

Appendix

2021 Bois Blanc Township Community Survey

Comments from Question 7

1. Whenever I've had a question for the township; a member has been quick to respond and very helpful!
2. When I have asked questions, I have been pointed to the correct person and or department.
3. I'm too new, recently purchased land
4. Good work, with resources at hand
5. Township government has been helpful and friendly
6. It is improving
7. We are seasonal residents, and limited even in that, but every interaction we've had with the Township in the last few years has been excellent.
8. I believe that the township always tries to listen to everybody and give them answers to their questions or they will do research and get back to them
9. Township has done all they can related to the dock/ferry and transport of heavy loads to island as it relates to attempting to build on the island this past summer. Therefore, I cannot say that Township is responsible for the hardships it has caused us personally.
10. To the best of their ability, I believe they are responsive.
11. As a seasonal user our modest needs have been met. The one time we needed medical assistance the team showed up promptly and did a professional job.
12. We have not brought issues before the Township in the past. We would expect them to be responsive within the limits of the law.
13. We do not ask much of the community government, but they have been responsive when needed.
14. I believe they try to be within the constraints they have.
15. Whenever I have had questions, I have always been able to talk to someone.
16. I've had only occasional contact with Township government
17. My visits to the Bois Blanc are very limited. I do not recall having any particular needs that I have needed the Township government to respond to.
18. They collect my taxes.
19. It depends on needs that we are talking about. I don't see a huge need for upgraded emergency services. At some point folks have to realize they are in a VERY isolated place. If you are at risk or put yourself at risk of a health issue you have to know that you could suffer because of the isolation. I think there could be more done to land federal and state dollars to help maintain some of the things the Township would like to improve. Township employees could be working on this, just as other township employees do in other areas.
20. I haven't needed the Township for any reason.
21. have not had any "issues" to bring to their attention
22. Have owned lots for 75 years but not been there
23. I haven't had the need to test them!

24. I've never had a need to contact them.
25. who are they?
26. Who are they?
27. I have never had a need to work with them
28. I haven't had a need to find out.
29. I don't live on the Island
30. I haven't been there in a while. Although I think about it and would love to come for a few days.
31. Only at my cabin a few times each year, unfortunately!
32. I live on Mackinac Island. Only own land on Boblow.
33. have not required services yet. property owner for short period of time.
34. Currently, we do not need a lot of Township Service. SEV values have dipped in my neighborhood and that is an issue. Also, please put the Township Board Minutes on your website.

35. People not being prosecuted for their wrongs. zoning issues not being enforced etc.
36. They hire people that don't take care of the airport
37. Communication through proper, official channels is lacking or outdated.
38. We haven't had much response about our hoarder next door! They came and took pics of the beach but that was about it!!!
39. slow to react and seem to have their own program
40. focused on year-round Islanders
41. Non-year-round residents are not given forum for input
42. Dusty roads, airport not kept in good shape
43. Is the presence of law enforcement included in this?
44. We need a full time Sherriff year-round. No layoffs.
45. Wish they could enforce the ferry service's responsibility on fixing the dock
46. The township has diminished concern for infrastructure issues such as the maintenance of its dock; the frequent power outages; and the capability of emergency medical services.
47. Stump dump
48. Maintenance of Airport, causeway at Harbor of refuge, Ferry service docking area, Long term parking areas, Preservation of landmarks -Pines Dock-Gazebo
49. Focused on growth and regulating, not traditional island lifestyle.
50. Extremely disappointed with the dock issue last year. The constant bickering between Plaunt's and the township needs to be resolved. I love our property on the island but was unable to get concrete here to build our cabin because of the issues. Now they are saying that we can't haul full cement truck loads in the 2021 season due to the weight restrictions on the dock? This will cost me over \$2800 MORE due to this issue. That ramp is our lifeline. Even the backup needs to rebuild to hold heavy trucks.
51. We've been given inaccurate information related to property taxes. There also seems to be a lack of automation/technology. Only given "minutes" to decide whether to change dock locations. Opportunities to automatically renew things like dock parking and boat

slips without needing to "renew", the correspondence is often late/sent to old address or requires an in person visit.

52. North shore has been impassable for 2 years and still no plan in place to fix from fire tower west. we have done most of the maintenance ourselves so we can at least access our cabins
53. The Township's lack of responsiveness to address the issues with the Township Dock created misinformation and issues what vehicles could access the island this year.
54. We feel the township spends WAY TOO MUCH time on their own personal agendas rather than looking at the big picture and what affects ALL taxpayers.
55. I think the Township government has done the people of the Township a disservice by treating the ferry contractor poorly. This uncertainty isn't good for the stability of the island.
56. Maintenance/preservation of landmarks is a very low priority for Township.
57. some issues presented during public comment are simply ignored and not addressed, such as speeding vehicles.
58. Poor leadership in repairing the dock. What took all year should have only taken a couple of months. No enforcement on parking at the marina as well as the paid parking spots near the transfer station.
59. I believe, and others, the township board has long been a poor representation as to the priorities of the majority of the residents of the township. And for as beautiful as the island is, why has the township tolerated areas of extreme blight and garbage mixed among beautiful cottages!!!!
60. Swim dock in the pines needs fixed. The ferry dock needs fixed by the township. Roads could use some work. Dust on main road is also an issue.
61. Ordinances are NOT enforced

Question 17 Roads or road segments that should be improved.

1. Transfer Station to the Pines
2. No paved roads but better maintenance to limit pot holes and wash boarding to the extent possible.
3. Pave County Rd East end to West end
4. Main road
5. Stay on top of the main roads and secondary when possible.
6. Huron east end
7. East end
8. Main Rd, dust
9. From the airport to the dock. The roads need gravel!
10. Fire Tower north end, and improve Red Wing to Lincoln Park Blvd. to facilitate travel to and from the northeast section of the Island, as well as to provide an alternate route in the event of main road blockage or closure.
11. Inland lake access roads
12. road to lake Mary campground. I estimated that the gravel is already there if an earthmover scraped it all flat. Low-cost fix.
13. around Lake Mary leading to the dock, North Shore from campsites to fire tower in the lower areas.
14. The shore road, north and west of lake Mary
15. The road to Lake Mary Park! I would love to see Base Line opened back up as an actual road.
16. Main road MUST be treated for dust
17. Fire tower road, transfer station entrance and exit
18. Old base line off red wing drive
19. Main road south of the airport.
20. Bible road, north shore track
21. Lime kiln point rd., West Huron DR, Tower rd.
22. Tuscarora, huge pot holes. North shore is a mess.
23. South Lime kiln, too narrow
24. West end
25. West end roads are awful they need more work
26. Rocky Road. Bruce street from Huron Drive to Wyandotte (currently non-existent)
27. Road to the west end! Needs to be built-up and graveled.
28. Thompson Lake access road & Lincoln Park past Childs Corner
29. North Shore
30. North shore drive
31. North Shore Drive
32. North Shore Rd.
33. North shore
34. North shore from cross to fire tower
35. north shore
36. North Shore, Rocky Road
37. North Shore

38. North Shore road
39. Would be nice to have access to the North shore, i.e., flooding
40. North shore west of fire tower or north shore east of bible
41. Northshore road needs to be repaired
42. HC 1 from West to East ends
43. From the post office to the dock

Other Road Concerns

1. Some dust controls
2. Please stop scraping the dirt from the side of the road for the road grater to fill potholes. The road is getting too wide!!
3. We live off of N Lime Kiln Pt Rd, I always thought this was private, but is there a way for residents on this road to take a collection and pay for the road to be grated? I also would love to see the N Shore Road be connected so that we could have a full loop around the bulk of the island. I believe this would be a benefit for visitors and create opportunities for recreational riding (ATV and Bicycle). I don't think it would need to be anything more than a single lane as minimal would promote the woods and charm of the deep part of our island!
4. I would like to see some of the off-road trails a little wider and accessible
5. More brine would be great
6. Last time I was there, I felt it wasn't smooth riding
7. Dust mitigation. in the summer
8. Please return to treating roads for dust.
9. Smaller roads off the main road
10. It would be nice to be able to drive all the way around the is.
11. Too much dust in summer needs to be oiled
12. Dust control measures improved.
13. We would like to see dust control as the #1 road priority
14. Opening roads to access the back lots at Mary's lake from fire tower road. Also, bible cross road and along the north lake shore
15. The township MUST use a chemical in the summer to keep the dust down. The roads are amazing, but the dust is a HUGE problem.
16. All - consistent grading and FILLING, not just scraping after a rain.
17. Don't like the dust on the main road...difficult to walk
18. All. No potholes. Blade when soft not dry. Put in gravel
19. Limit speeders
20. Seasonal roads
21. Always avoiding potholes
22. The dust has become unbearable at times where one cannot even breath. The township should look into a water truck to treat the roads and have a commission to operate the vehicle when necessary. The entire island does not need the treatment just the main road from the bar area to the township offices which most of us travel.
23. Paved or a least dust control
24. Possible dust control through water trailer, rather inexpensive solution.

25. No one road but proper grading techniques should be taught to those getting paid to do the service.
26. I can't really say, as I don't know exactly what roads are truly the responsibility of the Township.
27. High density areas need brining during peak season.
28. All, and no more shoreline fill with metal debris please! Very hazardous for people who would like to walk the shore.
29. Roads are flat & hold water; they need to be crowned to promote water run-off. Better fill needs to be placed on heavily traveled portions
30. This depends on the cost, most likely high travel areas, pines to pub
31. Maintenance & improvement of areas that are being affected by high water
32. Roads are getting too wide
33. If allowable, please remove the barrier on Engle road to the North Shore road and the other barrier on North Shore road (NW Corner of the Island) so one can travel from Lime Kiln to Engle to North Shore and back around to Lime Kiln. It appears that these three roads are Township owned, and yet they are blocked by the two barriers preventing various travel.
34. Stop improvement.
35. No. Leave sh*t alone.
36. Do a great job
37. No, leave them as they are natural.

Question 32: Concerns or suggestions that were not addressed in the survey

1. More picnic tables to eat at!! We enjoy riding to parks
2. Thanks for offering survey.
3. I would love to see the township establish a honeybee keeping ordinance that will hold in check the number of hives introduced per square mile. We have MANY beautiful native bees that are negatively impacted by the presence of honeybee hives. Honeybees are not a native species and are known to spread disease and outcompete with native bee populations, pushing them closer towards extinction. I am more than happy to share appropriate resources and recommendations based on sound science. Last summer, I documented one native species of bumble bee (*Bombus terricola*) on BBI that is currently on IUCN's 'Vulnerable' list. While this ordinance may not be popular with honeybee fans, supporting it would be in keeping with the natural character that we all have come to know and love about BBI.
4. Rental property management
5. Snow should be plowed as far as all year-round residents.
6. Better township transparency
7. Island needs a survey of all lands and a path for corrections, as outlined in posts by Mike White
8. The State already owns half the island, the Township does not need to be purchasing more island properties. Get after the State to take care of what they have.
9. Looking to move permanently to the island in the next 24 months
10. The Township needs to invest in itself. Better pay for employees, higher standards for repair and maintenance of Township resources, and greater self-reliance with regard to marine and air transportation.
11. Managing the growth on the island in a way that protects why it is so unique.
12. It would be nice to have fire dept location closer to East end. Better health care services with more access.
13. This is a good survey. I appreciate being asked my input. Thank you
14. No tourists and promote respect for the uniqueness of the island
15. I love living on the island and this is the best decision I have made. I would love to see it have intentional expansion (hence grocery store, marina, and school focus).
16. Beaches in front of homes that are loaded with junk!
17. Could hiking trails be developed in woodland areas?
18. hi taxes
19. I would like to see efforts being made to preserve the mountain lion and bear populations on the island
20. Above ground fuel storage tanks at both residential and commercial properties without containment protection.
21. Zoning for houses that are less than 750 sq ft but still allow for complete functionality. Energy efficient cottages with a design that allows people to get outside would be really interesting. I have a few properties that I have thought about doing something like this on.
22. The ferry service is not consistent in allowing heavy weight construction materials: yes, for friends, not for everyone. Look forward in the township developing its own dock so that competition will improve the service of the ferry.
23. Too little information in meeting minutes.
24. Thank you for maintaining sidewalks in the Pins.
25. Thank you for having a survey :)
26. Would like to know status of West End Dock and Boat Launch Project.

27. I'm curious if there are any township supported trails on the island? Hiking, Biking, and Cross-Country Skiing would all benefit from this and help to get these people off of the main roads (dangerous and dusty!). An island map would be nice too, even if it is only online, where we could identify points of interest or services. Lastly, we could benefit from a directory for both residents and business services.
28. None at this time
29. Item #12- Limit future zoning of Commercial businesses to a central island location
30. I am concerned that Island cannot grow nor remain until we have Curt Plaunt and Ferry service under control. His rules and his alone will ultimately decide what direction Island goes. Island will only grow or maintain one ferry load at a time, controlled by Curt.
31. it sounds like you'll be developing and I appreciate the considerations ahead of time. I have a vision to build something small on my property and would love to develop it.
32. Would LOVE to see the old hotel rebuilt and open for business.
33. My biggest concern is uncontrolled development, not so much the amount of it, but the fact that many are doing whatever they please ignoring environmental, zoning and building regulations. In many places this is leading to a rural ghetto look, with some lawless, ghetto-like behaviors. If it gets bad enough, higher quality residents may abandon the island. Another issue, not mentioned, is the Enbridge Line 5 issue. That issue is of major importance to BBI. We need to have a strong voice in Lansing regarding this issue. Is there any participation by island representatives in this area?
34. Free area on Cheboygan side for parking a vehicle if owning property on the island
35. My family has owned a small lot land-locked by state land for 4 generations. We keep it as a fun part of our family history. We've looked into swapping for an accessible lot with DNR, but have never followed through. In recent years, I've taken responsibility for the tax payments from my dad, and would like to swap lots and/or buy a larger lot to hand down to the next generation. Just haven't got around to doing it yet!
36. I have had my lot for sale for years but have had no offers.
37. Pointe aux Pins = beach area to be used by all residents
38. Good Planning and Zoning is necessary to manage any community, certainly including BBI. The lack of up-to-date plans and ordinances, and failure to enforce them, opens the Township to the likelihood that future undesirable development could not be prevented.
39. Please lower taxes
40. Thank you for doing this
41. One growing problem is the use of ORV vehicles who are new to the island and don't know there are rules to abide by just as there is in the main land.
42. You're doing a good job!
43. Sell the Cheboygan property and invest in the island or lower property taxes.
44. It is hard to tell if a road is public or private. Public road markers need to be different than any other road marker
45. I know that the water level has impacted the north shore, however, there is no way of fire or ems to make it to the north shore and it is unsafe.
46. Thank you for seeking input from the community and stakeholders.
47. N/A
48. Zoning violations should not be complaint driven
49. Stop the divisiveness. Stop the squabbling. Stop the turf wars. Let the ferry contractor do what they do well and keep their contract up to date so that they can plan for the future and continue to provide excellent cost-effective transportation to the people of the island.
50. Encourage or enforce upkeep of properties (visual blight in front and side lots)

51. We do not live on the island, only own two parcels. We have been to visit twice and loved being on the island. We have very young children and our hope is that one day we will live closer to BB and will be able to create lifelong memories there with our kiddos and family.
52. I think old vehicles and trailers that are not licensed are a real problem. So many have not been used for many years, as if BBI is a junk yard. This should be easy to enforce and fine. Could a lien be put on properties who don't comply?
53. RE: 12 - I don't know that I think either answer is best, but I don't believe you should limit where a business can be just by location. It needs to be looked at as a whole. Spreading things out isn't always bad. - As for Public Services (19) even if I'm satisfied or neutral on a subject doesn't mean there isn't room for improvement. We should always be looking at things to improve our services to the community.
54. Fix the dock to Plaunt requirements and stop fighting Plaunt. Absurd to expect ferry service at prices found at federal islands without offering subsidies. Absurd to even think you can operate a ferry service. Absurd to even think you can develop and operate a marina all to control ferry service to and from the Island.
55. would like to see public access to narrows of twin lakes
56. I am please you are taking this survey and I am interested. My family and I have owned our property for well over 50 years and while I don't get there often my children have all been on the Island and knew Graham Whipple when he was Sheriff.
57. We need better forestry manage to prevent forest fires
58. Excellent Survey
59. BBI is a true jewel, proper leadership will go a long way to improve the island experiences for everyone.
60. Better communication towards island master planning
61. Township shouldn't be involved in directing or regulating businesses
62. It's important to keep the rural agriculture areas opportunities available. The more you zone off the more urban the island will become. People should be allowed to let their grandkids sleep out in a tent on their own property. Growth and change are inevitable if it can be guided so that it enhances the island and does not ruin the island that's a good thing. Guide not control there is a difference. If people want to live on island with a small footprint it should be allowed.
63. The ferry cost
64. Appropriate funding on health and safety issues first. Commercial Development needs to stay exclusively by the Township Marina. Emergency options for car ferry travel need to be developed.
65. I go into hermit mode at my cabin. I love quiet. I think encouraging quiet activities is worthwhile.
66. I am concerned about ferry transportation/monopoly by a single provider. I also would like increased police/traffic enforcement. I wasn't sure how to respond to question number 2- waterfront lands and I didn't know what was meant by "coastal resources."
67. The Township needs to enact contracts with providers to the island FOR the islanders NOT the contractors. Also STOP the conflict-of-interest concerns of the township board.

Question 20: What are the three most important assets that should be preserved in Bois Blanc Township?

1. fresh water
2. nature
3. proper development
4. maintaining the slow pace of the island by discouraging renters and day trippers
5. the natural character and charm. keep the wild, wild; protected and unspoiled. eco-tourism!
6. peace and quiet
7. old main dock
8. ferry transportation
9. woods
10. land ownership
11. inland lakes
12. ferry
13. forest
14. beachfront
15. the main dock
16. gravel roads
17. tranquility
18. lakes/water
19. monuments. i.e.: gazebo, pines dock
20. native cultural sites
21. natural beauty
22. history
23. history
24. that it's not easy to get to
25. plaunt's
26. small community feeling
27. year-round access
28. commerce
29. public access to the waters
30. public spaces
31. woodlands/water/wetlands
32. small town feel
33. waterfront land
34. state grounds
35. wilderness
36. woods
37. lakes
38. natural setting.
39. protecting the shoreline including north shore
40. conservancy land
41. water
42. water aquifer. it's what we all drink.
43. peace and quiet
44. zoning/building

45. school
46. maintaining marina and harbor - growth would be great
47. community togetherness
48. township dock
49. our diner and tavern! we need social outlets!
50. woods
51. natural beauty
52. the harbor and finger docks
53. woods
54. family, neighbors
55. access to waterfront
56. private property remains private - no trespassing
57. old dock
58. wetlands
59. make certain the public lands remain public
60. water quality including shoreline & inland lakes. the cedar shorelines are one of the rarest & unique biomes found on the planet.
61. the parks, wood
62. marina
63. swimming beach access
64. ferry service / dock
65. privacy
66. fix the swimming dock in the pines.
67. a height limit on construction for our rural setting.
68. public access to shoreline and beaches
69. pines dock
70. marina and ferry service
71. limit "commercial" service & retail to one general location - like a "town center" - in order to preserve the rustic and natural feel of the island yet provide people with access to service and grocery, etc.
72. the forest
73. respect for property
74. Lake Huron
75. history
76. grocery/fuel/general store
77. health department
78. nature
79. old ferry dock
80. access to public land
81. association dock
82. not to become a tourist attraction.
83. airport
84. I like how it had 1 store, 1 cop, 1 school, etc.
85. keeping the school, church, community buildings/service
86. natural beauty
87. the maintenance of the commercial dock.
88. natural features
89. natural resources

90. access to waterfront for non-frontage properties
91. the beauty
92. the serenity and beauty of surroundings
93. the old dock
94. shore line
95. water quality
96. water quality
97. keep it simple
98. pines dock
99. pristine rustic rural habitat for homes
100. to not have over crowding
101. old dock
102. preserved forest and wet lands
103. the one room school house.
104. sense of community
105. history
106. churches
107. remoteness
108. forest and wetlands, including inland lakes
109. rural atmosphere
110. store and bar- without those it's hard to vacation there
111. quality of life-emergency facilities
112. communication (phone/internet)
113. high speed internet and cell phone service/connectivity
114. freedom to enjoy the features of the island
115. the park in town
116. state land
117. township dock
118. lakes and water
119. the main dock
120. land use/development - enforce your own zoning regulations
121. unpopulated land
122. old dock
123. water
124. water quality
125. lake quality
126. the people
127. forests
128. preserve undeveloped Lake Huron and straits shoreline
129. lakes
130. pines dock
131. the natural environment
132. historical landmarks/structures
133. lake water
134. water quality
135. rural and close community
136. pointe aux pins dock
137. peace and quiet

138. undeveloped shorelines
139. the old dock.
140. quiet rural, remote atmosphere
141. great lakes access for all (swimming/parks)
142. just leave things alone except to proactively control house trailers
143. forests and woods
144. well planned growth
145. fresh air
146. it's rustic charm
147. not overcrowded!
148. accessibility to lakes in-land
149. water fronts
150. forest/park land
151. wilderness area
152. law enforcement
153. seclusion
154. library
155. island beauty, better enforcement of the garbage filled residential areas.
156. limited tourism
157. lakes
158. clean air
159. access - ferry service
160. island history
161. forestry /agriculture
162. land quality preservation
163. rural feel
164. inland lakes and public access
165. privacy
166. history
167. wildlife
168. Lake Huron and inland lakes water quality
169. parks
170. isolated living
171. ferry dock
172. nature
173. natural forests, land and all shoreline
174. beach
175. Lake Huron water quality
176. maintain natural shorelines
177. water quality
178. wetlands
179. water
180. non-commercialization i.e.: not Mackinac island
181. water aquifer
182. small community character
183. natural ecosystems
184. clean air
185. fire and law enforcement

186. the pristine natural environment
187. rustic, non-commercial charm. no chain stores, large scale agricultural operations which would have a negative impact on wildlife.
188. calm law and order
189. public access to shore
190. harbor
191. electric service clean lines
192. ferry
193. forests
194. air flights
195. parks
196. roads (regular and seasonal)
197. keeping commercial enterprises to a minimum
198. state lands
199. beauty
200. forest management
201. woodland mgmt. north side state land
202. recreational areas
203. public lands/conservation
204. openness and friendliness of inhabitants
205. island contractors
206. history
207. commerce
208. year around access
209. the trees alongside the main roads
210. ferry service
211. private property rights
212. parks, lakes
213. state land & forests
214. airport
215. clean water
216. water
217. forest
218. general store that is open on a regular basis.
219. historical museum, coast guard chapel, church
220. lakeshore
221. small town environment/feel
222. township government. we don't want the county or state to take over our government.
223. community
224. parks, camping and recreation
225. high speed internet
226. the school for island kids
227. focus on emergency service and fire. support them.
228. pines dock
229. coast guard chapel
230. water
231. island resources
232. year-round law enforcement

233. water
234. natural resources
235. no publicity
236. gazebo
237. forests
238. wildlife diversity especially that of migratory birds, unique plants and flowers, especially those that date from the ice age
239. the water(s)
240. roads
241. open views of waterfront not blocked by commercial buildings.
242. airport
243. land preservation
244. water and beach access at sand bay - stop the landowner from harassing folks going to sand bay access area
245. repairing and maintaining dock in pines for recreation.
246. maintenance of seasonal public roads, i.e., access to north shore
247. pines pavilion
248. fire and ems
249. reliable and efficient ferry service.
250. the lakefront shoreline
251. roads maintenance
252. state forest
253. historical artifacts
254. island tavern
255. fire department
256. access to Lake Huron
257. preserving the nature of the island
258. access to all lakes from multiple points
259. gazebo
260. marina
261. it's unlike any other island
262. small community feeling and community activities
263. wildlife
264. the preservation of public green space/forests/waterfront
265. hiking/biking trails
266. essential service for residents
267. beaches from destruction by motorized vehicles
268. air port
269. clean air and water
270. parks
271. inland lakes
272. water quality
273. environment
274. keep it as wild as possible
275. school
276. access to island by regular ferry schedules
277. dock to be preserved
278. coast guard chapel

279. non-commercial based
280. access to the Wagner room for community use.
281. forest and wetlands
282. cemetery
283. history
284. rural atmosphere
285. natural resources
286. ramp for ferry
287. natural wooded areas/general appearance
288. access to transportation (ferry service/airport)
289. ferry --plaut's transportation and they are reliable
290. limited control over day-to-day operations
291. the docks for all the inland lakes
292. inland lakes
293. association dock
294. views from and to water
295. hawk's landing
296. safety and security - continued consistent law enforcement (including speeding through the pines)
297. all two track roadways
298. small roads
299. land
300. low population density
301. peace and quiet
302. the remoteness
303. inland lakes
304. preserve large tracts of undeveloped land from development
305. land
306. ferry dock
307. solitude and quiet
308. shoreline
309. woods
310. natural areas
311. lack of commercial development
312. gazebo
313. crime free environment
314. pristine inland waters
315. limited, traditional population
316. respect for nature and wildlife of all kind
317. preservation of and access to inland lakes (fishing)
318. sports fishing
319. friendly atmosphere and neighbors
320. friendly people
321. it's amazing views
322. clean water
323. friendliness of everyone on island
324. woods
325. dirt roads only

326. ferry service
327. shore lines
328. restaurant
329. the harbor
330. small community
331. forests
332. clean water
333. roads maintenance
334. inland lake fishing
335. rural living
336. water quality preservation
337. water quality and access
338. non-main roads country feel
339. undeveloped
340. water views
341. harbor, including ferry docks
342. lakes
343. preserving flora & fauna
344. roads
345. inland lakes
346. inland lake quality
347. wetlands
348. inland lake water quality
349. limit ATVs to established trails and roads. no shoreline riding.
350. transportation service
351. beeches
352. wetlands/forests
353. high ratio of public land (state owned) to privately owned
354. inland lakes
355. fishing and hunting
356. community health and welfare
357. wildlife
358. keeping ferry service as they are an asset
359. repairing the old dock
360. water quality
361. outstanding ferry service
362. parks
363. airport
364. water
365. public safety
366. transportation service
367. gas/ food/
368. toads
369. access sites (trailheads, lakes)
370. docks and public areas around the inland lakes
371. marina
372. peacefulness
373. proper growth

374. north shore road fixed past bible camp. to south turn
375. state land
376. that's it's unique/
377. Sharpe construction (I know this is not what you are asking, but try getting anything done without them.)
378. natural areas
379. emergency service
380. emergency service
381. BBI fire department- clinic- churches
382. medical/emergency service
383. historical island areas
384. non commercialization
385. harbor
386. quiet
387. wind
388. scenic outlooks
389. boat docks on inland lakes
390. lighthouse even though it is privately owned
391. history
392. safety
393. large tracts of forest. i.e., state DNR owned land.
394. open spaces
395. health service
396. marina
397. access to the nature
398. gazebo
399. fishing docks
400. woods
401. low crime environment
402. the fire department
403. roads
404. quiet isolation
405. plaunt's transportation biggest asset
406. open access to public around the old dock
407. minimal impact upon a unique island
408. the quiet
409. lakes & parks
410. museum / library
411. wildlife protection
412. establish water and beach access at snow beach
413. protect wetlands from development.
414. coast guard chapel
415. roads
416. waterfront properties
417. some of the well-known historical monuments
418. reliable service (food, gas, emergency)
419. inland lakes
420. property

421. ferry service
422. marina & public docks
423. school district
424. shoreline around the island
425. lack of overcrowding
426. wildlife (lack of hunting rules enforcement)
427. churches
428. it's the opposite of Mackinac island
429. beauty of nature
430. quality of life (low crime, laws enforced, aesthetics, etc.)
431. the efficient operation of the packing station
432. docks and launches to Lake Huron and interior lakes
433. haven away from everyday world
434. ground water quality
435. main dock
436. historical museum
437. unspoiled nature
438. water quality
439. beaches
440. keep the ferry running. plaunt's does a great job!
441. gazebo
442. access to a store/market for incidental purchase of perishables and fresh produce
443. businesses limited to a specific area where possible
444. churches
445. small island feel
446. wildlife
447. clean. campgrounds
448. state land
449. reliable ferry service
450. water quality
451. boat launch near north shore
452. communication utilities
453. transfer station
454. marina (need an east wind break wall)
455. neighborliness
456. rebuilding the pines hotel
457. wetlands
458. Wagner room/community center
459. access to state lands
460. the tavern
461. water quality - take a position on line 5. if that goes, not only will the straits be lost, but
BBI groundwater will be contaminated for generations
462. clean likes
463. walking paths
464. air
465. forests
466. nature
467. the lack of commercialism

468. Lake Huron
469. congenial culture
470. history
471. airport
472. fire and emergency service
473. sense of community
474. quiet
475. accessible shorelines
476. residential houses versus trailers
477. beaches
478. lack of intrusive government
479. preservation of undeveloped wild lands
480. church of the transfiguration
481. preserve a natural view in open spaces without trashy old trailers or vehicles in the site line.
482. small community culture and history
483. ferry access
484. improve emergency service such as medical, fire, safety
485. remoteness
486. roads really are very good.
487. happy wildlife
488. ability to explore freely
489. rural small-town feel
490. restricted commercial areas for development
491. restaurant and bar
492. tavern
493. the lakes and beaches
494. state lands/parks
495. public access to waterfronts, and forests
496. marina
497. wooded property
498. freedom from over regulation
499. residential privacy
500. woodlands
501. respect for private property
502. rustic atmosphere
503. peace and quiet
504. fire department and emergency response
505. wet lands
506. limiting growth
507. shoreline
508. public access to swimming and fishing
509. ferry service
510. preserving forest land
511. preserve the gravel roads.
512. privacy
513. forests
514. wild animals

- 515. public trails
- 516. trails
- 517. our natural beauty
- 518. rural community character

Question 21: What issues or concerns you would like addressed in Bois Blanc Township?

1. ferry service - going as long as lake allows
2. seasonal rentals
3. having more limits to number of campers on the island
4. dusty air quality due to increasing numbers of drivers who don't slow down or respect pedestrians/cyclers right to breathe fresh air.
5. less government
6. roads
7. better boat launch at twin lake
8. the ability for property owners to clear their property, clear a road to the property and put up a temporary structure to stay in until a more permanent structure can be constructed.
9. need more than one ferry service.
10. transportation services increased
11. roads
12. lack of perceived clarity around townships role in community
13. ATVs going greater than 25 mph & using trails/beaches not intended for them
14. more ferry coverage
15. speeders
16. zoning enforcement
17. better investigations of crimes & prosecute!
18. roads
19. maintenance at the airport
20. future growth
21. ability to learn more about the island and how it functions
22. overreach by the township into private property issues.
23. zoning issues pertaining to building (need to allow smaller sq. ft.)
24. year-round access
25. medical services
26. better enforcement of ordinances
27. lack of emergency services on west end
28. year-round ferry service. or at least run as long as they can.
29. medical services, air/sea evacuation
30. explosive growth
31. removal of unoccupied trailers
32. people camping on north shore-leaving blight, trash and not being held accountable
33. airport maintenance
34. visitors not respecting island
35. short term rentals.
36. no short-term rentals
37. environmental water, inland lakes, and groundwater
38. addition of a grocery store (operated year-round)
39. I like the options of short-term rental and worry about losing that option
40. long term support on emergency services.
41. township dock
42. closures of the tavern and diner for long periods! some people come for a short visit and rely on them!

43. more transfer station hours in the off season
44. to many people
45. water snakes :-)
46. too much lawlessness in the summer: speeding, trespassing
47. dock and marina at the west end
48. realize how much we need each other, whether we live on the island or not
49. not knowing if trails/roads are private or public
50. need fewer more versified, qualified people managing the township
51. recycling!!!!
52. roads maintenance
53. improper sanitary systems. ground water issue
54. propane safety in homes
55. short term rentals: they are unprepared to visit, and disrespect the neighborhood via loud parties, ATVs on the beach & where they don't belong
56. maintenance of the marina & expansion of the marina
57. properly mark public roads and beach at sand bay.
58. preserve public access on west end
59. ferry service - special rates for owners of property
60. stop use of lighted lanterns floating over our homes and forest.
61. resume roads brining.
62. public safety
63. residential growth
64. improved cell service or temporary option for high-speed internet
65. limit "commercial" services & retail to one general location - like a "town center" - in order to preserve the rustic and natural feel of the island yet provide people with access to services and grocery, etc.
66. roads maintenance
67. propane explosions
68. docking and parking area changes
69. maintenance of the 3 items in question 20
70. short term rentals less than 30 days should be zoned commercial. county inspection and registration consideration. review regulations that are initiated at other communities.
71. community dock in pointe aux pins
72. curt plaunt's controls all improvements on island by controlling ferry. island is hamstrung by his will.
73. decreased size of sandy areas by beaches
74. see above
75. better info on purchased land in Cheboygan (what's end game?)
76. airport
77. building residence
78. having a full-time policeman--too many incidents of people's homes being lived in/broken into
79. unmanaged growth (lack of environmental, zoning, building code enforcement)
80. blight
81. consistency of commercial service hours
82. not treating roads for dust.
83. high speeds on roads
84. more ferry services

85. none
86. water quality
87. medical care
88. line 5
89. pines dock
90. dock situation and ferry service for transportation of heavy loads, including waste disposal hauling
91. nurse
92. some misuse of private roads/drives
93. limit residential growth
94. enforce zoning
95. uncontrolled growth
96. no real issues
97. taxes too high
98. ramp for ferry.
99. trailers left on lots / debris scattered
100. sidewalk additions and upgrades
101. roads dust! roads dust! roads dust!
102. unfettered use of utility vehicles on any available roads
103. passable and marked public roads
104. fixing roads that are part of the township taxes (north shore)
105. I would also like to know why the township has misrepresented in public meetings their responsibilities to manage and keep in a working order the township dock
106. lack of general economic growth
107. helping commercial operations thrive
108. the big picture for all taxpayers - quit spending time on your own personal agendas and make decisions/allocate resources based on the big picture/good of all taxpayers
109. roadways
110. dust on main roads
111. access to medical support- especially emergency services
112. cell service
113. promote neighbors
114. erosion along w. Huron avenue
115. blight
116. zoning violations
117. cooperation between township officials and service providers
118. loss of historical landmarks/structures
119. more than one ferry service
120. ground water quality
121. sewage systems
122. pointe aux pins dock
123. roads—something needs to be done about the potholes and dust
124. resident emergency medical clinic/provider.
125. dust
126. blight-trash on residential property, old trailers and vehicles "junked" on residential property.
127. the encouragement of small business growth
128. stop fighting Plaunt's transportation

129. stop use of trailers as housing
130. planned growth
131. ferry service
132. need more grocery shopping
133. no opinion
134. roads conditions and dust problems
135. shut down line 5
136. limited commercial development. (food, fuel)
137. abuse of parking at the marina unable to launch boat on several occasions as there was no place to park the vehicle/trailer.
138. blight
139. making it easy to start a business.
140. the garbage filled blighted residential areas, no enforcement!
141. street signs
142. ATVs destroying lands/speeding
143. better internet service
144. place electric underground so that sail boats have access to parking lot #1 & 2
145. roads maintenance
146. customer accommodating ferry service
147. too much government
148. traffic control /ATVs jeeps tearing up the roads /trails
149. improved fire and 911 services
150. lack of respect for private property
151. cost of ferry services
152. outhouses for campers on bible road
153. ferry capacity aligned with growth objectives in 5-year plan
154. electric availability
155. stocking lakes with native fish species
156. ferry dock
157. speeding
158. restroom/outhouse availability at north shore (and others)
159. upgrade the township website to access township information & services
160. high water, big storm roads erosion.
161. privacy
162. enforcement of codes/ordinances and traffic
163. speeding
164. addition of ferry competition. we need another ferry service.
165. competition ferry service
166. zoning enforcement
167. future planning, sustainability, and enforcement of ordinances
168. roads - better condition and upgraded
169. seasonal ems coverage
170. more sheriff presence for people leaving trash
171. proper sanitation at bible beach (and potentially snake island too). porta-potties!
172. less property taxes
173. elected, volunteer, and paid staff
174. loose dogs

175. I am not a resident yet but would like to be seasonal if I could start with even a 12 x 12 structure that was time limited in use until a permanent structure is completed
176. need different type of store that sells specialty items
177. cell phone tower
178. ferry
179. lack of signage for visitors who believe this to be a trail system for their side by sides/ATVs
180. people leaving trash where it doesn't belong / not picking up after themselves
181. property erosion
182. campers leaving trash
183. zoning enforcement
184. enforce all ordinances -this is sorely lacking
185. respect for neighbors and residents
186. a more cordial and accommodating relationship with plaunt's.
187. camping and recreation fees for recreation users and campers
188. ems and urgent medical services
189. year around transportation
190. more ferry runs
191. lack of signage for private vs public roads
192. gravel for the roads. build them back up!
193. community parks/boat slips on waterfront
194. high taxes
195. n/a
196. trashy appearance of some properties
197. ORVs tearing up the trails/ roads
198. property tax rates
199. bible beach state owned land needs outhouse.t
200. keep a better eye on campers and their mess
201. zoning
202. expansion of snow removal services
203. I would like more options/slips at the marina
204. ensuring dock is suitable for all needs.
205. pines dock
206. more planned activities
207. more medical training for BBI fire department
208. taxes to hi
209. hunters on residential land
210. harbor improvement is needed. more dock spaces.
211. better maintenance of cemetery
212. freely listening to each other on and off the island
213. I think some public trails/roads are marked private when it's not
214. taxes getting to high
215. fix the old dock
216. building development
217. above ground fuel storage tanks without spill containment protection- groundwater and soil contamination possible
218. littering on public lands and roads
219. tiny houses/RVs/trailers overstaying their time
220. better regulation of campsites, township & state

221. a location to take branches.
222. brining / dust control of Huron drive
223. lower speed limit in pines to 15 mph.
224. speed enforcement in dense population areas.
225. handicap access to docks
226. land subdividing
227. support for coordinating maintenance services (chimney, septic, etc.)
228. campers, trash, trailers and vehicles piling up in the forest areas - some places look like a dump.
229. law enforcement
230. real estate sales transparency
231. trash bag thickness
232. roads maintenance upgrade
233. travel trailer or trailer space rental not permitted on residential property
234. push completion of west end launch and park
235. poor eating and shopping even for basics
236. limited access to other areas of the island to explore
237. limit the size of summer "cottages"
238. quality of maintenance on main dock
239. roads brine
240. resource list
241. keeping roads in great condition
242. lack of available, full time law enforcement
243. hazardous waste mitigation
244. more ferry services
245. prioritizing access for motor vehicles over bikes and pedestrians, which use fewer resources
246. ATVs on private property
247. better roads conditions
248. help for the volunteer fire department
249. mail delivery
250. size of a building to stay in during visits
251. development of new dock location in Cheboygan
252. medical supplies
253. excess use of ATVs during the summer months
254. more ferry service
255. enforce all laws
256. lack of quality development
257. too many township employees
258. dust control
259. repair the old hotel dock & gazebo
260. timely trash removal!!
261. lack of business opportunities
262. dock for boat access to twin lake
263. more parking at the transfer station available to land owners
264. I would like more transparency as to the motivation and future plans for the assets acquired on the Cheboygan riverfront.
265. lack of growth of tourism

266. communications - take the time/develop strategies to engage/get feedback/input (other than just this survey) from more taxpayers, not just the year-rounders.
267. erosion of roadways
268. fuel availability on the island
269. ?
270. trailers should no longer be allowed
271. access to newspapers
272. communication to visitors and owners
273. development of a marked foot trail system in island interior
274. zoning enforced
275. year-round law enforcement
276. too many ORVs going places they don't belong
277. integrity of shoreline
278. maintaining a dock that will accommodate large loads
279. speed enforcement on all roads
280. trailers
281. gazebo
282. transfer station—it was a disgrace last summer
283. cell phone service (Verizon)
284. low lying shore roadway where high water lies
285. zoning enforcement-building permits, enforce travel trailer usage, enforce the fines.
286. more transportations service options (more runs/longer season)
287. stop fighting plaunt's transportation
288. keep inland and Huron lake waters clean
289. access to island
290. lack of commerce for basic needs
291. need more hospitality likes restaurants and b and b's
292. marina availability
293. maintain healthy forest
294. the roads need attention in dust control.
295. lack of boat slips and the marina
296. business friendly environment.
297. the boaters parking area never available for boaters, its plaunt's and others free parking area.... again, no enforcement!
298. a second ferry or shuttle service
299. cell phone service is spotty
300. wider selection of grocery and dining choices
301. repair dock in pines
302. lack of proper commercial zoning
303. much needed west end park and boat launch
304. too much big city ideas
305. over regulation there are more rules on Boblo than the mainland
306. internet and cell phone service
307. access to the township hall for non-residents
308. outhouses for campers on bible road
309. high water impact on key roads
310. public roads blocked by residents
311. preserving woodlands

312. pines dock
313. noise ordinance needed (for guns especially)
314. zoning enforcement along with roads access.
315. shoreline docks, boat stations, junk.
316. dump hours
317. maintenance of peace and quiet
318. littering
319. short term rental control
320. construction of township owned dock in Cheboygan
321. marina maintenance
322. fire and emergency services
323. commercial businesses - encourage to develop
324. removing people living in trailers or not having proper septic
325. slowing traffic through the pines
326. consider improvement of roads to lake Mary and definitely at parking area at main dock.
327. need new restaurant
328. ridiculous septic field mandates
329. parks
330. unity in the invested longstanding community
331. complete/implement a plan for the pines dock.
332. do not over-govern our island. we are unique and have a lot to share with visitors.
333. poaching
334. zoning enforcement
335. better use of taxpayer \$/more transparency
336. stay out of the rental police business.
337. officer on island to enforce law and maintain peace
338. year-round commerce, specifically retail and dining
339. year around goods & supplies
340. visitors who do not respect the island
341. medical services on the island
342. cell coverage/911 availability
343. government to big
344. n/a
345. follow through and enforcement of zoning ordinances
346. respecting property owner's private property and not trespassing
347. roads dust
348. we need township owned dock in Cheboygan.
349. overcrowding
350. cellphone service
351. expansion of marina or additional marina on west side
352. gazebo
353. snow beach- where's the sand
354. to many for wheelers
355. ferry monopoly
356. outdated sewers in old cabins.
357. water edge erosion
358. solid community involved problem solving
359. limit people who come over to camp

360. again, recycling. please help our planet.
361. blight in the sense of long unmaintained, unoccupied properties.
362. preservation of historical buildings and landmarks
363. development: please: no condos, no strip malls, this ain't the mainland
364. less regulation on short term rentals
365. a sight-in target shooting location.
366. recycling
367. educate dog owners to leash dogs when they are not friendly dogs.
368. transfer station open more days
369. speeding on roads
370. laundromat
371. lack of restaurant / prepared food access.
372. noise ordinance
373. availability of critical services/ 24/7
374. speed in front of the school should be reduced to 15mph
375. assure continued ferry service
376. do not allow any grandfather clauses of property use
377. legal resolution of lake access at sand bay
378. poor roads
379. more transparency of township goals
380. old dock
381. ferry, Airbnb schedules
382. opening up another ferry service for competition
383. conflict of interest in township/island government
384. recycling
385. rinse station for boats and vehicles before leaving island
386. number of people/vehicles allowed in rental properties.
387. lack of flexibility and costs for ferry
388. mackinaw county library connection
389. ferry
390. internet
391. high water issues. rocks need to be added so we don't lose our roads
392. maintenance of the rustic rural environment
393. medical facilities
394. keeping the small island setting
395. enforce zoning
396. porta johns in campgrounds
397. too much regulation
398. speed control/ ORVs rules
399. readiness plan for rising lake water
400. fully functional dock for the ferry
401. roads design and maintenance
402. have fire permits registered from the ferry, calling them in doesn't work
403. population growth
404. walking paths
405. private property protection
406. control of rowdy weekend visitors
407. new board members

408. too much noise and traffic in general
409. zoning restrictions/enforcement
410. speed & noise enforcement
411. 4 wheelers use of private roads
412. creation and access to island wilderness parks
413. dock—needs repair so the ferry can dock where it used to
414. cut down on trespassing
415. law enforcement-speeding, poaching or fishing/hunting without a license, people driving without a driver's license, DUI's, underage drivers on ORVs, killing Mississauga's,
416. camper rules/regulations & tiny homes
417. stop fighting plaunt's transportation
418. protect beaches and trails from 4 wheelers
419. septic issues
420. better signage for mainlanders
421. steadily increasing ferry prices and accessibility to schedule for ferry
422. maintain quality ground water
423. some lots are a dumping ground and enforcement of these areas of blight need to be addressed.
424. roads paving or dust control
425. encourage planned growth.
426. a higher level of cooperation and intelligence from our board is needed, the ferry ramp rebuild, the exodus of the previous harbor commission, and growing dissatisfaction with the twp. board are all evidence of a dysfunctional local government.
427. relationship between plant transportation and township
428. better strategies for emergency medical services
429. misappropriation of township funds- i.e., purchase of Cheboygan wetland
430. dependable restaurant, tavern and grocery store hours
431. township/ government needs to stop trying to get grants and other government funding
432. new comer education especially with short term rentals
433. introduction of more commercial businesses
434. inland lake public access maintenance
435. outhouses for campers on bible road
436. cell service / high speed internet
437. not the frequency but the quality of roads maintenance
438. roads snow removal
439. park / boat launch west end
440. enforcement of building codes for both new & occupied homes
441. law enforcement
442. consideration of paid ems services
443. increase funding of fire department/ems
444. enforcing existing ordinances
445. infrastructure
446. maintenance of township owned transportation centers - dock, airport etc.