay Township has a great deal of potential but sometimes I feel like the contrast between it and the areas near the towns I mentioned is like them having electricity but Bay Township still being without ... Thank you for asking for feedback, it is an important first step to making the township even better!
138. Please note in question 12 it would only let me select one option. We also need "granny flats" allowed in the township.
139. Do not duplicate nearby services and recreation provided by state, county and little traverse entertainment not conservacy
140. Char. County & Bay Twp. do not follow environmental best practice and laws ie. lead migration, unsafe and noncompliant firearm use, P.A. noise from Camp Michigania. Waste of Twp. money on road ends. See MI/DNR boat launch key..
141. We appreciate the work that Bay Township is doing, and the personal touch and accessibility of the officers. Thanks for your consideration, and surveying the property owners.
142. Septic inspection at time of transfer will not solve the fundamental problem of having septic systems on a lake - we need a sewer system to protect our lakes - this should be a strategy that the health department, Bay Township and Charlevoix County would all agree to to protect the special asset that we have, clean water lakes
143. So happy to have a recycling center in Boyne City finally. Can't the townships make money on their recycling if it was curb side?
144. Non motorized trails should be paid for by those using them.
- Local and state laws must hold property owners HARMLESS for any and all trails adjacent to their property.
145. Keep and maintain the township access sites we have to Walloon Lake and Lake Charlevoix. Watch for opportunities to add public access to the lakes
146. The Boyne District Library is a nice resource.