

Open ended comments: What other reasons did you have for visiting the Township Office?	Type:
2017 dog licenses	Volunteer
Air pollution - smoke. Our house got filled with smoke, don't know from where	Sample
Allen Edwin is a cancer to our Township. Stop it now!	Sample
Appeal property taxes	Sample
Ask about why Oshtemo FD services Maplewood Farms vs. Mattawan. Homeowners insurance is a premium where I live because of no fire hydrants	Sample
Attend board meetings	Volunteer
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Attend meetings	Sample
Attend township board of trustees meetings, attend lake association meetings	Volunteer
Attend township meetings	Volunteer
Attend zoning and planning meetings	Volunteer
Attended public meeting (Township meeting)	Sample
Attended Zoning committee hearing	Sample
Become an election worker	Volunteer
Board meetings	Sample
Burn permit	Sample
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Burning permit	Sample
Burning permit and Farmer's Market business	Sample
Burning permit, questions	Volunteer
Charging tax records	Sample
Checking on progress of parks plan	Volunteer
Code enforcement	Volunteer
Code enforcement is very weak. It takes years for the Township to enforce code	Sample
DDA Meetings	Volunteer
Discuss options for upgrading our cul-de-sac	Volunteer
Discussions with Township Planner	Volunteer

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Dog license	Volunteer
Dog license renewal	Volunteer
Dog license, business to be run out of home	Sample
Dog license, notary services	Volunteer
Dog licenses, Farmer's Market	Sample
Drop off documents, reserve meeting space	Sample
Drop off, shred days	Sample
Dropping off taxes, ballots, etc.	Sample
Dump day	Volunteer
Eagle lake aeration	Volunteer
Eagle Lake Aeration project and ZBA variance request	Volunteer
Eagle Lake meeting	Sample
Explanation on property tax increase	Sample
Farmer's Market	Sample
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Fencing info and regulations	Sample
File complaint of trespass	Volunteer
Fire permit	Volunteer
Flu shot	Sample

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Foreclosed homes not being maintained and mowed	Sample
Get information on next phase of Applegate development	Volunteer
I didn't like having to make an appointment to get a passport. These appointment times were not convenient	Sample
I was present for the planning meeting. May have been more than a year ago but can't remember.	Volunteer
I work with the Elections/Voting.	Volunteer
Information about burn permits	Sample
Information needed on hospice being established in the Township	Sample
information on voter inspector training	Volunteer
Inquiry into township management	Volunteer
Land splits	Sample
Meeting on assisted living facility in Colony Woods	Sample
Meetings	Volunteer
Meetings	Sample
Meetings for LOL 5K	Volunteer
Meetings, vote	Volunteer
New residence	Volunteer
New to community, asking general questions about the area	Volunteer
None really. I can drop my taxes in the drop box. I visit the farmer's market every weekend it is open but in 20+ years of living in Texas Township have probably been inside the office fewer than 10 times.	Volunteer
Notary services	Volunteer
Notary services	Sample
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Notary services	Sample
Notary services	Sample
Obtain info regarding road construction/property value/variance	Sample
Passport	Sample
Passport, dog tags	Volunteer
Past years - participated in public input/visioning	Sample
Pick up and/or sign forms	Volunteer
Planning commission meeting	Volunteer
Property screening meetings	Sample
Public Meetings	Sample

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Questions in general	Volunteer
Questions on assessment and property tax bills	Sample
Recreation planning meeting	Volunteer
Renew dog license, notary services	Volunteer
Renting park	Volunteer
Report road problem	Volunteer
Request vacation check, provide entry code for emergency personnel	Sample
Reserve a park	Sample
Say hi to the nice people who work there	Sample
Shred day	Volunteer
Shred days	Volunteer
Social visit	Volunteer
Special zoning	Volunteer
Stay open until 4 PM on Friday	Sample
Talk about traffic cutting through Interlochen and Texas Heights Ave to avoid stop light at Centre and 8th - Speeding on Texas Heights Avenue	Volunteer
To determine why my property taxes have increased?	Sample
To vote	Sample
Township Board info	Volunteer
Township board meetings	Volunteer
Township meetings	Volunteer
Township meetings, burning permits, etc.	Volunteer
Training session	Volunteer
Trying to keep a hospice care from operating in our neighborhood	Sample
Used the bathrrom for my toddler	Sample
Visit staff	Volunteer
Volunteer on committee	Volunteer
Vote	Volunteer
Vote	Volunteer
Vote	Volunteer
Vote precinct	Sample
Voting	Volunteer
Zoning/code issue	Volunteer

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4th street south of Stadium drive is safety hazard for people in the area. This is only way to get out of several housing developments on east and west of 4th street. People drive, ride bike, and walk in this street every day. But it is too narrow, breaking up, no maintenance, no shoulder for bike riding or walking. Compared to 4th street in Oshtemo Township (north of Stadium Dr), it is an embarrassment for the residents in the area. This type of street also depresses home value in the area. Widening and improving the 4th street should be the first priority of township planning.	Volunteer
A splash pad at Texas Drive Park would be welcome!	Sample
Absolutely love the bike path and farmers' market. I appreciate dumpster day, shred day, the announcement about flushing water, your newsletter, and website. I like the new businesses, such as Starbucks and Biggby.	Volunteer
Access from the west side of the Township minimal. Looks like all money/resources are spent at Q and 8th and along Texas Drive	Volunteer
Add signage on Texas drive directing people to overflow parking	Volunteer
Add trail to church on 5th street for additional parking	Volunteer
Addition of parks and off road bike paths should be a priority for this active community. Staff do a nice job answering questions and are friendly.	Volunteer
Additional work needed at the 12th Street Center intersection. After years we FINALLY have a left hand turn signal for north / south bound 12th Street traffic. However, the through light turns red and there is a pause before the left hand turn arrow lights - people who know it will turn green keep moving on red through but the people that don't know, stop for a split second before it turns green and this is causing frustration and increases the risk of accidents. We also need better enforcement of fireworks laws. Yes, we live in neighborhoods, but why do the people that wish to disturb others become indignant when people complain? It's the law, and it's disruptive to others in the neighborhood.	Volunteer
After witnessing the 30 minute long parade of Fire and Police vehicles honoring the late Comstock fire chief, you have to wonder if a regional approach to those services would be a more appropriate and responsible use of our tax dollars. How many \$300,000+ fire trucks can we continue to afford? You could franchise parcel delivery to a single provider UPS, FEDEX, or Amazon and have more impact on the roads than limiting garbage service providers.	Sample
Al Sabo needs more parking spaces	Volunteer
All of the development through out Rudgate by Allen Edwin is kind of sad to see. With all the new development and the 12th St. Elementary school it would be nice to see the speed reduced on 12th St. between Centre and Milham.	Volunteer
Allen Edwin is a cancer to everyone. Stop them now!	Sample
Amount and speed of growth is concerning. We do not need a hundred coffee shops and especially a thousand sub developments. I moved here because we are close to it, but its not in my front yard. I have a nice quiet 10 acres that is soon to be having lots of traffic flying by. The feel of getting squeezed out has definitely increased in the past two summers. Seems like everything is geared toward all these new cheap built overnight homes and micro communities.	Volunteer

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Any possible way to create a bike path/sidewalk from TT east to 131 so that people can safely walk/run/bike from Rudgate or Colony Woods to TT Pavilion/Family Video, etc.?	Volunteer
Applegate benefits greatly from the park but they already have a neighborhood pool and more. If you can connect the other side of Texas TWP to that park and/or to Al Sabo, it would help greatly. My teenager rides on 12th to go play basketball at the park by Sunny Mart. It's a dangerous bike ride. Finally, Au Sable is becoming known as a place where teenagers go to do drugs. Please put a stop to it.	Volunteer
As a cyclist, I think the new sidewalks leading to/from the intersection of Q and 8th are fantastic - they greatly improve safety for non-motorized traffic since motorized traffic continues to increase due to continued building in the community. I would like to see even more bike paths in the future in order to protect cyclists from accidents with vehicles. I would also like to have a community room available to residents for meetings and gatherings, the last time I checked we didn't have one.	Volunteer
As aging seniors, soon to come into our fixed income years, we will not be able to stay in the community if this board doesn't learn from other communities that added so many amenities and legacy costs that it become necessary to raise taxes, driving out the very residents that help build their community. Look to Portage and the Kalamazoo for these lessons. It is not the task of a local municipality to provide beyond education, public safety, roads and public sanitation. One of the reasons that made Texas Township such a wonderful place to live was the simplicity of the life and lower taxes. Special amenities will drive further residential growth and pressure for park and trail usage by those that live outside the community. The bicycle clubs are a perfect example of that right now, creating dangerous situations on our road systems, while many live outside Texas Township.	Volunteer
As I am a student and haven't regularly been living in the Township or involved politically, some of my answers may be skewed. I also am not individually involved with taxes & fees, so my opinions are not very developed	Sample
Astro-turf multi-purpose fields would be a better option for Texas Drive Park than a splash pad or tennis courts from a revenue generating perspective. A fee for service community pool could be another option	Sample
Beautiful and peaceful	Sample
Better snow plowing and salting is needed	Sample
Bikers should not ride on road. Should be single file not 3...4 abreast	Sample
biking and walking on rural roads is very dangerous. Consider widening main roads (by 3 ft). such as 8th and S ave for walking and biking	Volunteer
Bringing business to Q Ave & 8th St takes away from the small town beauty	Sample
Christmas lights need to be improved	Sample
Code enforcement is slow and weak. Property on 1st St and Stadium Dr are very messy. Need to quickly enforce property codes! The Township has been very slow to enforce code on property at 1st & Stadium	Sample

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Consolidate trash services and add to property taxes. There are 3 different trips (trash, yard, recycling) by at least 2 different companies down my street every week. Ridiculous wear and tear on my roads	Sample
Curve on 3rd marked as 25 mph, our driveway is hidden grass on inside curve, low visibility when approaching drive-grass/weeds are overgrown	Sample
Cut back on spending. We don't need more parks or sport courts	Sample
Did not answer questions 24-29 as I don't use parks on the trail way, and there is no "Don't Know" box	Sample
Disappointed that Starbucks is not going in	Volunteer
Do a better job in zoning and enforcing zoning restrictions. Just look at First Ave and Stadium. What an eyesore.	Volunteer
Do more with less, just like that private sector must do	Sample
Do not increase taxes. We moved from Kalamazoo City taxes and will move if you raise taxes. Each home built in Texas should lower taxes	Sample
Do not raise taxes. We're within current budget please	Sample
Do the job with what you have. Do not need to look for ways to spend money!	Sample
Don't want to see it developed much further, getting congested for rural living. Starting to look like Westnedge on the Corner. Hate it!	Sample
Downtown that you can walk down	Volunteer
Due to the increased taxes for the school, I do not want higher taxes again	Sample
eliminate assessments. Tax as voted on by property owners.	Volunteer
Enforce the building codes as written or follow the county rules. There is often ambiguity and conflict between the two and it is confusing which applies. Often we get the response "if they don't enforce their rules, there is really nothing we can do."	Volunteer
Enforce the codes we have! Several families living under same roof.	Sample
Enforce the Township Garbage Truck ordinance. Trucks rumble through out neighborhood on Friday as early as 6:30am! Is it 7:00 or not??? Do a better job of providing township residents with information on how to get un-lit street lights replaced and encourage ALL residents to take ownership in calling to get these replaced by Consumers Energy.	Volunteer
Enforcement officer should enforce ordinances	Volunteer
enough parks etc. DO NOT raise taxes.. Over taxed already with higher school tax. Getting to be an expensive township with all the assessments!!!!!!	Volunteer
Expand the farmers' market to allow more vendors	Volunteer
Expand utilities to accommodate residential expansion. Improve broadband quality and speed.	Volunteer
Expansion of the township center needs to be carefully planned. Taking into account safety and traffic. SW corner of township is becoming very crowded and congested. Traffic in the core is to fast. Bikers and runners on county road, particularly around the lakes and roads with no shoulders are very hazardous.	Volunteer

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Extend sidewalks to meet up with Portage sidewalks along Q Ave.	Sample
Fire Dept coverage of Maplewood Farms using Oshtemo - approx. 2 miles away vs. Mattawan at 1.5 miles away & no hydrant costs us more money than we should pay	Sample
First of all, we moved to Texas Township to enjoy the rural/agricultural setting and those are the values important to us . We are concerned that changes/exceptions will be made to the 2 acre lot minimum and result in a completely different community dynamic, all for the sake of builders and realtors making more money. Secondly, this survey only seemed to focus very heavily on recreation (parks, bike-ways, etc.) and how to prioritize/pay for them. The questions on road maintenance are off the mark. What needs addressed is road IMPROVEMENTS, especially on main through roads, and tight traffic areas. Safe, quick, effective, access in and out of Texas Township needs thought and PROACTIVE planning for the longer term. As more "subdivisions" get built, there needs to be pre-existing and adequate access. Traffic FLOW in front of Zeb's/Stillwaters/Township Hall REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ATTENTION AND PRIORITY. Additionally, why was Big B Coffee allowed to build without accommodation for a right hand turn lane? VERY poor planning; no foresight at all! Pretty bricks in the cross walks are all well and good, but the ROAD size to handle traffic flow is what needs addressed. Beautiful ambiance is great, but AFTER the fundamentals. We need to focus on the boring old basics!!!	Volunteer
Fix poor water run-off issues on new Texas bike/ walk path. Poorly graded. Water sits on paths.	Volunteer
Fix the brown water, consistently a problem in Texas Heights neighborhood	Volunteer
Focus on maintaining high quality areas - enforce areas of blight/disrepair, focus on low-cost ways to ensure our community is pristine with high quality roads.	Volunteer
Fund balance is higher than it needs to be. Use some for proposed items	Sample
Funds must be allocated to replace septic families to savage supply	Sample
get a sidewalk along q made - it is too dangerous to ride bikes and walk both west and east of the Texas corners;	Volunteer
get back to work	Volunteer
Get paved parking at Texas dr trail way	Volunteer
Good schools and taxes!	Sample
Government at all levels is run very inefficiently. They take too much tax payers money and spend it unwise. Thank you!	Sample
Great idea to survey residents.	Volunteer
Great job w/ the paved paths by Al Sabo!!	Volunteer
Great place to live	Sample
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Happy to see development at Texas Corners. Bike/walking path on 1 please	Sample
Have all property taxes "per parcel", not based on "value"	Sample

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Have been impressed with the careful and mindful growth & development for Texas Township. Particularly like seeing the support of local businesses rather than large chains. As more commerce moves to TT, hoping it will result in more jobs and long-term stability for our community.	Volunteer
Having become increasingly disabled with advanced age, my use of the wonderful facilities provided by the Twp have been reduced. But I whole heartedly support parks & rec. Families want a community pool	Sample
Here are some additional insights into why I ranked Texas township leadership trustworthiness so low. I find it questionable that someone works at the township office while simultaneously working for a company that provides construction development services for the community (Bosch).	Volunteer
How many more accidents need to happen at Q Avenue and 10th Street before the township does something about it? At least enforce the 45 mph speed limit or possibly put a traffic light.	Sample
I am currently active duty military serving overseas, so I am not sure how much my answers will help you as have been away for over a year. I joined the military in 2016 partly because I could not find work so if any answer is worth listening to it would be anything that could bring jobs to the area. Also, I actually thought I lived in Kalamazoo. I don't know anything about Texas Township.	Sample
I am excited for 6th Street Park!	Sample
I am not really qualified to answer this - should choose another person	Sample
I am so enjoying to live in Texas Township. I do like to see some improvement in the community. I believe to use the budget wisely that it will not need any additional funding.	Volunteer
I am very much apposed to the expansion of any biking activity in Al Sabo preserve. Bikers are NOT abiding by the current rules. For instance - bikers are not supposed to go north of the land bridge. Every time I go to that part of the preserve I encounter bicyclists. I would support a total ban on mountain bikes inside the preserve, or restricting bikes to only the paved trails.	Sample
I am very satisfied living in the township, however, I have concerns about the future. Keep in mind that walkability is not only safety and presence of sidewalks but also will people walk at all. I'm concerned with the sprawling, non-dense neighborhoods outside of the Township DDA. I don't think people will walk at all if they live far physically from amenities. There are denser yet still very desirable neighborhoods elsewhere, that are even single-family dominated like East Hills, Grand Rapids. I'm worried that land use, across the township, is overlooking its impact on the many elements of walkability, instead favoring automobile convenience. I realize that the township is currently a bedroom community, but I'm anxious about the future of walkability and feasibility of good, regional public transportation in what is becoming a sprawling suburb. Furthermore, the future of rural living in the township is concerning.	Volunteer
I believe curbside leaf pickup in the fall should be considered, and leaf burning banned due to air quality and fire risk issues	Volunteer

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I believe Portage has one day a year where you can place large trash items at your curb and they will come pick it up. I understand we have dumpster days, but the couple of times I've been to it, the line is extremely long and takes longer than I would prefer to get in, drop off trash, and get out. In my opinion, it would be more ideal to place the items at your curb and have a hired service come pick them up. This would also assist for those not having the transportation means (i.e., pickup truck, trailer) to transport their large items to the dump area.	Volunteer
I believe that Texas Township is misdirecting resources on Parks. Rather than creating new open space, the 6th St park would be ideal for a new nature area. I have not had an need for fire or law enforcement assistance (Thank God!), so it is difficult for me to assess current capabilities.	Volunteer
I can't think of any! If any spring to mind I can always write to the Township office.	Volunteer
I do believe park areas enhance property values and continue to make Texas Township so desirable. Working in the real estate industry, one of the BIGGEST draws to Texas Township over Portage has been the lower taxes, every relocation for every company will be told this. Buyers then scout both Portage and Mattawan schools and make their decision based on school choice. I have had DOZENS of clients that have specifically kept their home search west of 12th Street to stay in Texas Township. Finding a way to raise funds privately, through donations, or through an event to fund the parks and trail ways could gain a lot of momentum. On the east side of Michigan, several municipalities have installed small splash pads, they have hours for residents only, and specific open hours for non-residents, cost is \$2 per child per 1 hour session. It brings loads of people to the area each and every day, all summer long, spilling over into the restaurants, ice cream shops, and more.	Volunteer
I do not appreciate having to pay, via property taxes, debt for a new school (Portage Central High School) that I did not vote for to begin with. Unfortunately, we live in a society where we tear down and build new instead of renovating/refurbishing an existing building. The fees to transfer from septic to city sewage are outrageously expensive in Texas Township (\$1,800) compared to \$600 in Portage. Why? The timing of the new traffic signals on the corner of 12th St and Centre are terrible. If you are traveling S on 12th and looking to turn left onto Centre, you are forced to wait at least a minute and then it takes additional time for the left-turn signal to light up.	Sample
I do not know anyone in the Township (except board members) that want a splash pad	Sample
I do not live here year round. Only in the summer. Not sure my opinion is much help	Sample
I enjoy living in Texas township , need leaf pickup and better internet	Volunteer
I feel as though current leadership has no interest in supporting the interests of lower income families. They are too focused on supporting policies that only benefit high income, republican agendas. I've been physically threatened by residents of Texas township because of my income status and political affiliation. It is a non welcoming place	Volunteer

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I fully support and am thankful that the sidewalks are going in along the areas of 8th and Q. I think this will make it safer and certainly more accessible for families to get to the market and other businesses via non-motorized travel. I think the connection of the Texas Township trail to the Portage Trail system past Al Sabo is great as well. These changes help to make the community more attractive to those moving in and supports recreation and an active/healthy lifestyle for our community.	Volunteer
I fully support further enhancing the parks and recreation opportunities within Texas Township.	Sample
I hate chip seal roads. They create a lot of road noise and reduces the country feel of Texas Twp. I know it is more cost effective to do this but the road noise was a lot less when the roads were asphalt paved. Also too many neighborhoods with dense housing. When I asked at the town hall 25 years ago they said all lots would be required to be around 1 acre so I built my house here, but now Allen Edwin is taking over the entire county with dense housing and need to be stopped.	Volunteer
I have been disappointed with office people who could care less about my visit to Texas Township Office	Sample
I have not fully explored all that this county has to offer. Some of my more negative feedback about not wanting to live here is mostly to do with the manufactured home park where I live, Saddlebrook Farms. I cannot wait to leave here as soon as our lease is up. The management there is lazy, dishonest, and corrupt.	Volunteer
I have only lived in Texas Township for 3 years, having recently moved in from Colorado. I am unaware of parks in the township or any other amenities that the township offers. I live in the Maplewood Farms subdivision and consider the area where I live more belonging to Mattawan than Texas Township. Perhaps some kind of community newspaper or letter that goes out on a monthly basis would be helpful in communicating all the things that Texas Township offers, events that occur within the township, and location of governmental services like police, fire, hospital, city hall, etc.	Volunteer
I like the idea of a picnic pavilion at the Texas Drive park, but without the fire pit - as I feel it is too dangerous and a liability. Our son was badly burned in such a pit when he was four years old, at a state park, due to people who had not doused their fire/coals before they left it. Otherwise, I feel many of the options and ideas are wonderful. I love living in Texas Township!	Volunteer
I live on Queen Victoria Lane and we have requested that the burned out street light bulbs be replaced for years. This needs to be completed and IT IS NOT Consumers Energy responsibility-IT IS Texas Township's responsibility as we are all paying higher property taxes in this "strong economy" and this needs to be addressed now. Please call me at 269-779-0815 as I would be glad to help coordinate the replacement of these burned out lights with the township.	Volunteer
I love all of the parks but I do feel that the maintenance of Texas drive park can be better. I find a lot of trash there which is a problem for small children, especially after sporting events or practices	Volunteer
I love living in this Township and being part of this community! I grew up here and feel so blessed to raise my children here, too, watching the community grow as we do. I really value the natural and agricultural heritage of the Township, and I very much want to see that preserved as we grow!	Volunteer

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I love our Township the way it is. I don't want to see expansion out into the country	Sample
I love this township and I am so proud to call it home.I support expanding the quality of services and amenities.	Volunteer
I need a way to get a "hidden drive" sign put up. County says they don't	Sample
I never answer questions about my (our) personal income, sorry	Sample
I really like living in Texas Township. The parks are great but I am a big advocate for increased police and fire services for the whole township. this should be a very big focus for the township to continue to move forward and advance the township to continue to be the best place to live in Kalamazoo.	Sample
I really would love to see a splash pad at Texas Drive Park, I think the residents would love it and it would definitely be worth the investment!	Sample
I strongly oppose having a single garbage collection company. We have already had issues with poor service from 2 companies and have had to change service. I do think that the township board tends to cater to the wealthier land owners around the lakes and in the planned communities. Those of us who live in the country areas benefit much less from the services of the township.	Sample
I think Texas Township needs a grocery store (not a huge Wal-Mart!) but a Harding's or something similar. The Citgo station robs you on milk and the very basics. Citgo and the liquor store could use sprucing up. I think the big 'plaza' area could improve signage, and also needs a gift shop, small home decorating/antique store. There isn't currently anything that makes you want to spend money here, but instead go to Portage. I think concerts in the park would draw families out, including those of us who are older and not using bike paths, trails, etc. Unfortunately, I think the main four corners is not appealing but that is mainly b/c of Citgo. Has there been contact with Charter Comm or another tv/internet source so that Comcast is not the only cable option? Texas Corners is growing and is beautiful - we love it here. I think there are some improvements though that always can be made.	Sample
I think the area needs to attract a grocery store. That is the only inconvenience of living in Texas Township, and the only thing I think the area is missing. We are new to the area (and to Michigan!) but have very much enjoyed our time here so far. It is a great place to live. Thank you for your hard work.	Volunteer
I think the office people should work in the township building in their office for 40 hours a week. If you leave the building not on township business then your salary should be reduced accordingly.	Volunteer
I think the township does a good job of providing services for the best possible cost to attract families and business. Always looking for ways to improve and keep moving forward. Thanks!	Volunteer
I think the township is loosing it's "rural" feel which is what attracted me to it. There are far too many houses being built. Traffic is becoming a problem. I would also like to see a dog park built. I also think bicyclist should be charged a user fee for the use of the parks as well as the roads.	Volunteer

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I think there needs to be added parking at Al Sabo. It is a safety hazard on busy days when cars park along Texas Dr. I do not want to see Texas Dr. Park over developed and especially do not want a splash pad there. I believe a splash pad would bring in a lot of non township residents and tax the infrastructure causing an increased need in township financial and manpower resources to maintain it that should be used to benefit township residents. I like the slow development of Texas Corners but want to see road signage limited so it retains a small town feel and do not want to see a McDonalds or another fast food restaurant there. Great job Texas Township!	Sample
I think we all agree that we want residents of Texas Township to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle. There is a need for an activity that gets residents of all ages away from the TV, video games, and other sedentary activities. Obesity is an epidemic. Social isolation is most often present in some of our retired residents. I heartily endorse the building of 8 pickle ball courts in the Texas Drive Park. I have done the research and the project comes in well below \$150,000. There are no day-to-day maintenance costs. It's time for Texas Township to provide the space for residents to enjoy this "fastest growing sport in America."	Volunteer
I think we need a bigger area for the farmers market.	Volunteer
I think you are doing a good job. maybe a light at 10th and Q that is only triggered by cars waiting? There's been a tremendous increase in homes built between Texas Drive and Q and infrastructure might need to catch up. Also with Rykse Market going into that shopping center there might be some congestion with people pulling into/out of that lot. thanks	Volunteer
I wish we had a library	Sample
I would like a sidewalk on 8th St from KVCC to Q Ave	Sample
I would like more businesses -- grocery stores, restaurants	Sample
I would like more information on a township contract for waste/recycling. If fees are guaranteed to be reduced, then I may consider supporting this idea.	Volunteer
I would like see the Township do less chip seal on roads and more paving. Dangerous for bikers and rock damage cars and create uncomfortable rides	Sample
I would like to add a fee or put on a ballot to have access to the libraries in Kalamazoo.	Volunteer
I would like to see a more politically diverse board.	Sample
I would like to see a walkway/path from Crooked Lake to Texas Corners	Sample
I would like to see consistent answers provided by the zoning board in interpretation of the ordinances. Could be slightly more flexible and fair with the single home owner as opposed to business and contractors who seem to be treated with favoritism.	Volunteer
I would like to see nature/bike trails closer to Mattawan.	Volunteer
I would like to see the township eliminate the monopoly of one cable and internet provider. This has allowed Comcast free reign to charge whatever they like	Sample

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<p>I would like to see the township provide deceleration/turn lanes where needed. There should be some policy that whenever a certain percent, such as 25%, of the cars are turning to the right, that a turn/deceleration lane be provided. Also, there should be pull-offs provided (every mile or so) for slow moving vehicles, farm equipment, etc. to allow other faster moving traffic to pass. The township should ask the Highway Department to install an interchange at I-94 and Fourth Street. Currently there is no interchange between Ninth Street and Mattawan exits which is quite a stretch. Installing a new interchange would open up that area and relieve pressure on the rest of the township. Also, the township should ask the Highway Department to install cloverleaves in the southeast and southwest quadrants of Exit 31 on U.S. 131 in the City of Portage. This would relieve the congestion of the west bound/north bound traffic crossover and the south bound/west bound traffic crossover which has an effect on many Texas Township residents. In the same manner, a bridge and an interchange at U.S. 131 and Romance Road would also provide a lot relief from congestion. Another possibility is to have every other road which are a mile apart be 45 Miles per hour, both North/South and East/West. That way no one would be more than a mile from a 55 mph road or a 45 mph road if they so desire. I think the township should procure more land for Hope Cemetery while it is still available. The cemetery continues to fill up. Right now there is farm land to the south of the cemetery. The township should buy another ten acres or more for future growth and to provide better access and egress - also some parking for large funerals, veteran memorials, and grave maintenance at Memorial Day. If they can't buy it now, maybe they can get an option to buy it in the future. I would also like to see the township have a park on one of the lakes.</p>	Volunteer
I would love a dog park. A community pool too	Sample
I would love to have more biking trails. Biking on the road is dangerous when you want to bike distances	Sample
I would LOVE to see a ban on all the signs at the 8th st and Q Ave corner! I think it looks trashy to have 10 signs every weekend for garage sales, expo sales and church postings. I think that corner should be banned from signs. It's been a pet peeve of mine for years!	Volunteer
I would love to see an ice rink at one of the parks.	Volunteer
I would love to see as many biking/walking trails added as possible. Safer for everyone and promotes community engagement	Sample
I would stay in this community longer term if more neighborhoods, including ours in Rudgate, had sidewalks - sidewalks encourage the building of stronger neighborhoods, increase safety, allow kids to walk to school, ride their bikes safely to friends houses, and many, many other benefits. After living here with no sidewalks for 7 years and two young children, we are actively looking to move out of Texas Township to a neighborhood with sidewalks.	Volunteer

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I would strongly recommend using more snow melting agents on Texas Drive during the winter months. It seems that from Texas Corners most of the way down Texas Drive until you reach 12th Street, it's always a sheet of 'black' ice. I've witnessed multiply accidents on this main road because of poorly treated conditions. I know this jurisdiction may not fall under Texas Township but rather Kalamazoo County Road Commission, but if you could pass this comment on to the KCRC, I'd appreciate it. Thank you.	Volunteer
I'd love to see more biking paths throughout the township	Volunteer
I'd love to see the sidewalk extended south down 8th Street to R Ave for use by 8th Street residents and the new neighborhood. 8th Street is too busy to safely walk or bike with children, and the corners have so much to offer-it would be a great way to spend an afternoon or evening going out for dinner/ice cream/movie or even a trip to the park or trails if we were able to run, walk or bike there.	Volunteer
If a general service is provided for garbage pickup weekly, I'd want to know the cost and if it is competitive with other services before I would like this.	Volunteer
If you cannot support public transportation to the college in your township, don't be surprised when the college leaves your township.	Volunteer
I'm frustrated with the process in which speed limits are set on Q Avenue. 45-50 MPH is too fast in the increasingly growing central business district and in residential areas where homes are 100 feet or less from the roadway and driveways are equally as close together. Realistically, people exceed those limits by 15% making it less safe to get in and out of businesses and residents along Q. Realistically, the speed limit on Q at 8th Street should be 35 MPH one mile each direction. People expect to be able to pass through Texas Corners as they would if they were on 131 between I-94 and the Centre St. exit. The speed limits in similar environments not on state controlled roads are far less than through Texas Corners. The laws regarding how speed limits are set in townships need to be modified. Since I've lived in Texas Township, there have been at least 4 fatalities on Q since 2009 where speed was an included factor.	Volunteer
I'm glad the Township is growing although the sudden uptick in housing seems fast and furious. I don't like the idea of Belle Meade being 55+ but I assume there was a feasibility study to ensure it's wanted/needed. I enjoy the opportunities both to call and speak with people at the Township whether in the offices or the police, etc. I feel our leadership is always willing to work with its citizens to fix issues and I appreciate that. I wish there was a dog ordinance law as the incessant barking in our neighborhood is unfair and violates the noise regulations. My kids and I wake up every single morning and night 5 a.m. & after midnight because of the dogs. I know it bothers many people. I also wish there were leash laws for dogs in their front yards. I am constantly chased by dogs who are in their yards, off leash. If there was a law requiring a leash that wouldn't be an issue. It's unfair to residents.	Volunteer
I'm not a fan of HOAs and there seems very little choices to get a home here without being in a highly restrictive HOA.	Volunteer
I'm uncomfortable using the new Texas Dr Trails, wouldn't walk alone. Young people in hammocks, camping put me off	Sample
Increase marine patrols on lakes.	Volunteer

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Internet service needs competition (apple gate). \$50 for basic internet is way to high. Consider community-wide internet (WAN or whatever). This would save everybody money!	Volunteer
Is there any consideration of regaining the Eagle Lake access as township property and promoting a clean lake philosophy? such as adding a fee to use the ramp and swim area to cover maintenance costs?	Volunteer
It is time to reconsider Library services. It is disgraceful that Texas Twp has no affiliation with any local library!! As county resident and elder I can use KPL downtown and do so, but I have paid thousands to use the Portage District Library in the 40 years I have lived here. I use the library downtown or in Oshtemo if I need a certain book, but Portage is far closer. I figure that my family's late fees paid for a significant chunk of that "new" roof on the addition to that library. Libraries are community hubs and play a critical part in maintaining community cohesiveness--our township is so spread out it lacks a center, both architecturally and socially. Recently the Farmers Market seems to have provided a venue and opportunity to gather, but only in the summer.	Volunteer
It is unsafe that the road bikers have a free for all on the already dangerous roads for vehicles. I think that road bikers need to be not allowed on certain roads in Texas Township. It's unsafe for everyone. We also need to be conscientious of the rapid growth in our community. We need to be mindful of how fast its growing. It's currently small but spacious. Part of the appeal of where we live is we have our space and can drive to town. I don't want the town to come to me. We have enough businesses in the Texas Corners area and I think it would be unappealing to expand more. We have all essential services. Also, half of the stone from stoning 6th St. South is in my front yard and the road is extremely bumpy and filled with loose stone. What is up with that?	Volunteer
It seems that our downtown is taking on an "urban sprawl" type of look. I think it would be better if the township would create a more beautiful downtown rather than just random new buildings. I am not confident in the strip mall buildings that are existing and that are currently being built. It feels kind of cheap and I wonder what kind of clientele this will eventually bring in. Not knowing the details but just looking at the buildings it seems that there doesn't seem to be a structured plan in place for the development of the main street space. I personally think the township should focus on curating a tightly developed downtown center that is beautiful and small. What we see today is more like random popups of buildings and this just doesn't feel quaint or pretty. I suppose the drive for money is behind these apparent "random" developments so that is understandable. However proper management of the funds should include a proper plan.	Volunteer
It would be great if there were more than one Leaf Day, or if the day were later in the season.	Volunteer
It would be nice to have a junk pick up day outside your home like they do in Portage instead of having to haul it to a certain spot only during a certain time.	Volunteer
It would be nice to have a sidewalk from downtown Texas Township to the highway allowing bikes to travel safely. I have seen bikes almost obliterated traveling West Q Ave at 6:30 in the morning from drivers driving too fast and not paying attention. Parents having to drive their kids to the end of their driveways and waiting in a vehicle to keep their kids safe while waiting for a bus. When is a driver texting, hitting one of these young kids going to wake people up.	Volunteer

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it would be nice to have some type of leaf removal 1-2 times in the fall and some type of bulk trash removal at least 2-3 times per year. I feel like we don't get many services for the taxes that we pay.	Volunteer
Its a massive conflict of interest to have Richard Bosch on the planning commission AND designing Texas Corners. He is directly making money based on his presence on the board.	Volunteer
Just because you have it doesn't mean you must spend it. Constraint is not a bad thing	Sample
Keep doing a great job, love seeing the community coming together to enjoy the township	Volunteer
Keep safe traffic patterns in mind for new developments and access ways, especially near Texas corners which is already busy	Volunteer
Keep taxes low	Sample
Keep up the good work on being a progressive township.	Sample
Keep up the good work!	Volunteer
Keep up the good work!	Sample
keep up the good work...thank you	Volunteer
Keeping an open mind to costs, to concerns. Don't let a certain 'few' determine what is best for Texas Township. Keep in mind 'what is best for the whole community, not a select few.	Volunteer
Larger area of paved parking at township office.	Volunteer
Law enforcement catching speeders on West OP Ave, its still residential	Sample
Leaf pickup/brush pickup. Spring cleaning pickup	Sample
Legacy costs of maintaining what we already have will soon outpace current expenses. We are barely covering the cost of maintaining roads now. Safety and infrastructure should be primary concerns, not increasing future obligations that can only be covered with more taxes	Volunteer
Lets conserve better. As retired people, the taxes are already too much	Sample
Library services	Sample
Library services would be great!	Sample
Live in condo by Al Sabo Trail - love where we live!!	Sample
Living on 10th street south of Q, I see a lot of people walking or cycling on 10th street. I think marketing a trail or improvement for biking and walking here (and really anywhere in the Township) could benefit from pointing out the safety to the cyclists/walkers and the convenience to motorists.	Volunteer
Love all the new side walks connecting the community to the parks and business. Great for families and spending more at the businesses! Thank you!!!	Volunteer
Love it here	Sample
Love living in Texas Township!	Sample
Love the new sidewalks and biking trails. Can't wait for the sidewalks to be completed.	Sample

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<p>Low taxes are a big benefit of living here. I would encourage outsourcing and creativity before increasing taxes. A person parcel assessment is a good solution and easier to chew if additional funding is needed for parks that make our community a desirable place to live. I am not knowledgeable on economic development currently being done in the twp., But I would love to see more businesses and restaurants in our community. Whatever can be done to generate growth and not hinder development would be a positive. I would like to see the twp stay pro-growth and pro-business and not try and hinder businesses like Oshtemo.</p>	Volunteer
<p>Maintaining and improving roads is more important than new parks and sidewalks to nowhere.</p>	Volunteer
<p>Make better use of our tax dollars</p>	Sample
<p>Many residents can't use parks due to health reasons, so dumping more money is a waste to taxpayers</p>	Sample
<p>More of a downtown</p>	Volunteer
<p>More pickle ball courts</p>	Volunteer
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<p>More should be done to share and fund services with other municipalities</p>	Sample
<p>Most of the ideas presented take away from the beauty & simplicity of rural living, which is already eroding</p>	Sample
<p>My 25 mph road is unsafe for me and my family because people regularly drive 35-45 mph. Calls to Township and police department have yielded no results in speed enforcement. Maricopa Trail</p>	Sample
<p>My biggest concern is unbridled, inefficient, NOT smart growth in Texas Township. Entities like AVB with the help of misguided township officials (some of whom have ties to construction businesses) are insistent on converting Texas Township from a beautiful rural community into a Disneyland of mini-malls, banks, and unsightly subdivisions. Example: AVB "Marshes" construction that is beginning on corner of R Avenue and 8th Street. Community overwhelmingly expressed opposition to this subdivision during township meeting and yet project was already formulated and approved behind the scenes to grant an exemption to AVB from the agricultural zoning restrictions. These agricultural zoning restrictions are put in place to protect the rural character of Texas Township. This exemption threatens the integrity of the agriculture zone and makes residents of the area feel anxious about further disruptive and destructive planning decisions. I am in favor of individual families building individual homes on individual properties but opposed to AVB and other builders attempting to get rich by constructing cookie cutter subdivision homes en masse, destroying green space and wildlife habitat, creating more traffic, increasing reliance on automobiles (I commute by bicycle everyday) and ultimately converting Texas Township into a suburban extension of Portage and Kalamazoo. We need a smarter approach and honest local leaders who don't seek to profit from this wholesale conversion of our land into a subdivision and mini-mall haven. Thank you for reading and the opportunity to express my views. I hope you implement my ideas before it is too late.</p>	Sample

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My biggest two complaints are that we have to pay to use the library, and that larger items are hard to dispose of, and the cost to pickup one item is expensive. There should be one pickup cost for multiple items. There needs to be a better method of disposing of unwanted items.	Volunteer
My perception is that the Township officials and staff work very hard to provide constant improvement in all areas. One key to the future will be to continue to be forward thinking. Residents will support improvements if they perceive added value and a compelling story is presented.	Volunteer
My water is so bad, there is "rust" mold forming in my toilet tanks:(I clean my toilets weekly with bleach and must add bleach to the inside of the toilet tank and let soak to avoid the red staining. I had my water professionally tested and was told not to drink it. I complained to the water department and was told it is safe to drink.	Volunteer
Mystic Estates plat roads are in very bad shape . No shoulder on S 4th street with too high rate of speed . Would like road repairs and drop the speed limit to 45 as it travels through residential areas.	Volunteer
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Need a recycling service for Texas Township	Sample
Need a trail on natural beautiful road "R" Ave for bikers and walkers. Many use it but too many vehicles flying over blind hills	Sample
Need another siren for emergencies. The one at firehouse cannot be heard in parts of Colony Woods (close to 12th St)	Volunteer
Need more than 1 shred day	Volunteer
Need to attract more businesses. Please continue to use dollars wisely. Great effort overall by our elected officials.	Volunteer
Need to have more options for cable/internet. Comcast is terrible!	Sample
Need to increase street lighting/re-assess speed limits by bike trails due to safety concerns. Consider adding emergency call boxes at some set distances for emergency purposes	Sample
Need to slow traffic speed in the corners. With all the added walking investment, please encourage the county to reduce speed to 25 mph. Also, we need some kind of grocery store to support the community.	Volunteer
Need transfer/dump station, library, leaf and brush pick up	Sample
Needed ambulance, maybe due to injury, but ambulance came from hospital when ambulances are located 1-2 miles from us, some with fire stations - all around us but truck would come all the way from over by Mena	Sample
New township hall with more parking	Volunteer

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New younger planning commissioner is a welcome sight to the old establishment for the township. Put tax revenue to work on projects that improve the infrastructure our community; water mains/sewer and road improvement. Responsible zoning to keep green spaces and attractive development; unlike the Rykse's building that is an eyesore to close to Q Ave covered in tin roofing material. This is exactly the type of irresponsible planning that will turn this community into Mattawan.	Volunteer
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No more neighborhoods. Large parcels only	Sample
No one enforces fence rules or parking of mobile homes, boats etc., so why write them into subdivision rules? I could not afford to buy into Texas Township today. It is too bad the condominiums behind ACE Hardware are going to be so expensive. It feels like the Township is selectively picking people with money to live here.	Volunteer
No option listed for site condo projects. Road fee when they maintain their own roads. Need a fairer system.	Volunteer
No other comments	Volunteer
No strip malls or businesses with parking in the front on Q. Would like the Corners to be more downtown with businesses on the street. maybe consider a parking structure. Don't turn into portage or Oshtemo	Volunteer
No thanks	Volunteer
No thanks	Volunteer
No, generally the township is doing a good job.	Volunteer
No, thank you	Volunteer
No, thank you	Volunteer
Noise code enforcement in neighborhoods (continuous loud music and power mowing/loud power tools during late summer hours and continuous hour-long dog barking. Burning code enforcement of not burning leaves/garbage in township. We were told, after calling, that these are issues we need to deal with ourselves. Do you really want that type of confrontation in neighborhoods of your township? These are problems in our neighborhood that we have called about (more than once) and been told that personnel will not deal with these issues in Texas Township. If these are indeed ordinances of our township, why will they not be enforced?	Volunteer
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Not enough options on this survey. In some cases None, or Not Applicable should have been choices. I love living here. When we moved here, keeping our "rural" status was a big concern. I know we are past that, but keeping us as "rural" as possible would make me happy.	Volunteer

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not happy with development of new subdivisions, set limits on current subdivision expansions.. lower speed between dance studio and township hall	Volunteer
Not in favor of anything that causes any more increases in taxes	Sample
nothing to add	Volunteer
Now that there are many more neighborhoods branching off of Q Avenue, as well as bus stops, lowering the speed limit to 35 - 40 MPH would provide a safer and quieter environment for our community	Volunteer
Now that we have sidewalk from the Texas heights neighborhood entrances down to the corners, it would be nice if some sidewalk was added along the main roads in the neighborhood to connect with the sidewalk in the more recent back portion of the development - where there is a decent sized network of sidewalk that isn't linked to anything. It would also be nice to see the sidewalk extended up Q to the Boyne St Entrance.	Volunteer
Numerous fatal accidents at corner of Q Ave & 10th St. Nothing done by Township. Vegetation/trees overgrowth prohibit clear vision. Landowner on northwest corner has logs that limit cutting of high brush. Please do something, people are in fatal accidents here. Speed limits should be lower or enforced.	Sample
Object to question 31 none of the answers apply, Its a rigged question. I OBJECT TO A PARCEL FEE!! Object to question 32 I would select all not just 2 Object to income range question, see no bearing on this info for this survey	Volunteer
office should be open 5 days a week. needs to be more parking t Al Sabo. Would like a public beech on Eagle Lake. need better communication / enforcement of political, yard sale and small business signs.	Volunteer
On the right track when you discuss budget priorities! All government should prioritize spending	Sample
Our family is really looking forward to the splash pad. Also, the sidewalks should be expanded THROUGHOUT the township, not just around the subdivisions...we ALL pay taxes, even us on the outskirts, and our kids would like sidewalks too.	Volunteer
Per #12: We are in process of moving already, to Northern Michigan	Sample
Please add doggie doo-do stations (bags) along trail ways.	Volunteer
Please allow chickens without an Exceptional Use Request form. Or make the exceptional use request form cheaper. It is too expensive to pay \$1200 to apply for a special exception use application for chickens.	Volunteer
Please connect Colony Woods residents to downtown Texas Corners with sidewalks, etc. It would be great to walk or bike ride to the businesses and farmer's market.	Volunteer
Please develop Texas Corners further, and keep chains to a minimum to maintain community character.	Volunteer
Please don't let our community become overrun with cheap Edwin Allen homes. It's nice and quiet out here; if I wanted to live in Portage, I would live in Portage.	Volunteer
Please expand Texas Drive park to have a splash pad and updated equipment!	Volunteer
Please get Spectrum internet and cable! Current choices are terrible! :)	Volunteer

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Please implement a township wide leaf burning ban with a high financial penalty for non-compliance! There is no good reason to burn leaves! Driving through the township in the fall and choking on leaf smoke or trying to sleep at night while its coming into your home from inconsiderate neighbors is infuriating! It was so nice in portage not having to deal with this!	Volunteer
Please include library access in property taxes (maybe build library @ Township Site) and please provide one large trash pickup day at resident's homes. 6th St only benefits people with trucks	Sample
Please keep as rural community....stop large housing developments. They might make money for developers but cost us in quality of life. Way too much traffic for our infrastructure to handle...try living/biking/walking on Q ave as I do....	Volunteer
Please keep the township a small, low key, unpretentious community. Lets not fix or change things that are not broken and do not need fixing. I moved to Texas Township because I liked it the way is was.	Volunteer
Please limit Allen Edwin developments, need to solve parking for trail so cars don't park along Texas Dr - very dangerous	Sample
Please limit garbage collection to one provider (at no higher cost...) and encourage schools to plan bus routes to minimize bus travel on our streets and roads to lessen road damage.	Volunteer
Please market communities to attend better	Sample
Please more sidewalks and bike paths. Also need a traffic light at 10th and Q	Sample
please put up signs near al sabo/new paved trail for no parking. direct those visitors to the Texas dr parking lot. it is so dangerous having those cars on Texas drive. I would support adding bike trails to roads as it is currently dangerous with the bikes using the country roads. I would also love more walking trails as I live on a street where people drive way too fast and it is dangerous. There is barely a shoulder to walk on let alone distance from the cars. more businesses down town like shops, restaurants. there is very little there that I would seek out.	Volunteer
Please resurface Queen Victoria Ln. We have been waiting 5 years after crack-sealer was sprayed	Sample
Please support/encourage currently unembellished areas through dog walking/goat grazing!	Sample
Police neighborhoods. No one stops at stop signs. We are moving to Kzoo as we are tired of the snobby entitled neighbors here. People suck here and we are out.	Sample
post a speed limit on 4th St. 55mph is too fast for the increased traffic.	Volunteer
Potholes and road fixes seem to be cheaply done. There has got to be something that lasts longer which may cost more up front but cheaper in the long run. I notice many sewer drains are getting backed up more than ever. Some of it due to careless citizens who rake grass/leaves to the roadside (I guess expecting someone to remove?), but some are just not maintained or still covered with some sort of landscape material from when installed. In the cold months it is dangerous for slipping and in warm months a breeding ground for mosquitoes.	Volunteer
Preserving the rural nature of the Township ought to be priority #1	Sample

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Priorities 1) participate in county wide public transportation system) create parking or sidewalks in some combination which discourages bike groups from using Tx Sr park as parking - frequent unsafe traffic 3) work with County to improve water quality 4) develop Twp Emergency preparedness plan fro support disabled persons or others with limited mobility	Volunteer
Privatize Eagle Lake or at least limit public access to safe levels of occupancy of the lake.	Volunteer
Property taxes too high for what we get back.	Volunteer
Publish or put up enforcement/laws for bikes on the road	Sample
Put a fence around junk yard on 6th St	Sample
Put an end to burning of leaves & trash! small, contained, recreational bonfires are acceptable. Constant burning of leaves and trash increase air pollution and are detrimental to residents with respiratory problems. Make it easier/ less costly to apply for zoning variances. Support small farmers/ community agriculture. Pay attention to areas of the township outside the "township center" of Q Ave/ 8th St. area. This township has a lot of residents besides those in the McMansions around the lakes areas.	Sample
Queen Victoria Ln has been on the list to resurface for five years. Upon call, they say next year	Sample
RE: Trash pickup at least request same day pickup from all providers as does certain areas of Portage. Perhaps all Township residents would support that???	Sample
Relocate Farmer's Market - more space and parking	Sample
Remove animal (like chicken) restrictions for properties with adequate space (i.e. 1 acre?) We're in residential zoning but can't have animals even though our neighbor can just because they were grandfathered in? Doesn't make sense	Sample
Safer biking would be helpful.	Volunteer
Safety warning lights at Street Crossings	Sample
SB 12th St traffic turning L onto Centre St needs more time to turn. And WB traffic on Centre St turning L to SB 12th St inhibits traffic attempting to turn NB onto 12th St.	Volunteer
See attached letter	Sample
See letter	Sample
Send Texas Township news to my neighborhood (Mystic Estates) like you do to Applegate	Sample
Sidewalks really enhance a community in so many ways-- it helps local business, promotes healthy exercise, and keeps the community safe	Volunteer
Since allowing so many new houses, need to address the low water pressure in the morning and also the 12th street Q avenue traffic. Water pressure this morning was so low I am concerned it would provide enough pressure for adequate firefighting. Why did the township leadership decide to cave and let developers pack in houses like sardines?	Volunteer

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<p>Since moving to my condo from my large home, large lot, and pond in Mattawan, I have been extremely disappointed in the cost of my taxes which are considerably more for my small condo than for my large home. My wages are going down, my health insurance costs are increasing and I'm a single mom with two kids in college. I just had to discontinue my cable as it was the only non-essential cost in my budget. I wish government would have to tighten their belts instead of just expecting people to pay more. I had to speak with the assessor at one point who had my condo classified wrongly. My experience with him was poor. He was unprofessional and condescending. I love my condo but wish I could move it out of Texas Township and back to Mattawan where my taxes were less for a house over 3 X's the size of my condo.</p>	Volunteer
<p>Slow the growth. We moved here to be out of the city. Not become one.</p>	Volunteer
<p>Snow shoveling services are inadequate</p>	Sample
<p>Some of the questions wanted to know how to pay for certain projects. There wasn't an option to pay for projects with existing funds with no increase in taxes or assessments.</p>	Volunteer
<p>Something needs to be done about the bicyclists using our roads for their tours. They are inconsiderate of residents trying to drive anywhere while they are riding 2-4 abreast on our hilly roads. It scares me to come to the top of a hill and find one immediately in front of me. They need a flag or something so they can be visible from a distance.</p>	Volunteer
<p>Speed limit of 50 on Q needs to be reduced when entering 4 Corners. I love Texas Township</p>	Sample
<p>Speed on Texas Drive needs to be reduced and restrict passing due to increased neighborhoods, kids and Texas Drive pathway crossing Texas Drive</p>	Sample
<p>Spend less money on biking and more money on road maintenance</p>	Volunteer
<p>Stop adding subdivisions. Building way to many homes. The traffic is really getting bad.</p>	Volunteer
<p>Stop building the ridiculous sidewalks leading to nowhere and crooked!!! Keep a very close eye on the Robert's builders because of their conflict of interest with employees at TT. Keep the rural feel to TT and don't go overboard with building large neighborhoods and businesses.</p>	Volunteer
<p>Taxes are too high for crummy roads. We have streets falling apart in front of my house, don't need a bike path!</p>	Sample
<p>Taxes are way higher than they should be, cut something</p>	Sample
<p>Texas Corners Farmers Market is too clustered, Corners traffic is already a problem. Move it to 6th Street. New restaurant in front of Fletcher's is a disappointment. The design does not meet the community and it's too close to the road. Is there more of this look coming to diminish our neighborhood? If Twp leaders and developers cannot recognize this I have a hard time trusting them to add/develop/invest approving further infrastructure. You have comments about water/sewer. What about those that cannot get natural gas. Your website is growing/improving however there are still challenges in finding items, broken down in categories. Those developing, designing and building in our area for their own profit should not be on boards, commissions, committees that establish their income levels. Our Twp govt has a scandalous appearance.</p>	Volunteer

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Texas Corners is becoming too commercialized and all the new sidewalks are a waste of money. The construction at and around that corner for all the sidewalk work disrupts the traffic flow and the orange construction barrels that have been in/laying around the roadways for over 9 months is an eyesore to the community. Also, the maintenance of the growing weeds around the new sidewalk areas need to be properly maintained. Too much commercialism in what was once a quaint, little community.	Volunteer
Texas corners is very busy and I'm afraid something awful is going to happen with current pedestrian and traffic patterns (cars pulling in and out of gas stations and Zeb's). Speed limit should be reduced on Q ave from 6th st to colony woods.	Sample
Texas Drive Park is used by many sports teams so I think the fields should remain! Tennis courts would be a great addition though	Sample
Texas Drive traffic is much too fast for the residential nature of the area. Especially with crossings for pedestrians and bikes for the new trail way it is an accident waiting to happen. Please reduce the speed limit and strictly enforce it. Cars come out of the circle at 12th street and accelerate very quickly. It is extremely dangerous.	Volunteer
Texas drive/ q Ave could benefit from having wider shoulders for foot traffic and bikes	Volunteer

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<p>Texas Township is a "bedroom community" meaning very few people are employed within the Township. Accordingly protecting property values is a very important aspect of living in Texas Township. The township has a rural rather than suburban appeal so parks and facilities are less important. It would make more sense for the Texas Township to work cooperatively with other adjacent communities to develop an improved parks and recreational system. Cost sharing would reduce costs and provide better facilities. Parks also need to be used more as many times I drive by parks and they are empty. Having less not more parks with those remaining park have a great level of facilities and activities would probably improve their usage, With regard refuse service being centralized by township I am 100% behind this process change. While the current refuse collection process is suppose to be competitive across the 3-4 service providers it is not. Prices, while not colluded, are generally followed after a "pricing leader" announces an increase followed by the other soon increasing the prices accordingly to the percentage of increase charged by the "price leader". Also why is their a cost for recycling when many communities now see this as a revenue generator that yields a positive cash flow. Lastly, the "fuel surcharge" enacted several years ago by all service providers is a hoax and just another fee charged to increase only profits. I say this because the service providers general have "hedge" contracts with their fuel providers that fix their fuel prices. Additionally, if fuel surcharges are used, such as in the trucking industry, they are set against a baseline fuel cost with increases/decrease determined by a index published by the government. The private service providers only provided increases in the fuel surcharges and when the fuel prices dropped their fuel surcharges mysteriously disappeared off of their invoices. Should this concern someone? All of the above said, I believe it would be an excellent situation for the township to contract ONE refuse/recycle provider to a fixed period, fixed price contract for each homeowner. The contract would be determined by open bidding process with all contract and service requirements defined in the bid package. That service invoices could be billed/paid quarterly or annually by either the township (who would pay the provider) or directly by the awarded service provider. Another option would be to incorporate the semi-annual charge into the tax bill. Lastly with cost becoming a concern for many communities, townships/cites/etc. should consolidation of service and eliminate duplication of administration, management and officials. By consolidating services costs could be reduced as proven time and again by companies who acquire other companies followed by their elimination of redundant staffing. Privatization of some services, other than police and fire, can help but only if the township staffs a certified purchasing manager that can not only get costs under control but could also drive cost reductions. Cost reductions have been the way of life in the private sector which has been requiring price reductions on all acquisitions year-over-year. It is a key performance indicator in all private companies. It is time for the public sector to begin to adopt this philosophy. If not time will provide many more example of budget situations similar to Detroit or now the State of Illinois.</p>	Volunteer
Texas Township is a pleasant place to live	Sample
Texas township is becoming corrupt as portage.	Volunteer
Texas Township needs to adopt a 5-foot ordinance for automobiles passing bicycles on the road, as was passed in Oshtemo Twp. and City of Kalamazoo!	Volunteer
Thank you for all you do to make living here great!	Volunteer
Thank you for sidewalks at Q and 8th. Need reduced speed on Q.	Sample

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Thank you for the opportunity to share my opinion	Sample
Thank you for the opportunity to share my opinion. We love living in Texas Township!	Volunteer
Thank you for this opportunity to participate in the survey -- post the results on your website	Sample
Thank you! Let's continue to build our community and encourage people to eat healthy and get more exercise!	Volunteer
Thanks for Asking , but this should also be a hard copy for people to answer. Not just on computer	Volunteer
Thanks for offering the survey.	Volunteer
Thanks for the opportunity to share our opinions.	Volunteer
Thanks for the sidewalks!	Sample
Thank-you for this survey! Nice idea for input to the elected officials.	Sample
The "downtown district" looks thrown together and does not make sense.	Volunteer
The Al Sabo Trail way is an amazing addition to our community! Well done!! More of this please!	Sample
The amount of bike traffic on Texas drive is unsafe considering the current road conditions. A significant amount of bikers park at Texas Drive park and it limits the available parking spots for residents. Considering the amount of paved trail ways in our community and the surrounding area it is frustrating to deal with the amount of bikers on a daily basis during spring, summer, and fall. I would like to see the township address this issue. The bikes belong on the trail ways not a busy 55 mile per hour road.	Volunteer
The Board should listen to all sides of any issue before making any changes within the community BEFORE going ahead with projects and then it would be appreciated if Board Members would NOT be RUDE when asked questions or commented to.	Volunteer
The codes that allowed Ryske two story restaurant was a very bad decision. We don't need something that obtrusive. Would love to see a small grocery store come in at the main intersection, like near The dentist/ family video.	Sample
The condominium development along with Rykses is a slap in the face to taxpayers in Texas Heights. It is going to increase cut-through traffic on Texas Heights Ave. and Interlochen and ruins the bucolic nature of the Township. We need speed bumps on Texas Heights and Interlochen like the one's in Kalamazoo County that slow down traffic in the SE neighborhood adjacent to the intersection of Drake and W. Main. Only a matter of time until someone is killed.	Volunteer
The confidential shredding is a good benefit....would like to see it 3X a year.	Volunteer
The cross walk on Texas Drive near Al Sabo and Texas drive Park is a dangerous crossing. Please fix	Volunteer
The expansion of the trail system through Al Sabo park was very nice. A walking trail / foot bridge to KVCC from the park could be improved.	Volunteer
The focus areas of Twp projects do not touch on the outlying subdivisions such as Autumn Woods and or Mystic Trails. Creating a safe pathway to the center of Texas Twp. would allow many more people to access the services of the Twp. on foot or by bike. A path connecting N Avenue and 6th Street to the "center" and focus areas of the Twp would be well received and supported by many.	Volunteer

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The Ice Cream Company vehicle that plays "Summer Song" should be eliminated in subdivisions; it is very annoying!	Sample
THE LAKE ASSESSMENTS ARE TOO HIGH.	Sample
The land value that is placed on acreage in this township that is unusable and not sell-able is ridiculous, had I know 10 acres of unusable land out here was going to be taxed at 150K in value I would have looked elsewhere to move.	Sample
The plaza that has Bold in it is so underutilized and it's an eye sore for the township. It's not visually stimulating and there's so much potential on that corner and it doesn't offer anything for its community. It's a disappointing use of a great space.	Volunteer
The policy of barking dogs in neighborhood should be published and carried out	Sample
The policy on allowing chickens as backyard pets/food (egg) source should match others in the County	Sample
The Rykse's structure is too large for the location.	Volunteer
The speed of how people travel down op avenue is very dangerous.	Volunteer
The split board based on political preference is extremely disappointing	Sample
The Texas Corners lighting is not Dark Skies compliant and is too bright for drivers passing through the area at night and re-entering the dark surrounding roads. Downward shielding lighting would be more effective and not shine in drivers eyes.	Volunteer
The township board has been very accepting of resident comments during board meetings and supportive of special projects. The township staff has been very helpful in my dealings with them over the past year. The special road assessment (previous board) - I'm not a fan. I would like to see verification that TT still receives a proportionate project work from the road commission and that our special assessment adds benefit instead of redirects county funds elsewhere. A previous board moved from 1 parcel plus 3 contiguous vacant parcels to all parcels pay equally the \$60 without public comment. Again - that was a previous board. The ZBA is overly restrictive and does not accommodate special situations as well as neighboring boards. It is getting better with the departure of some previous members, but the ZBA is too inflexible. Am anxious to see the adoption of a Waterfront zoning district that takes into account the special conditions around lakes and creates a more fair minimum size and frontage compared to the Residential districts.	Volunteer
The township fails to provide no-fee access to any public library in the area. To obtain library access, residents of the township are forced to pay excessive fees to libraries outside of the township.	Sample
the township needs to make more rules regarding the noise level and parties that are allowed to continue late into the night with no regard for neighbors and complete disrespect for them. we have people screaming outside until 1 or 2 am in the morning and it goes on all summer long. there should be some kind of literature mailed out stating the noise rules and cut off time for these drinkers and their constant parties.	Volunteer
The township needs to offer sewer hook ups in Bay Ridge subdivision. Also, I love the parks and trails in the community. They are an essential to my quality of life in the area. We need more parking at Al Sabo and a plan to improve foot trails in Al Sabo as well as a plan to control invasive species over taking the preserve.	Volunteer

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The township office staff who works with building permits are difficult to work with and take far too much time to ready permits. Not being open on Fridays does not help with expediency of readying permits and having inspection done. Builders work many times according to the weather and the township processes hold jobs up from being completed many times.	Sample
The township should evaluate a single company doing yard waste, recycling, and garbage collection. The township may be able to negotiate a better deal than individuals can. If it costs less or provides better service, I would be in favor of using a single company. If a single company provides no benefit, than I would rather stick to my current service. One advantage of a single service would be that in any neighborhood we would have noisy trucks one morning a week and not 3 or 4 mornings as we do now.	Volunteer
The Township taxes are very reasonable, but the much greater amount that we pay for school taxes and special assessments makes me hesitant to support an increased tax load.	Volunteer
There are items on this survey that concern personal questions and see no value in asking them	Volunteer
there should be a noise ordinance for fireworks.	Sample
This could be an almost idealistic place to live however there are glaring conflicts of interest amongst township leadership that need to be addressed regarding their policy support/positions and own personal financial gain. That is as mildly as it can be stated. I am not accusing anyone of anything illegal, but it's close and should be watched with a keen eye.	Volunteer
This is a waste of money as we don't know answers	Sample
This questionnaire is way too long	Sample
This survey design is difficult to read with the heavy gray and white contrasting lines.	Volunteer
This survey does not mention lighting. The township needs to seriously consider the upgraded and up to date lighting needs of the entire community.	Volunteer
This survey was too long & involved	Sample
This used to be a pleasant, quiet place to live. Now we are catering to developers, real estate agents & other like interests & losing our beloved, quiet farming type community, unfriendly atmosphere	Sample
Those who want parks & trails should pay for them. Use taxes. Lake properties & rural properties have little interest in those amenities. Most of the Township properties are rural in terms of Township area	Sample
Too many parked cars along Texas drive from people using the al sabo trail way. Need more off street parking.	Volunteer
township hall needs improvement, old, tired and out of date	Volunteer
Township needs to enforce codes and restrictions that are already in place.	Volunteer
Township offices should be open 8 hours/days, 5 days/week	Sample
Township should consider owning snow removal & plow program. Kzoo County is not good	Sample
Township should enforce ordinances i.e. too many weekend rentals on lakes causing problems with residents	Sample

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Try to keep vagrants from camping, building fires and littering in the Al Sabo preserve.	Volunteer
Was so disappointed to find out (after moving here) that there is no library to use without paying a lot of money to buy a library card.	Volunteer
We appreciate your undertaking this survey! So glad you want to know what we want and think	Sample
We are incredibly concerned about the trees that cover the road on 8th Street. We have witnessed several potentially lethal accidents involving downed tree branches, and have grown to fear driving down this road now even during normal weather conditions. There has to be tax allocation that allows for the trimming back of the dead branches threatening to drop onto 8th Street. With the reported deaths in other counties this past year from downed tree branches hanging over roads, it seems imperative that something is done quickly. It would be horrible to have something happen to someone from something that is 100% preventable. Please do something about this. We are happy to see a tax increase if it means the branches are cleared. Also, we love the new sidewalks and are very appreciative. However, the brush has not been cleared off 8th Street (at the Inverness development down to the first set of shops). The trees were cut back to allow for the completion of the sidewalk, but all the brush was just left there and has been there almost a year. It looks awful and detracts from the beauty of the new sidewalks that were laid.	Volunteer
We believe that the best way to ensure that Texas Township continues to be a preferred community to live and work in is by keeping taxes low and regulations to a minimum.	Volunteer
We enjoy living here, would like to see a safe walking/bike path along Q Ave from 12th Street to 8th Street. For safety, lower the speed limit on Q Ave from 55 to 45, there are too many pedestrians and/or bikes sharing the road to support the higher speed limit.	Volunteer
We have enjoyed our living in Texas Township but at our oage we don't do much interaction with many of the facilities mentioned in this survey. We tend to be pretty much status quo people.	Volunteer
We have enough biking and walking areas, use money elsewhere	Sample
We have loved living in this community. Taxes are at a good level. Restaurants are great but I question the new Rykses Restaurant plopped in front of the strip mall. It's not very attractive. I also think the farmers market is nice but many of the items are too expensive for what you get.	Volunteer
We have not lived here long enough to be able to answer most of the questions. In our short time here, less than 1 week, we have already had issues with our city water....when we moved in, it was clear, then brown and now yellow. The water company indicated there was an issue, but clearly it isn't fully resolved.	Volunteer
We in the South half of Texas Twp moved here to get away from the City. Please do not open it up to businesses, new subdivisions. Keep farms and 10+ acre parcels	Sample
We like the improvements that you have been making. Keep up the good work! Need fall leaf pickup!	Sample
We live between Texas Corners and Mattawan and would love to see more non-motorized connections to the West. Roadways are not safe as is	Sample

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We live on West P Avenue and it is very unsafe for pedestrian walkers and bicyclists to travel on our road. it is a high traffic area with little to no attention paid to accommodate pedestains and bicyclist safety. Our street is hilly with sharp curves with dangerous short sight visibility. We would like a safe place to the side of the road for pedestrians and even bicyclists to travel if they need to move off to the side of the road for any reason avoiding poison ivy and steep shoulder drop off.	Volunteer
We love it here!	Sample
We love it here! Been here 43 years, experienced Wilber's and McDonalds on 9th Street as big deals!	Volunteer
We love it here! It would be nice to have a larger bike path on Texas Drive leading down to the Al Sabo area. It get's a little dicey trying to bike along the side of the road with speeding cars.	Volunteer
We love living in Texas Township. The newest bike trails are great - we use them often and I go to the Famer's Market every week.	Volunteer
We love our community. We wish to have a safe trail/bike system to get to Texas Corners & Mattawan. Q is unsafe to run, walk or ride	Sample
We love the community and encourage continued investment.	Volunteer
We love the continued development between downtown businesses and community connectivity. We would love to see an extension of safe sidewalks/bike paths between downtown and subdivisions west. We do think that our road systems need some serious work and maintenance focus.	Volunteer
We love the township. We hope to see it become more bike friendly. With three young children it's difficult to bike safely when there are no sidewalks.	Volunteer
We moved here for the country space. Texas Township seems to be all about developing and adding more to the Township. When you add more businesses and houses, you are taking away the open space and farm land. I am not in favor of developing more land in the Texas Corners area. We moved here knowing there was not a grocery store here. I don't need one. Plus, with all the new houses and businesses, you should be getting more tax dollars and just maintain existing parks/ trails. We don't want this little bit of country to become a Westnedge Avenue. Keep the open spaces open please. Help farmers keep their land as farm land. The grape vineyards/pastures are shrinking. Help keep them here. Thank you	Volunteer
We need a public library! We have to currently pay another Township to use theirs	Sample
We need a second fire station north, increased police patrol, less development	Sample
We need a small grocery store in the Corners.	Volunteer
We need more parking for the AuSable lot off Texas Drive. It is dangerous with all the cars parked along Texas Drive. Add bikes to the mix, and it is a recipe for disaster. I would prefer if bikes would use the trail ways and not Texas Drive.	Volunteer
We need splash pad!!!	Volunteer

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We need to do more to preserve the rural character of the township and support its farmers. Reduce housing development, please.	Volunteer
we need to have the speed limit reduced on Q avenue 12th street to 8th street. It is way too fast for the amount of vehicles and produces a lot of road noise.	Volunteer
We really need to focus on the un-motorized trail paths on Q Avenue to support the local lake residents (Crooked Lake, Eagle Lake , & Pretty Lake). Most of these people pay higher taxes and most "lake livers" enjoy the outdoors. It would make logic sense to connect the paths to the lake streets so the residents can walk/bike/run safely to the Texas Township parks. I live on Crooked Lake and love to run outside. However, there are some dangerous areas on Q Avenue that don't have paths. (Between Q Ave, west to 3rd Street). We could make this more of a running community if we had safe trails to connect us to. Please consider this for future work.	Volunteer
We understand the need for housing development, but we are dissatisfied with the new development at the corner of 8th street and R Ave. These rural areas are beautiful and development is damaging to these natural open spaces.	Volunteer
We value the rural quality of Texas Twp. We value good roads, police and fire protection	Sample
We would like more walking and biking trails. There are a lot of fast moving roads that are downright scary to consider biking on, but we would love to be able to do so safely with our children. It would be great if 6th could connect from Mystic Trails down to the new park on 6th when it is built.	Volunteer
We would like see a Texas/Oshemo partnership for a bike/walk lane on 9th St near Prairie Ridge Elementary as both Township's children could benefit	Sample
We would love to see our trail system expanded (join the portage bike path). Our family loves the new path and we use it often as it is to dangerous to bike along our township streets.	Volunteer
We would love to see Texas Township develop library access for those of us in "no man's land". We should not have to pay a yearly fee to Mattawan, Kalamazoo, or Portage in order to have library access just because we live in Texas Township. This issue was not addressed in your survey at all, however, this issue is much more important to me than roads or parks. Please consider my input.	Volunteer
We would really like to see bike trail and mountain biking trails at the 6th ST Park.	Volunteer
We're walking the fine line between increasing our property values through growth and reducing our desired style of life through growth.	Volunteer

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<p>When we built our home in Texas Township 26 years ago, this was mostly rural. There is nothing bad about growth, except when it goes too quickly and continues that way. Our road was once considered a "back road", but now has four streets connecting huge subdivisions on either side. The traffic is very heavy at times, which makes it dangerous to simply get the mail. Turning onto a more direct road (i.e. Centre or Texas Dr.) can be even more hazardous, and sometimes takes several minutes to turn left, many times forcing drivers to take a completely different route to get to their destination safely. This, I believe, all stems from the very rapid growth of the subdivisions. A good community planner should have been able to see this coming and maybe put more restrictions on the developer/builder. Now, we have a situation where we need more traffic lights, more police intervention, and more accidents in a community that was a bit more peaceful and laid-back. Growth and progress happens, sometimes undesirably, but I appreciate my new neighbors and I still love my Texas Township. Maybe going forward we can focus on what we already have, maintain the good we have going for us, and keep the vision that making us bigger may not be better. Thank you for reading this.</p>	Volunteer
<p>While planning for township growth, please consider the importance of protecting natural areas, such as valuable wetlands!</p>	Sample
<p>Why are the building standards different for every homeowner on Eagle Lake. Some people can put up a large garage in the back with living quarters and others can't even put up a garage. Just depends who you know on the board</p>	Volunteer
<p>Widen O ave west all the way to vanburen county line! It is a major road to Mattawan.</p>	Volunteer
<p>Widen roads to include larger bike lanes</p>	Sample
<p>With Hockey being a pretty big sport in West Michigan, it would be great to see a couple of skating rinks. Where I grew up there were two rinks, nothing fancy, they were grass based and flooded in the winter. About 100 x 50 feet. A couple of flood lights and bingo, done! You guys have plenty of space and would not cost that much. I would be willing to potentially donate. I love the trail systems and the parks, all that you guys are doing is great. Feel free to contact me 2696153259.</p>	Volunteer

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<p>Would be nice to see some more community type events Like every Saturday night they have an outdoor movie showing on an inflatable screen where people can come and watch a movie with their kids and bring a blanket or chairs. Get the food truck or ice cream truck in the area so people could eat and have a nice little evening right here in our community. Also the Au Sabo mountain bike trails need to be better maintained they get overgrown in the summer way too fast and they're just not cleared or mowed often enough. I've heard a lot of people talk about it be nice to have a little mini park on the lot that's been vacant for almost 10 years on the corner of hunters Ridge and Cypress Bay Drive. It could have little mini playground for kids, and/ or a mini sandlot type whiffle ball or kick ball diamond where adults and kids from the community could have some close to home fun things to do, and a very close/right in neighborhood destination for people to walk to or ride their bikes to without having to go out on to any of the main roads. This last idea is a little out there but it's the type of thing that would separate this community from any others around it. In the middle of the Au Sabo preserve in the big giant field it would be really awesome to have an entire day outdoor concert event there with live music going on all day. people could ride their mountain bikes, and get some walking in with their dogs or kids, listen to some music and have a really fun day. people could bring their blankets chairs inflatable Hamic's and just relax and have a fun day maybe have some hotdogs or food type things for sale that's about all people would need.</p>	Volunteer
Would like chickens to be allowed in residential	Volunteer
Would like my subdivision plowed in less than 48 hours.	Sample
Would like to have library services	Sample
<p>Would like to see a Dairy Queen or Steak n Shake to attract younger families and us old folks to the corners. Stop putting in the expensive ridiculous sidewalks to no where. Don't over develop and take the country out of the country-develop responsibly.</p>	Volunteer
would like to see a nice grocery store like Harding's or D&W	Volunteer
Would like to see a noise ordinance for animal noise added to code enforcement.	Volunteer
Would like to see a plan for a library in the township or an agreement with other townships for membership	Volunteer
<p>Would like to see dedicated bike/walking trails or bike lanes on all major roads, including 8th st between Q and O avenues for the safety of bikers and pedestrians and to make the township more walkable.</p>	Volunteer
Would like to see docks, boat access and handicap accessibility	Sample
Would love to have a grocery store! Like all the new in community!	Sample
Would love to see a splash pad.	Volunteer
would love to see more parks with clean bathrooms	Volunteer
<p>You are doing much better than the previous community and township we were living in (Schoolcraft village area). Very proud to live here. It is beautiful and better every year, with additional businesses coming in! Keep it up! We could use our own grocery store.</p>	Volunteer

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You spend money like it is free. Grant money is not free, it comes out of every ones pockets and you still have to pay the maintenance costs for the projects in future years.	Volunteer
You're welcome	Sample