Chocolay Township Public Opinion Survey 2013



1. Which of the following pertains to you? (check all that apply)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Employed in the Township	14.9%	11
Enployed outside the Township	40.5%	30
Not employed	5.4%	4
Retired	27.0%	20
Property Owner	89.2%	66
Renter	1.4%	1
Seasonal resident	4.1%	3
Year round resident	66.2%	49
	answered question	74
	skipped question	0

2. Please indicate your age group.

	Response Percent	Response Count
less than 20	1.4%	1
20 to 40	9.6%	7
41 to 50	27.4%	20
51 to 59	24.7%	18
60 and over	37.0%	27
	answered question	73
	skipped question	1

3. To assist in making future land use decisions, Chocolay Township planning staff has conducted an inventory of the existing character of Township development. All properties have been classified into categories based on existing character. This information will be used to plan for future redevelopment, growth, production, conservation / recreation and managed areas, and to evaluate appropriate regulations for these areas. Please help us by clicking the Neighborhood Map link and identifying the neighborhood in which your property / place of residence is located. If you own more than one property, choose your primary one. Please contact the Township at 906.249.1448 if you cannot locate your property area. In which area is your property located?

	Response Percent	Response Count
1	0.0%	0
2	0.0%	0
3	0.0%	0
4	0.0%	0
5	0.0%	0
6	0.0%	0
7	0.0%	0
8	0.0%	0
9	0.0%	0
10	100.0%	74
11	0.0%	0
12	0.0%	0
13	0.0%	0
14	0.0%	0
	answered question	74
	skipped question	0

4. The Chocolay Township Planning Commission wishes to gain public input about the appropriate scale or intensity of animal homesteading activities (the keeping of animals) based on the information above. Please indicate your opinion about whether the following activities should be allowed in your neighborhood.

	Agree Disagree		Maybe	I don't know	Rating Average	Rating Count
The keeping of less than ten small animals such as chickens, rabbits, turkeys, in a portable or fixed cage (similar to a dog pen with a shelter and run)	76.7% (56)	12.3% (9)	11.0% (8)	0.0% (0)	2.64	73
The keeping of one or two potbelly pigs as pets like dogs	61.1% (44)	25.0% (18)	11.1% (8)	2.8% (2)	2.31	72
A chicken coop 100 square feet or less (10' by 10')	78.1% (57)	12.3% (9)	8.2% (6)	1.4% (1)	2.63	73
Free-range poultry (not contained in an enclosure at all times)	61.1% (44)	26.4% (19)	11.1% (8)	1.4% (1)	2.32	72
The keeping of a couple of sheep or goats to control the growth of vegetation	64.8% (46)	18.3% (13)	14.1% (10)	2.8% (2)	2.41	71
The keeping of medium size animals such as sheep, alpacas, and goats	58.9% (43)	20.5% (15)	13.7% (10)	6.8% (5)	2.25	73
The keeping of larger animals such as cows, pigs, llamas, and emus	57.5% (42)	27.4% (20)	9.6% (7)	5.5% (4)	2.19	73
The keeping of horses	67.1% (49)	21.9% (16)	8.2% (6)	2.7% (2)	2.40	73
Do not regulate the raising of animals except to control general nuisance such as sanitation	55.7% (39)	32.9% (23)	10.0% (7)	1.4% (1)	2.20	70
Do not permit the raising of animals	7.6% (5)	80.3% (53)	9.1% (6)	3.0% (2)	1.21	66
				Other	comments	18
				answered	question	74
				skipped	question	0

5. Which of the following uses do you think are appropriate for the neighborhood in which your property is located? Assume that there are appropriate regulations to reduce the potential for nuisance impacts (i.e. proper setbacks, buffers, appropriate scale or intensity of use) and there are appropriate septic / sewer and water facilities to support the development.

	Yes	No	Maybe	I don't know	Rating Average	Rating Count
Detached accessory housing units (second home on owner-occupied parcels)	54.3% (38)	28.6% (20)	14.3% (10)	2.9% (2)	2.20	70
Two unit attached single-family (duplexes)	30.9% (21)	52.9% (36)	11.8% (8)	4.4% (3)	1.69	68
Three to five unit attached single- family (small apartment buildings, townhouses, condominiums)	8.6% (6)	84.3% (59)	4.3% (3)	2.9% (2)	1.19	70
Six or more unit attached single- family (apartment buildings, condominiums)	5.7% (4)	88.6% (62)	2.9% (2)	2.9% (2)	1.11	70
Clustered cottage communities with internal roads and preserved permanent open space	18.6% (13)	62.9% (44)	15.7% (11)	2.9% (2)	1.50	70
Buildings with retail or office on the first floor and apartments above (such as a live/work unit)	23.2% (16)	62.3% (43)	13.0% (9)	1.4% (1)	1.58	69
Small local retail shops (convenience, gifts, food, beverage)	31.9% (22)	60.9% (42)	5.8% (4)	1.4% (1)	1.68	69
Small manufacturing (indoor activity only)	47.8% (33)	34.8% (24)	14.5% (10)	2.9% (2)	2.07	69
General manufacturing (indoor and outdoor activity)	20.6% (14)	52.9% (36)	22.1% (15)	4.4% (3)	1.59	68
Seasonal occupancy of recreational vehicles on vacant parcels	50.0% (34)	35.3% (24)	13.2% (9)	1.5% (1)	2.12	68
Seasonal occupancy of recreational vehicles accessory to a residence	63.2% (43)	27.9% (19)	7.4% (5)	1.5% (1)	2.32	68

					answered	question question	70
					Other o	comments	11
	Outdoor wood boiler	69.6% (48)	10.1% (7)	18.8% (13)	1.4% (1)	2.57	69
1	/acation rentals of single-family homes (transient occupancy)	57.4% (39)	23.5% (16)	17.6% (12)	1.5% (1)	2.31	68

6. In your opinion, which of the following are appropriate uses for Township-owned property? (check all that apply)

	Yes	No	Yes, as long as it doesn't cost the taxpayers money	Rating Count
Lease land for public use for food production (community garden or public greenhouse)	52.9% (37)	5.7% (4)	41.4% (29)	70
Lease land for communication towers	38.6% (27)	22.9% (16)	38.6% (27)	70
Lease land for alternative energy structures (wind, solar, geothermal, etc.)	46.4% (32)	15.9% (11)	37.7% (26)	69
Lease land for other commercial use	23.5% (16)	35.3% (24)	41.2% (28)	68
Forest management (tree sales)	52.2% (36)	20.3% (14)	27.5% (19)	69
Sell excess land	46.4% (32)	36.2% (25)	17.4% (12)	69
			Other comments	10
			answered question	71
			skipped question	3

7. Would you support the placement of a cell phone communications tower at the Silver Creek Recreation Area?

Yes	No	Maybe	I don't know	Rating Average	Rating Count
62.0% (44)	11.3% (8)	21.1% (15)	5.6% (4)	2.39	71
				omments	

Comments

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answered question	71
skipped question	3

8. Would you support the placement of a cell phone communications tower near Green Garden Road?

Yes	No	Maybe	I don't know	Rating Average	Rating Count
56.3% (40)	19.7% (14)	21.1% (15)	2.8% (2)	2.31	71

Comments

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answered question	71
skipped question	3

9. Please indicate your level of support for the following regulations. Please rate on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 equal to "Very supportive" and 1 equal to "Not supportive".

	5 - Very supportive	4	3	2	1 - Not supportive	Rating Average	Rating Count
Require larger lot widths along streams and lakes (to limit impact on water quality)	44.3% (31)	8.6% (6)	28.6% (20)	2.9% (2)	15.7% (11)	3.63	70
Require structures to be set back 100 feet from lakes and streams	40.0% (28)	12.9% (9)	25.7% (18)	4.3% (3)	17.1% (12)	3.54	70
Control alterations to the dunes along Lake Superior	42.9% (30)	7.1% (5)	22.9% (16)	7.1% (5)	20.0% (14)	3.46	70
Require removal of dilapidated, unsafe structures	50.0% (35)	11.4% (8)	12.9% (9)	11.4% (8)	14.3% (10)	3.71	70
Require basic property maintenance (exterior)	37.1% (26)	14.3% (10)	10.0% (7)	18.6% (13)	20.0% (14)	3.30	70
Control the number of inoperable cars and other scrap parts that can accumulate outdoors on a property	45.7% (32)	8.6% (6)	12.9% (9)	14.3% (10)	18.6% (13)	3.49	70
Require screening/fencing/vegetative buffers for outdoor storage of accumulated equipment, scrap metal, and junk	51.4% (36)	15.7% (11)	11.4% (8)	8.6% (6)	12.9% (9)	3.84	70
Limit outdoor storage of accumulated equipment and junk	47.1% (33)	7.1% (5)	11.4% (8)	12.9% (9)	21.4% (15)	3.46	70
Limitations on the number of accessory buildings	17.1% (12)	14.3% (10)	14.3% (10)	12.9% (9)	41.4% (29)	2.53	70
					Other	comments	12
					answered	question	70
					skipped	question	4

10. Listed below are current recreation opportunities available in the Township. In the first two columns, indicate if your household uses the opportunity by checking either "Yes - use" or "No - use". In the next three columns, rate your level of satisfaction with the facility on a scale of 1 to 3, with 3 equal to "Very satisfied" and 1 equal to "Not satisfied". In the last two columns, indicate your support for funding improvements for an opportunity by checking either "Yes - fund" or "No - fund".

	Yes - use	No - use	3 - Very satisfied	2	1 - Not satisfied	Yes - fund	No - fund	Rating Count
Baseball / softball fields	17.4% (12)	81.2% (56)	26.1% (18)	15.9% (11)	0.0% (0)	47.8% (33)	23.2% (16)	69
Basketball courts	4.3% (3)	91.3% (63)	11.6% (8)	21.7% (15)	0.0% (0)	42.0% (29)	27.5% (19)	69
Biking / walking trails	55.1% (38)	42.0% (29)	37.7% (26)	20.3% (14)	2.9% (2)	56.5% (39)	24.6% (17)	69
Boat with motor launch	30.4% (21)	68.1% (47)	17.4% (12)	23.2% (16)	2.9% (2)	44.9% (31)	26.1% (18)	69
Boat / canoe / kayak launch (no motor)	30.4% (21)	68.1% (47)	23.2% (16)	20.3% (14)	2.9% (2)	47.8% (33)	29.0% (20)	69
Cross-country ski trails	31.9% (22)	66.7% (46)	17.4% (12)	23.2% (16)	4.3% (3)	46.4% (32)	27.5% (19)	69
Covered pavilion	11.8% (8)	85.3% (58)	17.6% (12)	20.6% (14)	0.0% (0)	45.6% (31)	27.9% (19)	68
Disc golf	8.8% (6)	88.2% (60)	7.4% (5)	17.6% (12)	2.9% (2)	23.5% (16)	44.1% (30)	68
Fishing / ice fishing	27.5% (19)	71.0% (49)	14.5% (10)	26.1% (18)	0.0% (0)	23.2% (16)	44.9% (31)	69
Fishing piers	24.6% (17)	73.9% (51)	14.5% (10)	23.2% (16)	1.4% (1)	30.4% (21)	40.6% (28)	69
Hiking / nature trail	44.9% (31)	55.1% (38)	21.7% (15)	23.2% (16)	2.9% (2)	46.4% (32)	31.9% (22)	69
Horseshoe court	1.4% (1)	97.1% (67)	7.2% (5)	20.3% (14)	0.0% (0)	23.2% (16)	47.8% (33)	69
Hunting	44.1% (30)	54.4% (37)	22.1% (15)	20.6% (14)	0.0% (0)	17.6% (12)	50.0% (34)	68

Ice skating / hockey	14.5% (10)	82.6% (57)	8.7% (6)	26.1% (18)	4.3% (3)	31.9% (22)	37.7% (26)	69
Kayak locker	2.9% (2)	95.6% (65)	8.8% (6)	16.2% (11)	2.9% (2)	13.2% (9)	54.4% (37)	68
Meeting room	16.7% (11)	81.8% (54)	12.1% (8)	22.7% (15)	0.0% (0)	43.9% (29)	27.3% (18)	66
Open space	42.2% (27)	54.7% (35)	18.8% (12)	20.3% (13)	4.7% (3)	43.8% (28)	31.3% (20)	64
Picnic locations	37.9% (25)	59.1% (39)	15.2% (10)	25.8% (17)	1.5% (1)	42.4% (28)	31.8% (21)	66
Playgrounds	27.3% (18)	68.2% (45)	21.2% (14)	18.2% (12)	1.5% (1)	54.5% (36)	19.7% (13)	66
Primitive camping	10.8% (7)	86.2% (56)	15.4% (10)	13.8% (9)	3.1% (2)	18.5% (12)	55.4% (36)	65
Restroom facilities	35.4% (23)	61.5% (40)	10.8% (7)	23.1% (15)	4.6% (3)	58.5% (38)	18.5% (12)	65
Small bed community garden (5' x 16' beds)	9.0% (6)	88.1% (59)	7.5% (5)	22.4% (15)	1.5% (1)	35.8% (24)	40.3% (27)	67
Soccer fields	28.4% (19)	67.2% (45)	25.4% (17)	14.9% (10)	1.5% (1)	52.2% (35)	20.9% (14)	67
Snowshoe trails	26.2% (17)	69.2% (45)	16.9% (11)	24.6% (16)	1.5% (1)	38.5% (25)	38.5% (25)	65
Swimming areas	25.4% (17)	70.1% (47)	11.9% (8)	23.9% (16)	3.0% (2)	38.8% (26)	38.8% (26)	67
Tennis courts	10.9% (7)	82.8% (53)	9.4% (6)	21.9% (14)	4.7% (3)	37.5% (24)	32.8% (21)	64

Other (please specify)

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answered question 69

skipped question 5

11. Listed below are recreation opportunities currently not available in the Township. Please indicate if you or any member of your household anticipates a use for the recreational opportunities by checking either "Yes - use" or "No - use" in the first two columns. Please indicate your support for funding of the opportunity by checking either "Yes - fund" or "No - fund" in the last two columns.

	Yes - use	No - use	Yes - fund	No - fund	Rating Count
Additional motorized trail connections	31.8% (21)	65.2% (43)	25.8% (17)	59.1% (39)	66
Additional non-motorized trail connections	47.7% (31)	49.2% (32)	44.6% (29)	43.1% (28)	65
Adult fitness / aerobics classes, weight training	21.5% (14)	75.4% (49)	9.2% (6)	67.7% (44)	65
Aquatic / splash park	16.9% (11)	80.0% (52)	10.8% (7)	69.2% (45)	65
Bike polo	4.8% (3)	92.1% (58)	4.8% (3)	69.8% (44)	63
BMX biking	12.3% (8)	84.6% (55)	16.9% (11)	60.0% (39)	65
Community events	45.3% (29)	50.0% (32)	46.9% (30)	40.6% (26)	64
Community recreation center	49.2% (32)	49.2% (32)	52.3% (34)	33.8% (22)	65
Equestrian trails	25.8% (17)	71.2% (47)	24.2% (16)	56.1% (37)	66
Geocaching	20.3% (13)	75.0% (48)	14.1% (9)	62.5% (40)	64
Historic sites and museums	37.9% (25)	57.6% (38)	34.8% (23)	48.5% (32)	66
Indoor public spaces for community / private gatherings	44.6% (29)	52.3% (34)	49.2% (32)	33.8% (22)	65
Inline skating / roller blading trails	10.6% (7)	84.8% (56)	18.2% (12)	59.1% (39)	66
Large bed community gardens (20' by 40' beds+)	22.7% (15)	71.2% (47)	31.8% (21)	50.0% (33)	66
Mountain biking trails	37.9% (25)	60.6% (40)	33.3% (22)	48.5% (32)	66
Off-leash dog park	25.8% (17)	71.2% (47)	24.2% (16)	56.1% (37)	66
Outdoor swimming pool	16.7% (11)	80.3% (53)	13.6% (9)	68.2% (45)	66
Pickleball	3.3% (2)	93.4% (57)	13.1% (8)	65.6% (40)	61

Pre-school or early childhood recreation programs	21.9% (14)	75.0% (48)	37.5% (24)	42.2% (27)	64
Senior citizen recreation programs	34.8% (23)	62.1% (41)	56.1% (37)	24.2% (16)	66
Skateboarding area	15.2% (10)	80.3% (53)	21.2% (14)	53.0% (35)	66
Sledding hill	30.3% (20)	65.2% (43)	28.8% (19)	53.0% (35)	66
Small neighborhood park	37.5% (24)	60.9% (39)	39.1% (25)	40.6% (26)	64
Small bed community gardens (5' by 16' beds)	21.2% (14)	74.2% (49)	37.9% (25)	42.4% (28)	66
Summer camp programs	16.7% (11)	78.8% (52)	22.7% (15)	57.6% (38)	66
Using school facilities for basketball / volleyball	31.8% (21)	63.6% (42)	42.4% (28)	36.4% (24)	66
Youth programs (such as dance, art, and gymnastics)	27.0% (17)	69.8% (44)	38.1% (24)	42.9% (27)	63

Other (please specify)

answered question 66

14

skipped question 8

12. Compared to other priorities for the Township (such as police, fire, streets), how important do you think it is for the Township to fund improvements for recreation facilities and opportunities?

Very important	Somewhat important	Not important	Not sure	Rating Average	Rating Count
23.2% (16)	50.7% (35)	26.1% (18)	0.0% (0)	1.97	69
			answere	69	
			skipped	d question	5

13. Please enter your additional comments or concerns regarding recreation in Chocolay Township.

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	Response Count
	11
answered question	11
skipped question	63

14. How important are the following potential new public improvements and amenities? Please rate on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 equal to "Very important" and 1 equal to "Not important".

	5 - Very important	4	3	2	1 - Not important	Rating Average	Rating Count
More attractive landscaping in public areas	24.6% (17)	29.0% (20)	24.6% (17)	10.1% (7)	11.6% (8)	3.45	6
Historic art mural in pedestrian tunnel	4.2% (3)	7.0% (5)	9.9% (7)	16.9% (12)	62.0% (44)	1.75	7
Wayfinding signs for local attractions	23.2% (16)	24.6% (17)	21.7% (15)	10.1% (7)	20.3% (14)	3.20	6
Township newsletter/information flyers	21.4% (15)	34.3% (24)	20.0% (14)	11.4% (8)	12.9% (9)	3.40	7
Visitor maps of local attractions	28.6% (20)	24.3% (17)	22.9% (16)	10.0% (7)	14.3% (10)	3.43	7
Benches along trails	22.9% (16)	27.1% (19)	21.4% (15)	10.0% (7)	18.6% (13)	3.26	-
rash cans / pet refuse bags along trails	38.6% (27)	27.1% (19)	15.7% (11)	5.7% (4)	12.9% (9)	3.73	
Expanded sewer supply area	16.2% (11)	10.3% (7)	29.4% (20)	17.6% (12)	26.5% (18)	2.72	
Public water supply in selected growth areas	21.7% (15)	18.8% (13)	21.7% (15)	15.9% (11)	21.7% (15)	3.03	
Improved public transportation options	30.0% (21)	14.3% (10)	24.3% (17)	5.7% (4)	25.7% (18)	3.17	
New transit station (public buses)	17.1% (12)	20.0% (14)	25.7% (18)	8.6% (6)	28.6% (20)	2.89	
Underground utilities (electric, cable, telephone) along US-41	33.3% (23)	17.4% (12)	20.3% (14)	7.2% (5)	21.7% (15)	3.33	
Underground utilities (electric, cable, telephone) with new development	36.2% (25)	24.6% (17)	17.4% (12)	5.8% (4)	15.9% (11)	3.59	

Other (please specify)

8

answered question	71
skipped question	3

15. How important are the following issues facing Chocolay Township in either the near or distant future? Rate on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 equal to "Very important" and 1 equal to "Not important".

55.9% (38) 57.4% (39)	26.5% (18)	11.8% (8)	0.0% (0)			
				5.9% (4)	4.26	68
(39)	19.1% (13)	10.3% (7)	7.4% (5)	5.9% (4)	4.15	68
69.1% (47)	19.1% (13)	5.9% (4)	1.5% (1)	4.4% (3)	4.47	68
60.3% (41)	20.6% (14)	10.3% (7)	0.0% (0)	8.8% (6)	4.24	68
54.4% (37)	29.4% (20)	11.8% (8)	4.4% (3)	0.0% (0)	4.34	68
29.9% (20)	19.4% (13)	20.9% (14)	9.0% (6)	20.9% (14)	3.28	67
25.0% (17)	27.9% (19)	26.5% (18)	11.8% (8)	8.8% (6)	3.49	68
29.9% (20)	28.4% (19)	28.4% (19)	9.0% (6)	4.5% (3)	3.70	67
34.3% (23)	28.4% (19)	19.4% (13)	7.5% (5)	10.4% (7)	3.69	67
38.8% (26)	16.4% (11)	22.4% (15)	9.0% (6)	13.4% (9)	3.58	67
19.1% (13)	11.8% (8)	27.9% (19)	19.1% (13)	22.1% (15)	2.87	68
20.6% (14)	19.1% (13)	27.9% (19)	16.2% (11)	16.2% (11)	3.12	68
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Senior services	32.8% (22)	31.3% (21)	26.9% (18)	6.0% (4)	3.0% (2)	3.85	67
Community health	25.0% (17)	27.9% (19)	29.4% (20)	5.9% (4)	11.8% (8)	3.49	68
Affordable housing	23.5% (16)	14.7% (10)	35.3% (24)	14.7% (10)	11.8% (8)	3.24	68
Maintain or improve road conditions	60.3% (41)	23.5% (16)	13.2% (9)	2.9% (2)	0.0% (0)	4.41	68
Protect and enhance the local food supply	39.7% (27)	16.2% (11)	26.5% (18)	7.4% (5)	10.3% (7)	3.68	68
Maintain curbside recycling services	69.1% (47)	13.2% (9)	11.8% (8)	1.5% (1)	4.4% (3)	4.41	68
Improve curbside recycling services	52.9% (36)	17.6% (12)	20.6% (14)	2.9% (2)	5.9% (4)	4.09	68
Maintain existing public facilities	48.5% (33)	25.0% (17)	20.6% (14)	4.4% (3)	1.5% (1)	4.15	68
Improve or provide new public facilities	22.7% (15)	18.2% (12)	34.8% (23)	13.6% (9)	10.6% (7)	3.29	66
Maintain existing police & fire services	64.2% (43)	9.0% (6)	19.4% (13)	1.5% (1)	6.0% (4)	4.24	67
Improve police & fire services	28.8% (19)	27.3% (18)	22.7% (15)	6.1% (4)	15.2% (10)	3.48	66
Control nuisance activities (noise, accumulation of junk / rubbish / garbage)	34.3% (23)	22.4% (15)	19.4% (13)	14.9% (10)	9.0% (6)	3.58	67
Keep taxes at or near present levels	60.9% (39)	14.1% (9)	20.3% (13)	3.1% (2)	1.6% (1)	4.30	64
Raise taxes for new / improved facilities or services	3.0% (2)	16.7% (11)	30.3% (20)	10.6% (7)	39.4% (26)	2.33	66
Lower taxes and decrease services	23.5% (16)	4.4% (3)	23.5% (16)	16.2% (11)	32.4% (22)	2.71	68
Locate alternate funding for desired improvements	50.0% (34)	36.8% (25)	7.4% (5)	1.5% (1)	4.4% (3)	4.26	68

answered question	68
skipped question	6

16. In reference to Chocolay Township, what does rural character mean to you? (check all that apply)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Places to enjoy the sights and sounds of nature	79.4%	54
Large wooded lots with plenty of privacy between neighbors	80.9%	55
Subdivisions of homes with landscaping and mowed lawns	14.7%	10
Stately homes with well maintained lawns and park-like open spaces	4.4%	3
Quiet country roads fronted by farms and single-family homes	79.4%	54
Homes screened from neighbors and streets by natural areas which are not mowed	55.9%	38
Cleared lots with homes built close to the road	2.9%	2
Small hobby farms	70.6%	48
Traditional commercial farms with equipment and buildings	54.4%	37
Living in a place where you don't have to deal with a lot of government regulations	57.4%	39
Large areas of tilled fields, orchards, or pasture land with occasional houses	58.8%	40
Living with the sights, sounds, and smells of farm animals	44.1%	30

Quiet neighborhoods with no farm animals	16.2%	11
Commercial areas with ample, well- lit parking lots	14.7%	10
A place where homes and small country stores could be next to each other	38.2%	26
Dark areas that let you see the stars	64.7%	44
Clustered areas of small businesses	32.4%	22
Large, busy retail strips	1.5%	1
Access to outdoor recreation	69.1%	47
Hiking / biking trails	63.2%	43
	Other (please specify)	9
	answered question	68
	skipped question	6

17. Which one of the following statements best represents your views toward Township taxes and services? (Please check only one box which best represents your views)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Keeping taxes low is important, so we should not add any new services or facilities if it means raising taxes.	29.0%	20
I realize that some small property tax increases may be necessary, within reason, to provide a few additional services or community facilities.	47.8%	33
Chocolay Township should offer similar services and facilities as the City of Marquette and I am willing to pay higher property taxes, if necessary, for those services and facilities.	5.8%	4
Lower taxes, which may require reducing public services.	14.5%	10
I am undecided.	2.9%	2
	answered question	69
	skipped question	5

18. How do you get information on what is happening in the Township? (check all that apply)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Contact Township staff	24.2%	16
Newspaper	53.0%	35
Radio	24.2%	16
Social media (such as Facebook)	9.1%	6
Talk to an elected or appointed official	13.6%	9
Television	27.3%	18
Township Hall message sign	31.8%	21
Township web site (www.chocolay.org)	43.9%	29
Word of mouth	66.7%	44
	Other (please specify)	6

answered questio	n 66
skipped question	ո 8

19. Please add your additional master plan comments or concerns.

Response
Count

16

16	answered question
58	skipped question

Page 3, Q4. The Chocolay Township Planning Commission wishes to gain public input about the appropriate
scale or intensity of animal homesteading activities (the keeping of animals) based on the information above.
Please indicate your opinion about whether the following activities should be allowed in your

1	For all the above - Only in farm/forestry zoned areas. 40 years ago we purchased F/F zoned land to raise our family hand have a garden, cows, chickens, etc. After doing these activities for >10 years, I would not support these activities on property not zoned F/F.	Oct 2, 2013 6:37 AM
2	Yes where zoned farming.	Oct 2, 2013 6:16 AM
3	The animal to "pasture" ratio is unrealistic, doesn't consider raising animals or poultry in confinement, and you WILL run afoul of the right-to-farm act.	Oct 1, 2013 1:49 PM
4	I answered maybe for first question because I believe people should be able to keep more than 10 small animals.	Sep 30, 2013 11:15 AM
5	I live on Mangum road and our neighbors just recently got some chickens and roosters. Not only are they noisy, now we have coyotes coming in our yard. The rooster crows at all times of the day and night, we can't even keep our windows open at night due to the noise. I'm not sure if we have a noise ordinance where we live. We have lived here for 15 years and have never seen a coyote in our yard but now we see them almost every night. We have 2 dogs with a fenced in back yard but I'm still afraid to let the out by themselves at night. in my opinion these chickens and roosters are a big nuisance.	Sep 29, 2013 5:01 PM
6	Llamas or a milk cow are okay, but smelly pigs and noisy emus are not okay.	Sep 29, 2013 9:48 AM
7	Homesteading activities should be allowed in Chocolay Township.	Sep 20, 2013 10:22 AM
8	People wishing to keep a few non-pet animals should own enough space so that neighbors should not have to deal with noise and odors.	Sep 19, 2013 9:37 AM
9	Free range poultry not possible - too many coyotes. Only have a dog now.	Sep 17, 2013 2:20 PM
10	For enforcement more specific noise/nuisance regulation with consequences is needed	Sep 17, 2013 12:04 PM
11	Just a thought, and it's probably covered under other zoning requirements, but I'd also be concerned if someone wanted to open a domestic animal kennel for boarding of dogs and cats. The noise and traffic generated would not be something I would not want to deal with.	Sep 15, 2013 1:13 PM
12	local food!	Sep 12, 2013 12:24 PM
13	As long as the owners of said animals are responsibile and able to maintain the animals.	Sep 11, 2013 10:25 AM
14	I hope Chocolay moves to allow chickens in even the most residental of neighborhoods. I strongly support the raising of poultry as a means to provide food security to our population and as a means for supplimental income to households. I feel that small-scale poultry husbandry can be done in even the tightest residental areas without nuisance.	Sep 11, 2013 9:12 AM
15	Just to be sure, I would approve of more than 10 small animals if the space was available.	Sep 10, 2013 11:49 AM

Page 3, Q4. The Chocolay Township Planning Commission wishes to gain public input about the appropriate
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Please indicate your opinion about whether the following activities should be allowed in your

16	We feel if chickens are allowed, there should be permits & inspections to insure sanitation & controlled numbers.	Sep 9, 2013 6:35 AM
17	Keeping of medium size animals is perfectly acceptable provided there is enough property to sustain them. For example if you have a very small lot then it would not make sense to allow someone to have 6 sheep. Perhaps legislation could be adopted for a prorated system x amount of sheep per x amount of land. Also, you would have to include legislation on containment for smaller properties. It would not be viable to allow free range on small parcels.	Sep 7, 2013 1:51 PM
18	it depends on the proximity to another dwelling or residence. In some areas zoned residential similar to my neighborhood I feel that there's room for livestock and in other areas there's not room for livestock. I think larger animals should be a permitted to use in residential areas but should be cleared with the neighbors of the said property first.	Sep 5, 2013 12:57 PM

Page 4, Q5. Which of the following uses do you think are appropriate for the neighborhood in which your
property is located? Assume that there are appropriate regulations to reduce the potential for nuisance impacts
(i.e. proper setbacks, buffers, appropriate scale or intensity of use) and there are appropr

1	Outdoor wood boilers if lot size is big enough	Oct 2, 2013 6:16 AM
2	Outdoor boilers produce to much smoke and particulates and are inefficient compared to indoor high efficiency wood burners	Sep 30, 2013 6:22 PM
3	Housing to maximize energy efficiency should be encouraged, but not to the point of it destroying the rural character of our neighborhood. Retail shops that would be ok with me would be selling basic necessities to minimize the need to travel to Marquette.	Sep 30, 2013 11:19 AM
4	Prohibit outdoor wood boilers for ever. We smell smoke year-round from outdoor wood boilers. Small manufacturing indoors is okay if you can't tell, smell or hear, from outside the house.	Sep 29, 2013 9:54 AM
5	Detached accessory housing units - Yes but only because we have 20 acres. Small manufacturing (indoor) - Yes as long as pollution is not an issue. General manufacturing - Yes but concerns with environmental and noise potential. Vacation rentals of single-family homes - Yes, if you own a home, it should be your choice.	Sep 17, 2013 1:03 PM
6	encourage citizens to make a living the best way they can	Sep 12, 2013 12:26 PM
7	Again, people need to be responsibile and accountable	Sep 11, 2013 10:26 AM
8	I would like my neighborhood to retain its residental, wilderness, and agricultural feel. I am opposed to all multi-family development because the residents are not connected to their land and have no stake in our neighborhood. Clustered cottage communities might be acceptable. Other uses might be acceptable if they do not infringe on the residental, wilderness, agricultural character currently in place. Wood burners have not been adequately regulated in the township. They often create significant air pollution, odor, and visibility impacts. By design they smolder and produce copious smoke, and people often use them for trash incineration or burn waste instead of clean fuel. I support the yooper culture of woodstoves and fireplaces, but wood burners create significantly more nuisance.	Sep 11, 2013 9:24 AM
9	I live on highway so some of this is already being done.	Sep 9, 2013 1:32 PM
10	I agree with seasonal occupancy of recreational vehicles on vacant parcels provided that the parcel and vehicles do not have the appearance of abandoned property.	Sep 7, 2013 1:55 PM
11	the township need to provide more opportunities for multifamily housing including apartment buildings and duplexes there is a very limited amount of this type of housing in the township which makes it very difficult for a special young people to get established in the township.	Sep 5, 2013 1:00 PM

Page 5, Q6. In your opinion, which of the following are appropriate uses for Township-owned property? (check all that apply)		
1	These answers are dependent upon what our money (Township) would use income for and how they would impact others living nearby these lands.	Oct 2, 2013 6:38 AM
2	Leasing land for commercial purposes would be ok with me, depending on the purposes. Purposes that promote goal of regional/neighborhood self-reliance, for example, should be encouraged.	Sep 30, 2013 11:21 AM
3	Forest management is dependent on sustainable methods of managementno clear cutting!	Sep 30, 2013 5:23 AM
4	Wind energy is okay as long as it doesn't vibrate or make noise.	Sep 29, 2013 9:59 AM
5	I am strongly against the selling off of public property.	Sep 20, 2013 10:28 AM
6	Communication towers and alternative energy wind structures - depends where neighbors can see. Definitely! Lease land for commercial use - depends what it is.	Sep 17, 2013 1:05 PM
7	Approval of community groups before sale of land. All land should have local control and options first. If selling to non community use groups then sale should have approval of public. Public has a good idea of community growth and development. Democratic process is not very frequent or available. I am extremely impressed with this survey and feel it is a model that should be used in many topic areas and mimicked across the country.	Sep 14, 2013 3:35 AM
8	I am okay with the township renting land for various uses that benifit the residents and are otherwise unlikely to occur (towers, energy). I would like to see the township use restraint on which parcels are suitable for such structures - minimize distruction of forests and residental impacts. I am okay with forest management tree sales as long as the logging is done responsibly and sustainably and does not include clear-cutting. I am okay with land sales as long as the land is sold for individual use and not to some stripmall developer.	Sep 11, 2013 9:34 AM
9	Wind farms must be studied when proposing a location. Effect on people near them.	Sep 9, 2013 1:36 PM
10	I think leasing land for commercial use depends on where the land is located, but could be done also.	Sep 6, 2013 7:15 AM

Page 5, Q7. Would you support the placement of a cell phone communications tower at the Silver Creek Recreation Area?		
1	If lease income augments trash collection fees	Oct 2, 2013 6:17 AM
2	As long as it does not interfere with recreation uses.	Oct 1, 2013 6:56 AM
3	I like not having cell phone reception! It enhances the experience of living in a rural area.	Sep 30, 2013 11:21 AM
4	Yes! Then hopefully I would have better service. Where I live I can't rely on my cell phone coverage.	Sep 29, 2013 9:59 AM
5	The home owners should weight the heaviest here, as it is their property location.	Sep 17, 2013 1:05 PM
6	For 7 and 8: I think that until there is a new technology that replaces cellular communication, there's going to be a real need for the towers. Will the towers work with NMU's Wi-Max? I'm not sure how they get the NMU signal out here. If NMU can't get out here now, but the new towers will allow them to do that, I'd say it's a good thing for the residents so that they can participate with Northern's curriculum.	Sep 15, 2013 1:21 PM
7	I need map and placement of tower and information for land & heath impact.	Sep 14, 2013 3:35 AM
8	This is the first I've heard of this possibility. How tall? How much visual impact? How much land disturbance? Any other impacts (radiation or interference)? On the other hand, cell reception at my house is poor, and it would be nice if it was more reliable.	Sep 11, 2013 9:34 AM
9	Wouldn't higher ground be better?	Sep 9, 2013 1:36 PM
10	Chocolay is a suburb of Marquette and people need to realize it is on the outskirts of the city and not out in the middle of farm country in the middle of nowhere. you're going to have cell phone towers you're going to have street lights. Mqt is growing and so are the surrounding communities. We should embrace growth and not fight. The Twp should focus on making our community a place that people want to move to	Sep 5, 2013 1:11 PM

Page 5, Q8. Would you support the placement of a cell phone communications tower near Green Garden Road?		
1	If lease income augments trash collection fees	Oct 2, 2013 6:17 AM
2	Green Garden and West Branch roads need better cell phone coverage.	Oct 1, 2013 1:07 PM
3	We need better cell phone coverage - very soon!	Oct 1, 2013 6:56 AM
4	Yes! Then hopefully I would have better service. Where I live I can't rely on my cell phone coverage.	Sep 29, 2013 9:59 AM
5	It depends on where exactly. I know there's a dead zone for some cell phone users in my neighborhood. I wonder if a tower up here would help?	Sep 20, 2013 7:25 AM
6	The home owners should weight the heaviest here, as it is their property location.	Sep 17, 2013 1:05 PM
7	Ditto, This one is more likely due to less children in the area. Less impact in recreational views for mass community public.	Sep 14, 2013 3:35 AM
8	This is a beautiful area with spectacular views. I would be less inclined to support a tower in this location because of its visual impact.	Sep 11, 2013 9:34 AM
9	Answered number 7	Sep 9, 2013 1:36 PM
10	Yes because I live on south big creek RD and we have poor reception here and cable is to expensive to get to my house	Sep 8, 2013 1:55 PM
11	We are in need of a tower in this area. Cell phone coverage is spotty and without a landline it makes it dangerous if we need to make an emergency call.	Sep 8, 2013 6:54 AM

Page 6, Q9. Please indicate your level of support for the following regulations. Please rate on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 equal to "Very supportive" and 1 equal to "Not supportive".		
1	The township should NOT be in the property regulating business.	Oct 1, 2013 1:50 PM
2	(Where is private property) Keep the Township off your property.	Oct 1, 2013 5:45 AM
3	Where is private property? Keep the township off your property.	Oct 1, 2013 5:27 AM
4	Depends on size, use and design of accessory buildings.	Sep 29, 2013 10:02 AM
5	I have mixed feelings on the subject of what should be regulated in terms of what can be kept on property. I feel people should be able to do what they want with their property, as long as it does not pose a safety/nuisance problem for others. However, I would like to think that if junk etc gets out of hand (in my opinion at least) on my neighbor's property, I could turn to regulation to resolve the problem if I could not resolve it myself.	Sep 20, 2013 7:31 AM
6	100' setback from lakes and streams - depends on water table. Limitations on the number of accessory buildings - depends on how much property you own and if your neighbors can see it.	Sep 17, 2013 1:06 PM
7	As far as the first three questions are concerned, I stated "3's" because I'm "assuming" that there are EPA, State and Federal Regulations that already need to be followed and enforced. Why make more, probabl, tighter restrictions, on people? Blight is a no brainer. If it affects adjacent property owners it's a problem. Outbuildings: If they are built/placed and maintained well and there is a need for them - chicken coops, wood sheds, greenhouses, etc and they follow existing regulations.	Sep 15, 2013 1:34 PM
8	All these have complications. 1. exterior of homesthere is a lot of people who cannot afford siding and other updates, this requirement may force them from their housing. If there is need this can be community beautification/charity drive for painting ect if family wants. 2. Dune structurebuild away from the lake and the lake will not bother you. Controlling nature is expensive up front and forever. If it effects commercial then put it on the table for discussion. 3. Where I have lived all cars need to be plated and insured to be on property. I see no problem with this. Scrap parts should be limited due to possible draining of fluids and toxic components to water systems. Blight should be placed out of sight. 4. Accessory buildings should have land use standards and if in that, then build away. But again may require screening ect. for the neighbors. Keep your junk and stuff to yourself, keep the visual areas clean and beautiful to present a very nice community. Both allows freedom and social improvement of the community.	Sep 14, 2013 3:46 AM
9	I don't know if I would limit the number of accessory buildings or if controlling the percentage of green space would be better. I sort of support removal of old structures, but I am concerned that this would result in people having to tear down their old barns that have beauty and historic value.	Sep 11, 2013 9:37 AM
10	I don't like the government telling me what to do with the property I own. But unfortunately, not everyone has enough common sense to preserve nature as it is either. Some common sense regulation is fine.	Sep 10, 2013 11:57 AM
11	Don't know current requirements on water frontage. 50 ft. for streams, 100 for lakes?	Sep 9, 2013 1:40 PM

Page 6, Q9. Please indicate your level of support for the following regulations. Please rate on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 equal to "Very supportive" and 1 equal to "Not supportive".

I do support limitation on the number of accessory buildings, only because you could end up having someone building 6 buildings to store their stuff when one building of equal square footage would be sufficient. So maybe limiting the total square footage of accessory buildings would be an option.

Sep 7, 2013 2:03 PM

	e if your household uses the opportunity by checking either "Yes - use" or "No - uses, rate your level of satisfaction with the facility on a scale of 1 to 3, w	e". In the next three
1	Funding for individual sports should be very limited, team sports (soccer, baseball, etc) should be maintained but not expanded.	Oct 1, 2013 1:56 PM
2	Why do we not have ORV trails? We should be able to ride on the shoulder of the road like most all of other townships.	Oct 1, 2013 7:01 AM
3	Pay to use!!	Oct 1, 2013 5:31 AM
4	We can do a lot of these things on our own property. Community pistol/rifle range.	Sep 29, 2013 10:12 Al
5	baseball - if you use it you should help maintain it. Basketball - we don't use due to location. Bike/walk trails - up to users to maintain. Motor launch - if you can afford a boat, you can pay for a launch. X-Ctry ski - If you use it, groom it. Pavilion - Lakenenland only. Disc Golf - son interested in this - don't have one. Fishing & hunting - people pay license fees. Fishing Piers - depends where. Hiking/nature trails - If you use it have a "work bee". Horseshoe court - good community activity would use if had one. Hockey - pay to play. Kayak locker - Bad idea all around. Meeting room/open space - Do we even have these? Not in the Beaver Grove location. Picnic - clean up after yourself. Playgrounds and soccer fields - kids need this! Primitive camping only on my property. Restroom - that's what the woods are for. We have enough public places. Small bed community garden - do we have one? Snowshoe trails - would be nice. Swimming areas - lakes or pools? Tennis courts - that would be great. We live in Beaver Grove. Almost everything is located in Harvey. We pay the highest taxes in any Township in the county. Why? Our wages are down while taxes keep going up. What are we paying for?	Sep 17, 2013 1:28 PM
6	Need more handicap accessibility for beaches.	Sep 17, 2013 7:33 AM
7	I have yet to talk to anyone in Chocolay Township that is doing well economically. I'm glad that there are a lot of community based programs here, but we simply can't afford any higher taxes. We stick close to home and enjoy and make use of what we have. We can't afford the gas money, memberships and equipment for sports, etc.	Sep 10, 2013 12:04 PI
8	Didn't know we have some of these facilities available to us. I would be in favor of multiple use of ice rink on M-28 as a tennis court in the summer months. I've been here seven yeras.	Sep 9, 2013 2:06 PM
9	The main soccer field at Beaver Grove is excellent. The secondary fields could use much improvement. Also, would it be feasible to add another soccer field behind the baseball field on M28?	Sep 7, 2013 2:17 PN

Page 7, Q10. Listed below are current recreation opportunities available in the Township. In the first two columns,

Page 7, Q11. Listed below are recreation opportunities currently not available in the Township. Please indicate if you or any member of your household anticipates a use for the recreational opportunities by checking either "Yes - use" or "No - use" in the first two columns. Please indicate your support for fu		
1	Community Events - what? Historic sites and museums - We have a beautiful historical site in Marquette. Pickleball - Define Large community gardens - those using pay for use, not all taxpayers Poor Survey questions	Oct 2, 2013 6:45 AM
2	The Township should be in the recreation business only in a very lmiited way and I would judge the present opportunities as about the upper limit of that involvement.	Oct 1, 2013 1:56 PM
3	Pay to use!!	Oct 1, 2013 5:48 AM
4	Pay to use!!	Oct 1, 2013 5:31 AM
5	Community canning kitchen.	Sep 30, 2013 11:28 AM
6	Community pistol/rifle range.	Sep 29, 2013 10:12 AM
7	Motorized and non-motorized trails - pay to play. Adult fitness - gym in town. Splash park - great for kids, would use. Bike polo - my son would like that. BMX - some kids would love, but can't even afford a bike. Community events and community rec center - door donations. Equestrian trails - I would love to use, if I had a horse. Geocaching - have no idea what this is. Historic sites - locals could donate items. Indoor public spaces - pay to rent event. Inline skating trails - would love this. Large bed community garden - many people owe community service to courts. Mountain bike trails - pay to maintain or work on them. Outdoor swimming pool - very costly! Pickleball - just add to parks, cheap. Pre-school programs - these already exist for those who can afford them. Senior citizen rec programs - don't waste \$ on what seniors don't want or need. Skateboarding area - kids would love this. Sledding hill - for sure - already have them. Small neighborhood park - already have by our home. Small bed community gardens - donations, again community service projects. Summer camp programs - depends on structure and background checks, pay to use. We do not make enough money to keep even for the rest of our lives. Because of Obama Care, we will probably lose our health care that we (my husband and I) worked 50 plus combined years for. We were promised this would be part of our retirement, but more and more people are losing this. I know way too many GENERATIONS of people who consider welfare a career. I grew up very poor and was taught that it was a temporary thing, not a life choice for able people. I count every penny!	Sep 17, 2013 1:28 PM
8	We lived in a community that had community pools. Those things are "nice", but pools tend to be money pits and if adults wanted to use the pool for laps or rehab, it was impossible. The kids basically owned the pools.	Sep 15, 2013 1:50 PM
9	I would like moped trail ability to link Chocolay township to Marquette. Biking is to slow and sweat on way to work. I love to use moped for alternative transportation. More green. Kids under the age of 16 or unable to get drivers license can then get to a larger town for outdoor activities/community activities and work. Marquette has the Y, schools, after school programs ectTowns that are moped friendly have more teens able to have independent speedy transportation to be more involved independently in actives without waiting for a parent to get home or without hitching inappropriate rides. Iron Mountain has huge teen moped transportation. Go to the H.S. and you will find 50-100 of them	Sep 14, 2013 4:02 AM

Page 7, Q11. Listed below are recreation opportunities currently not available in the Township. Please indicate if you or any member of your household anticipates a use for the recreational opportunities by checking either "Yes - use" or "No - use" in the first two columns. Please indicate your support for fu...

	in the parking area. These kids are involved in many activities. The community I came from was moped friendly and my kids at that time were active with after school programs and work. Could build a very fun and productive schedule. Chocolay township is so isolating for the kids but just a small distance from a great city of opportunity that is not easily accessible. I would put a lot of funding for the kids this way. If this is use of current bike trail with rule and regulations or something else unclear but this is long over due for the kids. Mopeds are a lost link in green transportation also for the Greater Marquette area.	
10	I am sorry that we weren't able to keep the community center a few years ago. it would be nice to have community events that weren't tied to one church or another. I support making Chocolay more of a community that comes together instead of going in to Marquette to recreate. Its time to meet the neighbors. However, I don't feel that motorized sports support this goal - individuals riding seperate noisy machines are not in character with the township. They have plenty of opportunities as it is, and don't need tax dollars spent on more. They also tend to be obnoxious - driving on other peoples' land, erroding soil, making noise and odor, breaking down driveway cuts in the snowbanks, and threatening to run down my kids. It is difficult to catch them and make them follow existing rules, so I don't support throwing more money their way.	Sep 11, 2013 9:56 AM
11	I attended a "use"/planning and there was talk of connecting the bike trail out to M-28 near the Lions field, is that going to happen? If a recreation center was build, it could sponser so many of the activities listed above: pickleball, Senior recreation, dance, art, etc.	Sep 9, 2013 2:06 PM
12	Chocolay township needs to open up some kind of trail system for ATV/UTV use. Open up the right of ways of trails and county roads so we can get from point A to point B without having to trailer the ATV/UTV to a trailhead. All other counties & townships in the UP have opened up roads & trails except this township. Please make some changes. Thank you.	Sep 8, 2013 10:44 AM
13	Let low-investment hobbies fund themselves (Skateboarding, Sledding Hill, Gardens), but assist with existing public land use. Fund potential long-term, opportunistic township investments with larger costs and maintenance that clubs cannot reasonably provide full funding for (Pool, Acquatic Center). ALLOW ATV'S ON COUNTY ROADS, AND OPEN PUBLIC LAND FOR ATV'S. Let clubs maintain trails.	Sep 8, 2013 9:52 AM
14	There have been several questions regarding trails for specific use. It would be much more fiscally responsible to have multi use trails.	Sep 7, 2013 2:17 PM

Page 7, Q13. Please enter your additional comments or concerns regarding recreation in Chocolay Township.		
1	See comments under Sec 11	Oct 1, 2013 1:56 PM
2	Should have ORV trails - why don't we? We provide more recreation that most other townships.	Oct 1, 2013 7:01 AM
3	There already is enough and not many people use them. Maybe charge non-Township residents.	Oct 1, 2013 5:48 AM
4	There already is enough and not many people use them. Maybe charge non-township residents.	Oct 1, 2013 5:31 AM
5	Not as important as funding activities/resources for self-reliance activities.	Sep 30, 2013 11:28 AM
6	We live in God's country. A man (recent resident of the year), Tom Lakenen, built a FREE family sculpture park. Our township hassled him for years, when he was only providing a place for families to go enjoy art. WHY?	Sep 17, 2013 1:28 PM
7	Again it is important for choice but I would like to see an integrated many opportunity for kids between towns. It is too expensive to duplicate services that are only 4 miles from each other. Makes sense for community kids sports ectit is closer to home.	Sep 14, 2013 4:02 AM
8	I feel an access path should be provide from Lions Softball field to the bike path to accommodate access to that important safe walking and ride path.	Sep 10, 2013 10:17 AM
9	The major problem is being so spread out. A hub has to be created. I don't know how much land is still open but the area around the new fire hall could be identified as the center of township activites.	Sep 9, 2013 2:06 PM
10	Please open up some ATV/UTV trails.	Sep 8, 2013 10:44 AM
11	As previously stated instead of specific use trails multi use trails would be better.	Sep 7, 2013 2:17 PM

	Page 8, Q14. How important are the following potential new public improvements and amenities? Please rate on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 equal to "Very important" and 1 equal to "Not important".		
1	Underground utilities along US 41 and Underground utilities with new development - Very important - expenses covered by developer	Oct 2, 2013 6:47 AM	
2	Seal the pedestrian tunnel.	Oct 2, 2013 6:19 AM	
3	Stop spending money on social programs (exception job growth opportunities).	Oct 1, 2013 5:54 AM	
4	Stop spending money on social programs (exception job growth opportunities).	Oct 1, 2013 5:32 AM	
5	More attractive landscaping - community service. Benches along trails - these are made by probationers in District court for free. Expanded sewer supply area - private sewer, don't want to pay for other's crap. Public water supply - water fountains. Improved public transportation options - safety 1st, kids are being used to traffic drugs and routinely bullied/assaulted.	Sep 17, 2013 1:57 PM	
6	They are all important to the community. Creativity and working with community members can get more of the simple things done.	Sep 14, 2013 4:04 AM	
7	Underground utilities (electric, cable, telephone) on existing properties	Sep 8, 2013 6:04 PM	
8	I think these are all very important things that the Township should look at investing in for the future. It blows my mind that chocolay with third largest population in the county but no municipal water system. I think water is vital for the growth and sustainability of the township as well as fire protection and I think the township should focus on improving the landscape and appearance of the US 41 corridor through Harvey being that it is a gateway to Chocolay.	Sep 5, 2013 1:41 PM	

Page 9, Q15. How important are the following issues facing Chocolay Township in either the near or distant future? Rate on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 equal to "Very important" and 1 equal to "Not important".		
1	Improve police and fire services - How? Lower taxes and decrease services - Which and why?	Oct 2, 2013 6:49 AM
2	Reduce taxes.	Oct 2, 2013 6:20 AM
3	By law, roads are the responsibility of the County Road Commission. Townships should not be bribing the Commission with Township funds.	Oct 1, 2013 1:58 PM
4	Improve computer services so notices could automatically be sent to residents who sign up - example, refuse collection and recycling schedules, etc.	Oct 1, 2013 7:05 AM
5	Can you maintain what we have or eliminate regulations or taxes and positions (too many). Reduce our tax base.	Oct 1, 2013 5:56 AM
6	Can you maintain what we have or eliminate regulations or taxes and positions (to many). Reduce our tax base.	Oct 1, 2013 5:38 AM
7	Anticipated risks due to climate fluctuations - who can predict mother nature? More job opportunities - YES! Attract more businesses - YES! Attract more residents - the ones we have now need jobs! Community health - Obama Care will destroy anyway. Affordable housing - not low income, look at KI Sawyer. Maintain road conditions - S Big Creek is a mess and the last to be plowed. Maintain existing public facilities - life saving are high importance. Improve or provide new public facilities - those who use recreationally can maintain/pay for them. Improve police and fire services - fire services only. We have 9 police agencies in our county already. Keep taxes at or near present levels - we simply can't afford more! Lower taxes and decrease services - many services are not used or abused. We need jobs! Especially young people, who need to learn a work ethic!	Sep 17, 2013 2:03 PM
8	Maintain fire services only! Remove Police Department.	Sep 17, 2013 6:22 AM
9	Again keep enlisting the community and you will gain more support. This survey is great example. Communication and building relations is key to creating effective programs and efficient use of funs to gain the most benefit.	Sep 14, 2013 4:08 AM
10	We could sure use a little more business growth to employ more of our local people. A lot work in Marquette Township.	Sep 9, 2013 2:30 PM
11	I find it troubling that marquette township has soaked up every opportunity for growth and advancement for their Township and that chocolay has done none of this. We have become so fixated on this idea of preserving rural character that we're basically choking ourselves out slowly over time. we need to preserve our rural character but within reason, we need to embrace growth a lot more than we have in the past. We need to provide a lot more opportunities for development in the township in one of those being a municipal water system and expansion of the sewer system. the township has done nothing to make a name for itself aside from being a hippie Haven	Sep 5, 2013 1:53 PM

Page 10	, Q16. In reference to Chocolay Township, what does rural character mean to you?	? (check all that apply)
1	Living with the sights, sounds, and smells of farm animals - what? Dark areas that let you see the stars - what?	Oct 2, 2013 6:21 AM
2	Less government regulations - not more!	Oct 1, 2013 7:06 AM
3	Reduce the amount of Township regulations and taxes.	Oct 1, 2013 5:56 AM
4	Reduce the amount of township regulations and taxes.	Oct 1, 2013 5:40 AM
5	Sights and sounds and smells of animals is just fine as long as they are not confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs).	Sep 30, 2013 5:35 AM
6	Cleared lots with homes built close to the road - hate that. Traditional farms - working farms are the backbone of our country. Living in a place where you don't have to deal with a lot of government regulations - very important! Living with the sights, sounds, and smells of farm animals vs quiet neighborhoods with no farm animals - your choice where to live. Large, busy retail strips - hell no!	Sep 17, 2013 2:15 PM
7	Ease up on the restrictions on pets. Barking dogs and wandering cats are part of rural character - as well as canine/feline character. Chickens should definately be part of the mix.	Sep 11, 2013 10:06 AM
8	Access to ATV/UTV trails without having to trailer the machine to a trailhead.	Sep 8, 2013 10:51 AM
9	the township should I offer all of the above just in the appropriate areas within the township. the problem I see is that you've taken the aura of the green garden area and brought it into the Harvey area which isn't right, that would be like bringing Harvey out to green garden	Sep 5, 2013 1:57 PM

Page 11, Q18. How do you get information on what is happening in the Township? (check all that apply)		
1	Flyers, info sheets at office.	Sep 30, 2013 11:36 AM
2	Chocolay Quarterly	Sep 29, 2013 10:22 AM
3	flyerspostcards in the mail	Sep 20, 2013 7:45 AM
4	I don't get much Township info.	Sep 17, 2013 12:09 PM
5	I don't other than this. communication is very limited as I work and need easy information source. E-letters/subscriptions would be nice. Township email sight as pop up with features quarterly would be nice.	Sep 14, 2013 4:14 AM
6	Newsletter	Sep 9, 2013 2:30 PM

Page 11, Q19. Please add your additional master plan comments or concerns.		
1	Why have a planner and a master plan? Eliminate this petition. A master plan is already in place - it is called zoning.	Oct 2, 2013 6:22 AM
2	Chocolay Township is basically a rural northwoods township and we are appalled at the number of enacted and proposed regulations and the perceived need for a planning commission or even a planner in the township. A casual glance at a plat book reveals that the township consists of about 66 square miles with perhaps less than 15 of those miles regarded as small tracts, presumably densely populated, with many of those tracts in a remote or rural setting. With a few variations the existing and proposed ordinances tar all properties with the same brush. The proposed animal regulations WILL run afoul of the Right to Farm law on the properties that contain acreage. Just ask Forsyth Township what it cost to venture into that arena, only to become the laughingstock of half the state. The proposed animal numbers and "pasture" requirements are unrealistic and reflect utopian thinking rather than the real world. Over the years our rural subdivision has been home to all manner of animals, large and small, with no problems whatsoever. Under the proposed regulations all of those animals will be banned. In regard to chickens, everyone that comments seems to be fixated with the presence/absence of roosters. I would be willing to bet that the majority of the people expressing that concern have never been around chickens and that a good portion of them have never even heard a rooster. The worst noise nuisances in this township are Harley Davidson motorcycles, barking dogs, and neighborhood kids, listed in order of nuisance and decibel level, none of which anybody proposes to do anything about. In short, people can usually sort out where and how they want to live without help from government.	Oct 1, 2013 2:04 PM
3	We should stay a "bedroom" type township with essential type commercial and township services. There is NO "back of this page"? User fees or fees for service should pay for additional services. We rarely look at township web site and do not set in front of computer to get news and information.	Oct 1, 2013 7:07 AM
4	Lower the taxes and reduce regulations (let us be free) and stay out of our households and wallets. Chocolay Township highest taxes - why???	Oct 1, 2013 5:57 AM
5	Lower the taxes and reduce regulations (Let us be free) and stay out of our households and wallets.	Oct 1, 2013 5:42 AM
6	I really appreciate that the township is beginning to consider food system issues. I forgot to mention that some attention paid to alternative energy would also be greatnot sure what or how.	Sep 30, 2013 11:36 AM
7	I do NOT want to see Chocolay Township turn into Marquette Township with all of their non-tax-paying big box chain stores. We don't need to draw in new businesses and try to be bigger; we live here for the small-town atmosphere. If we want bigger, we'll move to Chicago!	Sep 20, 2013 10:54 AM
8	Please send a follow-up letter that includes the thoughts of my fellow tax-paying Chocolay citizens. Everyone I know, who lives in the Township thinks our taxes are outrageous - we don't get the bang for our high bucks!	Sep 17, 2013 2:16 PM
9	Would appreciate Township announcements/news being included on radio & TV community announcement sections or in public service sections.	Sep 17, 2013 12:09 PM

10	Chocolay's services are quite adequate for an upscale township.	Sep 17, 2013 6:33 A
11	I have no problem paying taxes for services provided. I do have a problem writing the check knowing that I'm paying for services that I don't have; Gas, sewer and water lines, etc. I don't know if that happens here or not.	Sep 15, 2013 2:02 F
12	Thank you so much for asking. You may not know the impact and pleasure it brings to be able to be apart of the conversation regarding my community. Often the meetings are during times I cannot attend. This survey allowed me to give input on my time schedule. 5 a.mbet most of you were sleeping. smilesDespite, you invited me and allowed me to participate and I am sure others are just as much appreciative and feel just as thankful for such opportunity. Please continue this forum.	Sep 14, 2013 4:14 A
13	Good survey.	Sep 11, 2013 10:09
14	Thank you for taking the time for this survey and asking the public for their opinion. I hope it goes through and I can raise chickens for my family. I am unable to attend Monday Meetings. Please note that my family has made a point to produce our own vegetables and fruits for the last 4-5 years. With current changes in our food supplies and how it is affecting our children's growth, it is important to grow and raise as much as we can, within reason, to support the health of our families.	Sep 10, 2013 12:13 I
15	Please open up the right of ways on county roads & trails for ATV/UTV use.	Sep 8, 2013 10:53 A
16	I don't understand why are Township doesn't try to be more like Marquette Township. The only thing people think about when they think about marquette township is the business strip when in reality that's a small portion of their Township they offer residential housing that is suitable for all ages and incomes and the offer a huge amount of recreational and wildlife viewing opportunities. I would like to see the township encourage more growth with businesses and also growth with the casino and encourage them to expand with where they are at as both of these things bring in additional revenue into the township and ease the burden on the taxpayers and allow for better services for the residents. specifically with the amount of funding that the casino provides the township the township would be foolish to not encourage them to expand where they are at and to stay put	Sep 5, 2013 2:07 P