

LEE TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN SURVEY
COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE RESIDENTS

The following comments were transcribed from the 2010 Master Plan Survey that was sent out by and returned to the Lee Township Planning Commission. These comments were made by Lee Township residents who responded to the Surveys.

BLIGHT AND OTHER ORDINANCES:

- Recommend mobile homes in parks only. 1000sq. ft. minimum on residential homes on property. Increase utility services/residential and commercial growth will follow.
- 27 people voted at a meeting to not have the blight ordinance as it is now; so what good is the people's opinion anyways.
- First Choice: Enforce blight control and zoning laws.
- I would like to see a noise ordinance, at least have parties stopped by 11:00 pm. Peoples yards should be cleaned up. Abandoned homes taken care of. Besides that, I like Lee Township just the way it is.
- The cleanup of many of the blighted properties in our Township over the last few years has greatly improved both the Township's appearance and reputation. It is important to continue to support the code and the enforcement officer in his efforts, as there is still a great deal of work to be done.
- Property beyond the road right-of-way is private property (should be maintained as the owner see fit). 1. I don't want City in the country. Looks like someone is just waiting for our property. 2. What is on our property, plows, rakes, antiques, farm equipment, barns-sheds are not blight. 3. They are a good reminder of our Grandparents and should be looked at as theirs and not a fattened wallet.
- Enforce the laws we have. We don't need a lot of new ones.
- Lee Township needs to be more aggressive on cleaning up junk and trash around buildings. Better accountability of funds spent.
- Many could use a lesson in unnatural ugly and clean up their yards. Eye sores!!!
- Blight: there is a lot of defense for blight. And this survey does not do it.
- Out of sight out of mind, unless a neighbor complains about it.
- Need ordinances to keep dogs confined to owner's residence. Need ordinances to keep dogs from excessive barking.
- Ordinances are to out of control. There are way too many. We live in the country not the City with people losing their jobs and taking salary reductions.
- Also the Blight and junk in people's yard has been a problem since we have lived here (21+ years)

- I would like to see the eyesores cleaned up and roads fixed! Lower Taxes!! Gordonville Road needs blight and trashy trailers to be eliminated.
- Enforce blight ordinances.
- Lee Township is well known as a center for crime and blight in Midland County. I often hear people joking about the Township. On Midland Daily News Website, Lee leads all Townships in the crime page. The Board does not seem to be serious about cleaning up the area, perhaps because the bad elements are so numerous that the Board is afraid they will be voted out. I think this bad reputation hinders any future positive growth.
- I agree that things should be orderly - but - take some consideration. I work on trucks, cars, boats, houses, heavy equipment. The front yard should look good - behind the house, my garage is my work area. I work 50-60 hours a week. Time is tight. Firewood piles up, Some truck and cars sit for awhile before they get finished. But you and anyone else have to look pretty hard to see anything around my house. It looks good, orderly is good. City Life is not, that's all I am looking for. I am a jack of all trades and a master of 4 trades. Let's be reasonable to all.
- The blight issue is a huge problem in our Township. I wish the Township would enforce the laws in this area, it brings everyone's property value down. It is hard to sell your house when next door looks like they never clean, mow or go to the dump.
- Realize that not everyone has money to immediately repair vehicles, fix their property, etc. Times are tough.
- We moved to Lee Township from another Township that over the course of 20 years developed every last piece of Agricultural land and forest land available. If that begins to happen in Lee Township, I would not hesitate to move again.
- Keep City regulations out of the Township.
- We are currently looking to move to an area where there is more "Pride" in one's homestead. We feel because people take their own trash to the dump, they don't care about it flying out of their vehicles along the route, thus making our roads and ditches gross. Also, it makes recycling less accommodating. We also dislike how home values continue to decline. We feel that people are getting away with too much in terms of "eyesores" . Clean up your junk!
- Enforce the ordinances.
- Blight is a problem though.

- Our neighborhood is filled with vehicles that haven't been used in years. People pile up garbage outside of the back door for -months-. Too much garbage in local ditches that no one picks up. People are generally disgusting, every house on Amy Lane should be demolished.
- Enforce blight control. Have a neighborhood watch. (There is one.) No more Habitat for Humanity housing. the majority of these homes are just as bad if not worse than some of the trash homes that have been here for many years.
- Enforce blight control. 😊
- Improve the reputation of Lee Township. We are known as the "Low Rent District."
- There are many junk cars on people's property. City water seems to be a lot more expensive in this Township than compared to when we lived in Midland Township, the quarterly fee. Is there a better blight enforcement official? We like the fact that we were asked about our opinion. Thank You!
- Way too much blight and rundown trailers.
- Blighted property!! We have considered moving because the local blight is embarrassing when we have visitors. 8 Mile needs to be cleaned up.
- There seems to be no ordinance enforcement taking place in the Township anymore. The yards are full of trash, junk, etc., are increasing in numbers. There is "a watered down" blight ordinance in place. It needs to be enforced and it needs to have some teeth in it. Also, there's a lot of "Home Businesses" in operation. Do they have permits for these businesses? I seriously doubt that most of them do. They need to comply with Township requirements.
- There are many signs in the yards of home. I suspect that they are not legal, as well.
- No more junk trailers.
- Too many ordinances!
- Lee Township Board of Officers:
This is to inform you that a close look should be taken at the following places along W. Gordonville Rd. There is trash and debris close to the house, and which are what we are going to call rodents and snakes, as well as run down property values.
13XX W. Gordonville has trash piled behind mobile home and at one end.
13XX W. Gordonville has debris or junk in yard making it look dumpy.
13XX W. Gordonville has the overflow of 13XX from the looks of it
Sincerely, A concerned Lee Township Citizen who lives on W. Gordonville Rd.
- Enforcement of blight ordinances, no trailer rental properties, no more mobile homes to this area.

- Blight control needed. Please enforce blight control. My main concern is we need more enforcement on the blight law. Don't just let them stuff the items behind the garage, like on 11 Mile.
- Why are homeowners penalized?! for making our property more attractive by improving all areas around their homes? While other homeowners allow grass and weeds to go wild. Causing a pig sty, fire hazard plus an eyesore. Homeowners should be given kind words for beautifying their property, not penalized.
- No more trash trailer houses moved into our Township and blighted properties cleaned up and enforced!
- More effort should be placed on changing the image of Lee Township.
- Set guidelines for property size VS. number of animals on property.
- Lee Township needs to be cleaned up. Would like to see more in mosquito control. Where is the mowing of the right-of-ways?
- Blighted property ordinances need to be enforced. It's ridiculous that my neighbors have 10 cars in their yard. This is unfair to people who want to sell or get an appraisal. Another suggestion is to do an email blast to folks who want to supply this info to keep informed of meetings' goings-on. 😊
- Please enforce blight and zoning laws!!!!
- Private property being maintained well is a huge issue!!
- Please continue to clean up blight, get rid of junk!! Blight is the biggest issue, no more small trailers please!
- Enforce blight control and zoning Laws!!!
- I've been charged taxes on a trailer that has not been here for 20 years. Some people can have their land look like a dump and nothing is done to them.
- Clean up old trailers and yards that look really bad, for example on West Olson Rd. and 8 Mile. Lower taxes for those who keep their homes and yard looking nice.
- We feel Lee Township as a whole is in poor shape. So much trash and what seems to be lack of pride of the majority of folks in maintaining their residences. Let's get rid of so many PIT-BULLS-what are folks thinking!
- Must enforce blight control and zoning laws (MUST DO).
- There are too many people sticking their noses in other people's business now -including the Planning Commission. Some of the people that complain too much should clean up their own back yards first or maybe they should consider moving into town.

CITY WATER:

- Still no break on having City water.
- When the water lines were installed and covered up with sand - our ditch bank was filled in 3 times by the company putting down the netting and grass seed. It keeps washing out in 2 large spots and I'm unable to maintain the grass due to large wash-outs. I feel that Lee Township should go correct this because my ditch bank wasn't in this shape until water lines were put into the ground and covered up. I should not have to pay to have this repaired back to it's original form before digging began. Get off your duffs and drive around to see where all the wash-outs are located in front of homes in the ditches along M-20 especially.
- Improve communication from Township Officials to residents. The \$75.00 local unit fee was a complete surprise and Township Officials could not provide an explanation.
- They keep saying that we are going to get water. I don't believe it. Maybe next year.
- Residents should not have to pay the \$7,000 if they are not taking water! That's not fair.
- I think the cost of water will soon be too high for people to afford it. We should look at ways to reduce this cost so that more residents can afford it and will connect to the water system.
- I have great water, always have - not happy about being forced to pay for others to have it. City water has been available to all - delivered!. Since the forced water issues and the forced loans, forced onto our taxes I could not convince any of my friends or relatives to buy in Lee Township. That was handled communistic-ally. Low taxes is why we chose to move to Lee Township. No longer have, due to Lee Township City water hookup.
- The authorities who thought they had the right to make a decision about the water, they are all scam artists and should not be able to remain in office. My father and grandfather gave their lives for this great nation and for our freedoms and rights that were stripped away by Lee Township. I am watching all of you!! This water issue and the way it was handled brought out a lot of underhandedness, backstabbing and all out division in our entire community. This will be a sore spot for at least 40 years on the taxes. Maybe a lifetime on the hearts of the people. A house divided against itself - can not stand (The Bible)!! Anyone whoever wanted City water could have had it for less than \$3,000. Have a crock put in and have City water delivered one a week or month and it never had to affect anyone else. Freedom of choice!!!

- We had to have water, now they need some repairs. My opinion is that the Board wanted water, let them pay, with our help?
- We do not need anything that adds new taxes, new fees, or new assessments. I hope that you didn't artificially inflate the number of people you thought were going to hook up to the water. I don't want you to come back on us like Homer Township is coming back onto their residents charging for an extra \$500.00
- Did not want water line, I can not afford it.
- Lower the property taxes back to where they were, don't need City water, my well works fine.
- Land taxes way too high. City water is a plus but ridiculous price for hookup. Way too high.
- City water: haven't been able to get information on hookup.
- If people want City water, move to the City, not Lee Township.
- I have called and informed the supervisor that our ditches need to be dug out and able to drain. My yard fills up with water nearly every spring. I am happy to have City water but now my ditch is even higher than before. I am not the only one in my neighborhood who needs ditches dug. I live on N. 8 Mile near Olson Rd.
- I do not like being forced to take water when I do not want City water.
- While wanting and needing City water – I can not afford to hook up to it. Way too expensive. Bad though to have to pay very high taxes. City water should have been explained better, how much it would cost before voting. Taxpayers got screwed on water.
- I am still not happy about the way you forced the City water on a Township whose majority voters were against it. We are on W. Gordonville Rd. and didn't even get to vote because we were added to the list at the last minute. (We weren't even notified about the meeting!) You will not get our vote at the next election!! Sending us this survey is far too little far too late!!!
- City water: haven't been able to find information about the hookup. Water project is a joke!! I have called multiple times to get information and no one will call me back. I call when the recorder says that they are open and still no one answers. I'm trying to call the number sent to residents on the blue postcard.
- I have a water assessment but am too far off the road to connect. People move miles out of town on purpose, could have stayed in town.

- I think the way the residents of Lee Township were deceived in regards to the water issue was very unfair to us. Not only the cost to run it down the road, but to actually hook into it. Not many of us can afford to have it now! But we will pay for it a very long time! Also, the ditches not being mowed or cleaned out is really stupid. I have a corner lot and if I don't clean or mow my ditch, you can't see at the corner! What do my taxes actually pay for??
- Stop taking taxes out of peoples' land taxes who did not want the water and who are not hooking up to it. To take out a low interest loan to pay for it is jut another bill that some of us can't afford!
- It's bad enough that it took 15 years to finally get water. Increase from \$3,000 to \$7,000 because of officials squabbling and laziness but you still have to pay \$2,000 for permits and hookups. The residents are not that rich and more people would hook up if the costs were a lot less.
- When D*** C***** was in there, he let our free water go out the door, so I feel that he should be the one to pay for everyone's water in Lee Township.
- The water was a flop. Let me ask you a question? How many homes have really hooked up to the water lines? On my road, hardly anyone has! I guess the rich and influenced got their way again!!! Have a nice day 😊
- At this time we are still waiting for water - red tape and contractors have been a nightmare. Residents that do not want City water shouldn't have to pay for it on their taxes. If a well goes bad, they should have a choice of a new well or pay for City water. If we wanted City water we wouldn't have moved to the country.
- The water issue is a big joke. Very unhappy with how things are done in this Township.
- Water line billing—the water line increases value of all properties, not just the users. All should be charged just like you did the \$7,000 for each property owner, forget waiting for more people to hookup. Let's get this bill paid. You want to stop complaints. Charge everyone This is what is fair!
- I live on Oakbridge Dr. Taxes are too high on 1.75 acres. And I am forced to pay for City water.
- I still believe that the water taxes are too high! And I still blame the Township!!! I am still displeased. I was told that I would only pay (water taxes) and then I was blindsided with multiple taxes for the water!!
- I wish a form similar to this one would have been sent out before the water project was pushed through.

- I think that our residents should have a choice before they are forced into something, like City water.
- I think that the water project was a waste of time and money! Our taxes are too high because of it! I would much rather have my road paved. At least that's something that we will use.
- The water service did not extend to us. services provided, such as water, need to be offered to all Township residents. Only when all services are offered to all citizens should you consider expanding into new services. It was not unnoticed that all Township Board members received City water.
- The water was much better because of City water, but I definitely did not like the fact that there was a grant for it, but the Township sat on it too long and screwed everyone over and made them pay for something that could have been free. There are a lot of people in this Township who could not afford it for one.
- Waiting for City water still. City water is still not ready for us-getting frustrated.
- Water is a big problem. We have been carrying water for years, and can't get anyone who can honestly tell us when City water will be turned on/in for us.
- Expand water lines to far reaching areas.
- I have a comment to make in reference to getting my City water hooked up. I have had my pipeline all in and ready to hook up since last fall and have even had it all paid for except for having a plumber hook it up to my H2O Thank you very much for asking.
- Too much red tape to get City water.
- I'm looking forward to getting City water.
- Unhappy with City water progress.
- Lee Township did a very poor job on the water project. The consultants let the contractors do a very poor job on the finish work. South of M-20 on 9 Mile Rd. very poor seed and extremely rough. They didn't even want to repair driveway that was cracked by the contractors. South 9 Mile Rd.
- I didn't like the fact that we were not mailed a notice to vote on City water until it was too late to vote. It was not right to take \$7,000 from retirees on a fixed income. You hurt a lot of people in this Township. How 13% of the Township got this passed, I question it. Sounds like something fishy going on. If so few people wanted it, let them pay for it or go to town where they have City water. Try not to push anything else down our neck. We can't afford this.

- Water service isn't improved yet for me. Our water hookup date is August then I will consider our water service improved. I am very upset that the work done at our house wasn't done correctly. The company had to come out and re-dig drainage pipe and reposition, they were supposed to add more soil/gravel to fix the low spots. **WAS NOT DONE, WORSE THAN BEFORE!**
- Residences should not have to pay for services which they can not utilize. Don't like paying for City water on taxes without being hooked up, which proved to be a far more than originally planned for, so can't hookup. I think the Township was purposefully deceitful on this. WATER SERVICE TOO HIGH IN COST. I'M BROKE. I CAN'T AFFORD CITY WATER LINE ON A FIXED INCOME.
- My taxes have gone up over \$1,200 a year in six years and I can't afford the water. Way too expensive for this little Township.
- Can't wait to get City water. We get no answers.
- Thanks to all who worked to bring City water to us. Thanks to all of you who worked together to make Lee Township as nice a place to live as it is. I hope to enjoy the remainder of my life here.
- We don't want City water - so many lives have been altered due to huge increase in taxes because of the water. This was a mistake. I'm paying my taxes and I want my City water!!! And why are we going to get an extra charge on our water bill? Double tax is not enough?
- Lee Township seems to be 2 different Townships. If there are any changes, it should cover the entire Township such as water once it crosses the Chippewa River, it should cover the entire Township.
- Not happy with the delay in water hook-up on M-20 and the big cost of the meter. They also did a poor job with landscaping along the road.
- Water to everyone who wants it. Lower the crime rate.
- Lee Township elected officials should never have approved the new water system without offering it to everyone in Lee Township. This was unfair!!
- The water main installation did not leave conditions as good or better than it was before the water installation. I.E., road conditions, ditches too hard to mow, ditches filled with clay causing unstable, bumpy conditions, also does not grow grass well, our private road (Paul Rd.) has clay mixed in with the stone we purchased (?) Now causing unstable road conditions in wet weather. I brought this issue to the Township previously, with no response.
- Taxes are too d-- high! Water hook-up and taxes for water are too d-- high!
- If we wanted City water we wouldn't have moved to the country.

COMPACTOR AND TRASH PICK UP:

- I am in favor of garbage pickup. This would also help our curb blight. Note the following about the dump: I have had 2 flat tires since using the dump. I look for nails. Since I found a long 3” screw today, I gave it to the man working there today and politely told him about it. He was a bit nasty when I suggested that he look over the area every 30 minutes or so for nails and such. He suggested that I should spend my day looking for nails. Funny, but I was on my way to mail this response, so I just opened the envelope and added this note. My concern is not with the man’s response to me, but I think it’s a good suggestion.
- Perhaps compactor should be closed - and go to trash pickup.
- We want garbage pickup.
- I would like to see what the cost of garbage pickup would be but do not shut down the compactor either. In other words, what we pay on our taxes could be split for pickup and keeping the compactor open.
- Garbage pickup.
- Trash pickup.
- Keep the dump/compactor site.
- The compactor site does a good job. Possibly expand to used oil - tires and chemicals. develop a “Pride of Lee Township” .
- Keep the compactor site.
- We would like to see no Dump!!! Get trash curbside pick-up. Not every resident can afford to haul own trash or even the elderly or disabled can not lift or afford to pay anyone to do it. Not to mention that the dump isn’t open at times posted. (Average during days. Saturday is not left open until 3 pm.). We are disabled and have a hard time going to the dump.
- Would love garbage pick up.
- Enforce clean up - encourage using the dump.
- Garbage pick up is lacking.
- We do not like the Township dump versus roadside pick up. We would like roadside pickup versus the dump.
- I do not like to see garbage cans along the road—they are eyesores. I like our dump! Keep it. I would very much like to see curbside garbage pickup.
- Curbside garbage pickup a big plus+
- Get up with the 21st century and close the compactor and adopt curbside pick up.
- Recycling bins and garbage pickup.
- Get garbage pickup at the road but keep the compactor for heavy items.

COUNTRY LIVING:

- I like the peaceful, natural beauty, country spaces, and wildlife!
- Midland, Sanford, and Homer Township's have many commercial services that are needed. Why would you want to turn this rural community into another City? Your Residential development has almost ruined this rural community.
- there is not enough agricultural property in Lee Township to consider farming as an issue. Also the soil is of poor quality and wet, should not be farmed. Township goals for the past 30 years have been self-serving. I have talked to many people who are worried that they are going to be taxed off their property. Shame on you guys!
- We do not need to be Larking Township! Stay out of my wallet!
- Leave the City in the City. The more people you have in the Township the more of your rights you will lose. Move in a million dollar house next to a farm, next thing you know, they force the farm away. Leave the City in the City. I have a nice place, but I don't believe that I should force people to live to my standards, they are free people, and they own their land, not lease it for their lifetime. If people want McDonald's, Walmart, and a hospital, tell them to move to where they are, we don't want it.
- I don't drive around looking or judging what other people do or how they live what happened to our rights? Quality residential growth is good.
- I would like people to mind their own business.
- I think that people live in the country for a reason and country living should be preserved.
- Keep the country-country! If you want a City life with restaurants, shopping, etc., move to the City. Clearing the woods on 9 Mile was a bad move, we need to preserve our woods and keep our wildlife.
- Lee Township has very little productive agricultural land and preserving it would be a moot point in relation to the Master Plan.
- We moved to Lee Township after building our new home 3 years ago. We love the peacefulness and the wildlife and would not like to see many changes that could affect this. Improving the aesthetics of the area and bringing WI-Fi here would make living here perfect to us.
- We like the freedom that Lee Township offers and the ruralness. Would hate to see that change in the name of progress. there needs to be a place in Midland County like Lee Township. things don't always need to be white picket fence. Thanks for asking our opinion. Thanks for all ya do!

- Would like to keep Lee Township as a rural community for agriculture and residential living. Please do not destroy the “country living” by building new projects and cutting down trees and destroying wildlife homes - soon- there will be no longer countryside. We need to preserve as much as we can. People have all kinds of cities and town nearby. We don't need to sacrifice our peacefulness, our natural setting, and our “retreat from the hectic pace” . They can move if they want concrete. Thank you for hearing our concerns.
- Why do we need more? We have enough business already, we don't need more. Agricultural growth can cause hazards and polluted waterways. Ask the Board “why” (where) the highways are traffic bound on holidays and weekends.
- We moved out to Lee Township because we wanted to get out of town. It's a short drive to all the services we need. Let's keep it as rural as possible.
- If you want to have City amenities like City water, sewer, trash pickup, THEN move to the City. I live HERE because I LOVE COUNTRY living.
- It is a good community as is, however it would be nice to see some of the development going on in Midland move out to the Township.
- I like rural living.
- We do not need more people crowded in Lee Township.
- I am happy with most of the area.
- When you go to the City, look at the concrete, etc. cars and trucks all over - nothing to see but buildings and concrete. Don't need this out here!
- We need to grow but we don't want to grow to the point we're living in town.
- Residential growth should be encouraged to a certain degree-or we no longer will be country.
- Lee Township was a peaceful God-Fearing community. I used to work very hard to get grants approved for the West Midland Family Center pool and the Lee Township Park Developments, things that were posted, talked about petitions signed. The community worked together.
- Keep the City in the City. Lee is a good place, there is a place for everything. You pay, I pay property taxes. You should be able to have boats, RV' s, extra vehicles, etc. without someone or City people in the country trying to make our country into a City. They should move back into the City. Just north- winter you can ride snow machines to the gas pump. Also, you have two track trails that you can drive 4 x 4's and 4-wheelers on. We have too many trails cut off to us now!!! Fix this!

- Live in the country, not the City.
- No City!! Country living should remain country!!
- If you want the City, stay in the City.
- This has always been a rural community and it should stay that way. The less government involvement in my life, the better! This community can not afford more government intervention in the lives of the members of this community. The Township should leave their citizens alone.
- Lee Township is a rural community - rather than developing industry or commercial - let's attract homes/residents with income levels that will raise our tax base - start by cleaning up our homes!!
- There needs to be sidewalks on every road so I can walk my dogs without fear of being run over.
- Lee Township is a very attractive area but with too many business properties it could be possible to encourage more City residents to move out and therefore increase the tax revenues and enable more improvements.
- Lee Township should be a country way of life. We don't need another City. If you want to live in the City, move there! Next you will have Midland annex you into the City. Just look at Homer, it went to xxx. We will have to move further west.
- A community organized summer picnic.
- Develop a community action program with volunteers.
- I enjoy rural living and no way want to see any industrial development in our Township.
- Attract new businesses on M-20 corridor.
- I have lived in the community all of my life and I have seen a lot of change. Some good some bad, but the best thing would be to improve the amount of agricultural in the Township. Slow down the amount of growth and changed: go back to teaching our children good sensible life values and how to work hard and live good! This is the country! If you want to live in the City go back to the City!!! Please!
- Freedom is not free!

PARK:

- Porta Johns at the Park.
- The Township Park does not need a Spray Park, it would not meet needs of the target population (2–13 year old) and would not be worth the yearly maintenance costs.
- Who needs a splash park? More wasted money, the grants won't cover the upkeep.

ROAD CONDITIONS:

- I don't like the high traffic on W. Stewart Rd.
- I would like to see better roads and ditches need to be dug or cleaned out. Also kept moved. Water stands in yards and has no place to drain, this also adds to the mosquito problems in the spring.
- The roads are awful. They are in great need of repair. Not enough people taking pride of their property. Lack of food giveaways for the low income, like in town. Need more church (based) services.
- Roads need to be better maintained. Ditches should be moved, even if we aren't on the way to the Township. Hall!
- Traffic light at M-20 and 8 Mile; this is a dangerous intersection.
- Road repair is high on the list of improvements.
- We live on Thomas Road - would like to see Bennett Lane and Thomas Lane paved.
- We badly need our ditch cleaned and our road resurfaced on 8 Mile north of W. Olson Rd.
- Please put new blacktop on 8 Mile Rd!
- We do not live on Castor Road but have friends there. It is shameful that you and Greendale can not agree to pave that road. They are not maintained even the way they are - they being Castor rd, West of Bradford Rd. (Porter paying Half) and West Gordonville Rd. from 10.5 Mile on.
- Traffic light at M-20 and 8 Mile; as this is a dangerous intersection.
- I live down a dirt road (Oakridge Dr.) it's the worst road ever.

- Street lights don't work right on S. 10 Mile and West Bradford Rd. or W. Chippewa Rd. and 11 Mile Rd. Does the Fire Dept Emergency Water supply work on my property? Nothing has been checked for years. Can the roadside brush be cut at the corners or "Stop" signs Roads? So one can see if anything is coming? Outlying areas don't get any services but taxes are still high. Trailers make neighborhoods look junky and hurts your home value, but taxes still go up if you improve your home. Residential growth should be encouraged, but not trailers.
- Road repair. It has not been a long time ago that our road was fixed.
- Pave 9 Mile between Steward Road and Chippewa River Rd. This gravel stretch is always a mess. Everyone is constantly calling the Road commission to come and grade it. We might be further ahead to pay it. In the long run, it would be cheaper for the Township and County to pave this short Road, rather than to continue to grade it and grave it. Please check into this for us!
- Roadways are in good shape.
- 8 Mile needs road repairs. Road conditions are bad. Township needs to put more grave on roads.
- No more seal coating on the road, just a waste of money.
- 8 Mile Rd. needs to be replaced. It is one of the most traveled because it goes over the river. It has been patched way too many times. 9 Mile has been done because of the Fire Dept., park, and the dump, but it doesn't go over the river.
- We live on W. Bradford, between Pine River and 8 Mile and this road gets terrible at times. This stretch of road, that extends to 9 Mile, which gets even worse, and at this point is in bad condition and is a very neglected section of Bradford Road. All of these sections, including E. Bradford is paved. I spoke with Midland County Road Commission and was informed that if I could persuade Porter Township to pay half the cost of surfacing that they (Midland County Road Commission) would pay the other half. (That's not my job.) There are 10 property owners on the Lee Township side that pay taxes and only 4 property owners on the Porter side. Most, if not all would love to see a permanent fix on our road, and for us personally, as we're having our driveway paved and can not go to the road as we don't know when the road will be too high or too low, depending on if they add gravel or grade the road.
- Road repairs rank high on the list for us.

TAXES:

- I don't believe that I should be penalized with high property taxes because I don't want or like City.
- We would like lower taxes. If I need to volunteer, I will.
- What is the explanation about the additional \$35 in tax in spring?
- Assessment values go down but not my taxes???
- Taxes are way too high!
- Taxes should be fair!!!
- Property taxes should be lowered
- Lower taxes.
- Taxes are way too high!!
- This Township is a poor community. More taxes for water or whatever is very foolish. People in this Township are losing their homes.
- Taxes are too high for "Lee Township". I pay more than folks in town.
- Less government! Enough taxes already!!
- I feel that property taxes are over rated in Lee Township.
- My taxes have gone up over \$1,200 a year in six years.

TOWNSHIP-WIDE WIFI:

- Solicit local cable/telephone/communication providers to give a better deal and make these above services more affordable. Basic cost could be assessed to the tax bill.
- Bring in WI-FI. 😊
- Second choice would be Township wide WI-FI.
- Bring WI-FI here would make living here perfect for us.
- Township wide WI-FI is foolish.
- Services Desired: Internet access-free.
- Township wide WI-FI is an interesting idea. What about the costs? Other than WI-FI, it would be a good idea to have better internet, such as AT&T or DSL. Parish Communications is too Expensive!!!
- Would like to see Township wide WI-FI!!!
- Improve cell phone service.
- Township WI-FI is interesting, but unless it is a secure and very low cost system, we would have no interest in it.
- Lack of broadband Internet access. Parish (provider) is not responsive and show no desire to expand services except through high expense to the homeowner.

WEBSITE:

- Keep Website updated weekly at the minimum.
- Website: communication via Website all laws for the Township. Need a new functional, easy to use Website, with potential new planning. this needs to be accessible to the community. Zoning also needs to be on the Website. People should be able to access all of this on an easy, fast, accessible Website.
- Lee Township Website needs to be up-to-date with all notifications to Lee Township. Residents, which should include voting on issues in Lee Township.
- It would be nice if the Lee Township. Website was better maintained.
- More updated and more frequently.
- Website should be kept more up-to-date. Updating the Master Plan is also a good move, We are thankful to have such good Township leadership.
- Update the Website as this is an excellent and inexpensive way to communicate!

MISCELLANEOUS:

- With the economy as poor as it is, common sense should dictate maintaining what we have, and not taking on any project that costs even a penny.
- People in charge of renting the Township. Hall never answer the phone and never called back! We rented elsewhere.
- Probably not realistic to expect business growth with limited population.
- I think that home-based business should be encouraged, not commercial businesses.
- Construct a new Township Hall with commercial type kitchen, so it may be rented out to potential home business entrepreneurs to encourage local business.
- Why are there so many relatives who are in Lee Township jobs? How are they picked?
- We need more growth, such as restaurants, Walmart, etc.
- Schools in the area are great!
- Do not think about building a Township Hall. Not needed.
- Satisfied overall—like the fact that Lee Township offers involvement.

- I would like to see our Township help out the people who can't afford to or are unable to keep their land up, like mowing grass or taking unwanted building down or cleaning up messes around their homes or yards.
- Let Greendale Township pay more for fire services. Get a Fire chief from our own Township.
- I wish that the Lee Township officials would work for the people instead of themselves.
- Would love to have natural gas.
- More professional contracts with outside people, like the clear cutting/wood sale.
- What happened to all the money that was spent on our Master Plan and Blight the past years.
- Does anyone check our Fire Dept. any more?
- I am in favor of home-based businesses as long as it does not destroy the natural beauty of the land.
- I want my neighborhood back! The one I moved into, where everyone waved when they passed by.
- I think we all should be better informed on the meetings- when, where, time and open to the public.
- Would preserving agricultural land be forced on us like the City water? When the next recession hits (and it will) farming may be the biggest thing we rely on and survive on.
- Industrial development would destroy the natural beauty and this is one of the reasons that most of us moved here of course.
- Need to find a balance on using agricultural land for development.
- Clean up the ditches.
- Why more Fire equipment? Michigan is in bad shape. They can only make so much money.
- Get a job opening in the Township and they get Out-of-Township people?
- Lee Township and new development: You can't handle what you are doing now.
- Anytime we make improvements in our community, we all benefit. Lee Township needs to be updated so there is an economy boost and businesses will want to come to our area. We should be setting examples for other low income communities ever be afraid to think out of the box and get ahead of the game. Create jobs and create wealth.
- Look into the installation of wind generation devices.
- Keep up the good work!!!

- More growth, residential and commercial, = more tax base = more services and maybe some tax relief.
- Keep working hard! Your job is not easy!
- Make natural gas available.
- Sometimes the fire dept. does not do all they could do when someone's house is on fire. the services in the Township could use some work
- I think the Board is moving way too fast for the economic disaster we are in.
- Keep commercial zoning on M-20 corners.
- Township officers should work together. Work for the people who have elected them.
- It's too bad that I know the working of politics and most of my opinions go against the Board, what the Board does should be given a second or third glance.
- Thank you to the Fire Department and EMS for their quick response and compassionate people!!!

These comments are from Lee Township's Residents. The Planning Commission Members neither support nor refute any of these comments. Our Thanks goes out to each of you who took the time to complete and return your Surveys. Your responses help the Planning Commission know what the Residents wishes are.