

Bear Lake Township Visioning Summary
One Word Description

"One word"	Mentioned at (Tables 3-5)	Mentioned (Tally)	Votes Received
Lake; multiple lakes	3, 4	2	10
Beautiful	4		5
Lake health	5		5
Complete community services	3		4
Organizations	5		4
Neighborly	5		3
Tourism; tourist	3, 5	2	1
Fire and EMS services	3		1
Friendly	4		1
Rural	4		1
Seasonal	4		1
Transportation route	3		1
Farming	5		1
Agriculture	3		
Bedroom community	3		
Cooperative	4		
Medical facility	3		
Population aging	4		
Quiet	4		
Recreational opportunities	4		
School	3		
Small village	3		
Varied	4		
Part time	5		

Bear Lake Township Visioning Summary
Done Well & Coulda Done Better

"Done well"	Mentioned at (Tables 3-5)	Times Mentioned (Tally)	Votes Received
Fire / safety rescue; fire and EMS (cert program)	3, 5	2	6
Community activities	4		6
Lake improvement	3, 5	2	3
School; good school	3, 4, 5	3	2
Sparkle in the Park; Christmas Sparkle in Park	4, 5	2	1
New library	3		1
Service org. groups support to community	3		1
Roads	4		1
Pride in community	3		
Milfoil treatment	4		
Bear Lake Days	5		
Snowmobile trails	5		
Methodist church	5		

"Could've done better"	Mentioned at (Tables 3-5)	Times Mentioned (Tally)	Votes Received
Buildings on Lake Street	5		7
Lake access w/ facilities	4		4
Roads	3		2
Promote more! (use of website)	3		2
Brush disposal	4		2
Downtown village; beautify downtown	3, 5	2	1
Joint collaboration	3		1
Parks	4		1
Stock fish	4		1
Bike and walking trails connect to other communities	5		1
Seek more input from younger generation	3		
Community identification	3		
Public restrooms in park	5		

Bear Lake Township Visioning Summary
Barriers to Our Goals

"Barriers"	Mentioned at (Tables 3-5)	Mentioned (Tally)	Votes Received
Funding; MONEY - funding; \$ \$ \$	3, 4, 5	3	19
Participation	4		7
Miscommunications; lack of communication	3, 5	2	5
Politics	3, 5	2	4
Volunteers and older population that is unable to volunteer	5		4
Building ownership	3		2
Regulations; outside "red tape"	3, 4	2	1
Local government differences	3		1
Economy	4		1
New individual community involvement	3		
Getting new people to comm.	3		
Maintenance costs	4		
Population	4		

Bear Lake Township Visioning Summary
Who Should Be in the Sandbox

"In the Sandbox"	Mentioned at (Tables 3-5)	Times Mentioned (Tally)
Business; business owners	3, 4, 5	3
Community organizations; service organizations (Lions, Promoters, Vision 20, Ladies of Lake, Triginta); Lions Club, Triginta	3, 4, 5	3
Property owners; residents / property owners	4, 5	2
Road commission; county road commission	4, 5	2
Schools / school board; school officials	3, 5	2
Church officials	5	
Dedicated volunteers	5	
EVERYONE!	3	
Government officials	3	
Lake improvement board	3	
Neighboring townships	5	
New resident property owners	3	
Outside specialist	3	
Planning commission	4	
Promoters	5	
State / regional organizations	4	
Watershed group	3	
Youth - groups	5	
Zoning board	4	

Bear Lake Township Visioning Summary
Envisioning Our Future

"Our future"	Mentioned at (Tables 3-5)	Times Mentioned (Tally)	Votes Received
Improve downtown Bear Lake; vibrant downtown; downtown revitalized	3, 4, 5	3	13
Public recreation trails; hiking / biking trails; trails - walking and biking	3, 4, 5	3	10
Parks / lake access	4		5
Community center	3, 5	2	4
Controlled growth	4		4
Restaurant - grocery store	5		4
Bear Lake - clean; continued / improved lake quality	3, 5	2	3
Outstanding school	5		3
Hopkins Park facilities improved	5		3
Wireless internet	3		2
Promote local agriculture	3		2
Improved property values	3		2
Lower property taxes	3		2
Utilities underground	4		2
New fire department equipment	3		1
Community theme	3		
Better sidewalks	4		
Population growth	5		
Thriving golf course	5		

Bear Lake Township Visioning Summary
Accomplishing Our Vision

table	Improve downtown Bear Lake	Improve property values	Community center	Vibrant downtown	Parks / lake access
3	Facilitate meeting with business owners and community members				
3		Incentives to promote community pride			
3		Local government			
3		Blight control			
3		Improve roads			
3			Look at other community centers		
3			Communicate with those who will use center		
3			Go for grants!		
4				Local government bulletin	
4				Investors	
4				More activities	
4					Develop state lake access
4					Grant money
4					Develop Pleasanton Park
4					Fund raisers

Bear Lake Township Visioning Summary
Accomplishing Our Vision (2)

table	Hiking / biking paths	Downtown revitalized	Restaurant - grocery store	Trails - walking and biking
4	Volunteers			
5		Zoning village - owners of unsightly buildings		
5		Sidewalk repair		
5		Apply for grants		
5			Sewage - problem solved	
5			Rezone	
5				Apply for grant
5				Work with school
5				Road commission / MDOT

Bear Lake Township Visioning Summary
Collective Prioritization

Collective Prioritization	Votes
Vibrant, revitalized downtown	20
Parks and lakes access	11
Bike and walk trails	5
Improve property values	4
Community center	2
Restaurant and grocery store	2