

Record of Public Comments

Received as of 10/5/2016

The following lists the public comments received from any means of communication including the project website and email. These do not include comments given at any of the public meetings for the Master Plan project. Comments provided at the public meetings are included in the Appendices of the Cleveland Township draft Master Plan.

Comment 1- Received 7/8/2016

I would love to have better broadband internet service. Right now the only thing we can find is through CenturyLink, and it is only 1.5mbps. It would be great if CenturyLink could provide faster options, or if Charter Cable could provide service. However, I am not in favor of new development in the area. I enjoy our quiet oasis between Glen Arbor and Leland. In fact, this is why my wife and I chose Lime Lake for our summer cottage. If anything, we would be in favor of greater preservation in the area. Thank you for your support of our township. Rick

Comment 2- Received 7/23/2016

My name is Jerome Bufka. I have tried several times to get on your E-Mail list and have not been able to. It says to complete the process to click on the link of the E-Mail you will send and I have never gotten an E-mail. My E-mail address is whiskers@centurytel.net Also I have not received a survey at 7782 S Maple City Rd, Maple City, MI 49664. It is in Cleveland Twp. 228-541.

(LIAA manually subscribed commenter to e-mail list and followed up to ensure survey was received.)

Comment 3- Received 8/5/2016

I and most of my neighbors feel there is a need for a noise ordinance in the township. One that is actually enforced. A noise ordinance that would curtail gunfire that can be heard any day all day, loud music (that can be heard beyond property lines) excessive vehicle noise. (the township should adopt the federal vehicle noise standards) . The ordinance should also include a clause to not permit wedding and party venues on any old piece of ag land just because you have a few grape plants on your property. Cleveland township is a very unique place surrounded by large areas of park land and conservancy lands which generate a lot of peace and tranquility. Most of the people in my neighborhood on school lake rd.and the whole township live here for the specific reason that it is a uniquely quiet and peaceful place. We all live with the dread that when a piece of property goes up for sale that the newcomers will be shooting , or snowmobile enthusiast, or people who think since it's so sparsely populated the their music blasted at high volume won't disturb anybody. In fact our neighborhood has spoken about a special neighborhood quiet area where we do not have to live in dread of the next inconsiderate outsider that wants to live here so they can make noise. If your sound bubble goes beyond your property lines you are too loud.

Comment 4- Received 8/11/2016

I'm afraid there is too much development of high end homes in the township. Over and over I see small, historic lake cottages and farms bulldozed to the ground, and the majority of the trees cut on the lot in order to build some giant mansion. I believe we should do everything we can to protect the small amount of land we have left, and make sure our forests, lakes and streams remain available for ALL to enjoy, instead of more and more land becoming privatized. I would like to see sugarloaf re-open as a down hill/cross country ski area in the winter and I would like to see mountain bike trails developed there as well. If it is too expensive to re-open the ski resort, perhaps the crumbling existing buildings should be demolished, and the entire property could become a park, or part of the land conservancy. The existing ski runs should remain clear for back country skiing enthusiasts. And finally, since the lake shore does not permit mountain biking, we should really look to develop a network of mountain bike trails, perhaps in one of the larger land conservancy plots such as the palmer woods preserve. I would be willing to volunteer in building and maintaining ski and mountain bike trails in the area. Thank you for your time.

Comment 5- Received 9/8/2016

Change the Ag/Residential lots - they don't work. Way too much work and no-one is actually splitting parcels that way. Make the parcels smaller and just let people divide their property based on maximum number of splits they can do. A lot of Cleveland is park land, anyway, let people do smaller splits without all the hassle you currently have in your zoning ordinance.