

I have completed totaling the results of the Survey we sent out last summer. We received a total of 362 responses which is about 10% of the parcels in the Township. A normal response is 2% to 3%, so we did very well. The percentages shown are the percentage of the responders to each question, not a percentage of all 362 responders. The first five questions got the best responses, from 6 thru 11 the responses were fewer and fewer. I think you will find the results very interesting and helpful.

MASTER PLAN SURVEY TALLY

1. Township open space and woodlands.

Very Important	255	70.4%
Somewhat Important	74	20.4%
Not Important	26	7.1%
No Opinion	4	1.1%

2. Agriculture

Very Important	286	79%
Somewhat Important	58	16%
Not Important	15	4.1%
No Opinion	2	.5%

3. Mears Commercial area

Very Important	132	36.5%
Somewhat Important	150	41.4%
Not Important	51	14%
No Opinion	19	5.2%

4. Silver Lake Commercial area

Very Important	198	54.7%
Somewhat Important	102	28.2%
Not Important	45	12.4%
No Opinion	6	1.7%

5. Sewer System

Very Important	148	40.9%
Somewhat Important	68	18.8%
Not Important	97	26.8%
No Opinion	40	11%

6. Three Biggest Assets

1. Dunes, Lakes, Beaches	274	39.9%
2. Agriculture	76	11.1%
3. Small Town, Friendly Community	44	6.4%
4. Natural Beauty	37	5.4%
5. Tourism	36	5.2%

7. Three most important issues today:

1. Growth & Development	70	11.9%
2. Sewer	61	10.4%
3. Pollution	50	8.5%
4. Roads	43	7.3%
5. Zoning Issues	37	6.3%
6. Wind Turbines	30	5.1%

8. Three important issues in the next 10 years:

1. Sewer (mostly in favor)	35	9.5%
2. Roads	14	3.8%
3. Zoning	11	3.0%
Wind Turbines	11	3.0%

9. What changes of the last 10 years concern the most:

1. Commercial & Residential Development	39	24.0%
2. Sewer	25	15.4%
3. Zoning Issues	13	8.0%

10. Most positive changes in the last 10 years:

1. Roads	67	45.9%
2. Bike Path/Roundabout	36	24.7%
3. Mears Improvement	28	19.2%

11. What attracted you to Golden Twp:

1. Natural Beauty, Lakes, Dunes	165	73.3%
2. Small Town, Friendly Atmosphere	25	11.1%
3. Agriculture	6	2.6%

14. Age

20 to 30	1
31 to 40	11
41 to 50	36
51 to 60	69
61 to 70	49
71 to 80	37
81 plus	14

Gender

Male	130
Female	109