

Manistee Township Visioning Summary
One Word Description

"One word"	Mentioned at (Tables 1-7)	Mentioned (Tally)	Votes Received
Beautiful	5, 7	2	9
Deteriorating; deteriorating (Bar Lake)	4, 6	2	8
Water; water lovers	3, 4	2	6
Scenic	6	1	6
Potential; potential for enhancement	4, 6, 7	3	5
Safe; safe - quiet	1, 7	2	5
Hunting and fishing	7	1	5
Weeds	4	1	5
Friendly	1, 2, 5	3	4
Job seekers; unemployed	3, 7	2	4
Private	6	1	4
Rural	1	1	4
Affordable	6	1	3
Controlling	2	1	3
Economically depressed	3	1	3
Family	2	1	3
Meijer's to town	3	1	3
Non-aggressive	2	1	3
Stagnant	5	1	3
Conservative	6	1	2
Hometown	4	1	2
Recreational	1	1	2
Slow	5	1	2
Awesome	2	1	1
Limbo	1	1	1
Neighborly	6	1	1
Seasonally vacant	3	1	1
Sleepy	1	1	1
Suburban	2	1	1
Unkempt	4	1	1
Conflicted	4	1	
Cooperation	4	1	
Fine	5	1	
Fiscally responsible	3	1	
Lackadaisical	4	1	
Progressive	5	1	
Quaint	1	1	
Small	1	1	
Unique	5	1	
Wooded	1	1	

Manistee Township Visioning Summary
What We Have Done Well

"Done well"	Mentioned at (Tables 1-7)	Mentioned (Tally)	Votes Received
Fire and EMS; fire department	1, 4, 5, 7	4	19
Recycling	4, 6	2	11
Roads; road maintenance; plowed road	1, 2, 5	3	8
Beaches	3	1	7
Recreation	6	1	7
Garbage collection; garbage pickup; trash pickup	4, 5, 7	3	5
Township hall	1, 4	2	5
Establishment of Parkdale bike trail	3	1	4
Master plan	1	1	4
Access points: Bar Lake, Lake Michigan, Bridge St.	5	1	3
Airport	7	1	3
Bar Lake outlet observation deck and park	7	1	3
Excellent drain commissioner	2	1	3
Zoning ordinance	1	1	3
Bridge St. boat launch	3, 4	2	2
Best road commissioner	2	1	2
Hospital	7	1	2
Labeling of public access sites at Lake Michigan and Bar Lake	3	1	2
Playground	5	1	2
Spring cleanup	1	1	1
Children's park at Township Hall	1	1	
Dial a ride	3	1	
Riverwalk	3	1	

Manistee Township Visioning Summary
What We Could Have Done Better

"Could've done better"	Mentioned at (Tables 1-7)	Mentioned (Tally)	Votes Received
Bar Lake; save Bar Lake; save Bar Lake, our only township lake	2, 4, 6, 7	4	14
Bar Lake outlet; Bar Lake outlet observation deck and park; Bar Lake tables; better parking and marking and Bar Lake public access	3, 4, 5, 7	4	14
Protect water level / Bar Lake; water level of Bar Lake	3, 7	2	9
Access to Big Manistee River; big river frontage	5, 7	2	6
Jobs	6	1	6
Tourism	6	1	6
Assessing; inaccurate, unfair assessing; assessor's office does not answer any questions	2	1	5
Clean out weeds in Bar Lake so it can be used better. It is the only lake in the township and it is dying. :(2	1	5
North US-31 corridor business development	5	1	4
Annual Trash dropoff	5	1	3
Fire department building	1	1	3
Increase revenue sharing	1	1	3
More taxes from casino	3	1	3
Township Hall acoustics	1	1	3
Beach parking	6	1	2
Bridge Street boat ramp	7	1	2
Broadband internet	3	1	2
Cable	3	1	2
Control yard sales	1	1	2
Natural gas access	3	1	2
Unlicensed vehicles in yard	2	1	2
Better communication - open to other ideas	2	1	1
Better trail system	4	1	1
Nonmotorized right-of-way	5	1	1
Promote township more	1	1	1
Taxi service - Dial a Ride needs nighttime service	3	1	1
Parkdale bike trail needs to be continued and finished	3	1	

Manistee Township Visioning Summary
Barriers to Our Goals

"Barriers"	Mentioned at (Tables 1-7)	Mentioned (Tally)	Votes Received
Leadership; leadership issues; ingrown leadership; leadership is not in agreement; leadership has poor vision for (growth?); township board	1, 2, 4, 5	4	13
Funding; money; money / funding; legislation / funding	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	5	11
Government regulations	5, 6	2	10
Loss of property rights	6	1	10
Citizen participation; lack of public involvement in meetings (attendance)	1, 6	2	7
Infrastructure - gas lines and sewer; enhanced infrastructure	1, 3	2	7
Apathy	4, 6	2	5
Lack of unified vision	2	1	5
Planning	5	1	5
Township government not business-friendly	3	1	5
Welcome new businesses and ideas	3	1	5
Lack of communication; lack of information sharing	1, 2, 4	3	4
No turnover of leaders	2	1	4
Attitude	2, 7	2	3
Enforce zoning regulations	7	1	3
Not having Bar Lake improvement board	7	1	3
Power struggle	2	1	3
Too many entities that don't pay taxes (prison, airport, hospital)	3	1	3
Broadband	3	1	2
Goals	5	1	2
Organization	7	1	2
Fear of the unknown	4	1	1
Cooperation	5	1	
No big business	1	1	
Noncommitted	2	1	

Manistee Township Visioning Summary
Who Should Be in the Sandbox

"In the Sandbox"	Mentioned at (Tables 1-7)	Times Mentioned (Tally)
Citizens; residents; resident participation; people of the community; private citizens (without an agenda); local people - be careful of government from outside telling us what to do	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	6
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality	2, 4, 6, 7	4
Corps of Engineers	2, 4, 6	3
Michigan Department of Natural Resources	2, 5, 6	3
The Little River Band and casino; tribe	1, 5, 7	3
Township board	1, 4, 7	3
Business owners; business (largest employers)	2, 4	2
County commission	4, 7	2
County road commission; road commissioners	2, 3	2
Airport airline service	3	1
Churches	6	1
Department of agriculture	2	1
Fire department	3	1
Hospital	3	1
Industrial development agency	2	1
Local government access to state and federal funding	3	1
Michigan Department of Transportation	5	1
New blood in township government	3	1
Revenue sharing board	7	1
Serious players	2	1
State legislators	7	1
State of Michigan	4	1
Volunteers	3	1
Don't want interference from state and local government	3	1

Manistee Township Visioning Summary
Envisioning Our Future

"Our future"	Mentioned at (Tables 1-7)	Times Mentioned (Tally)	Votes Received
More commercial development; vibrant commercial community; business on US-31 north - Bob Evans and others; Meijer / Walmart	1, 5, 6, 7	4	17
Healthy Bar Lake ecosystem; clean and maintain Bar Lake; Bar Lake free of weeds; Bar Lake becoming a clean lake that you can swim in once again, making it a recreational lake once again; cleaning up our only lake in township for recreation, fishing, fun	1, 2, 4, 7	4	20
Better parking at Bar Lake outlet	2, 4	2	7
The way it is today	6	1	7
Economic growth; healthy business district	3, 7	2	5
Retirement facility; increase in senior service	3, 5	2	5
Continued personal freedom	6	1	5
Rails to Trails from Hill Road to Traverse City	2	1	5
Air service to Detroit as well as Chicago	3	1	4
Strong, progressive leadership	1	1	4
US-31 traffic problems	5	1	4
Vibrant industrial community	6	1	4
Job growth so youth can be employed at home; stronger job base	3, 7	2	3
Managed park system; maintain public spaces, parks, and beaches	3, 7	2	3
Watershed established - Manistee Lake, Bar Lake	3	1	3
Fireworks control; noise from fireworks and dangerous fires	2, 7	2	2
Finish what's been started at Bar Lake	2	1	2
State Park	4	1	2
Water level lower	5	1	2
Better representation	4	1	1
Bike lanes and sidewalks - pave shoulder of M-55	3	1	1
Commercial strip from city to casino - we need to keep it attractive	2	1	1
Continued growth in health care	6	1	1
Higher retirement population	5	1	1
Natural gas availability	3	1	1
Nighttime public transport	3	1	1
Parkdale Ave. improvements	4	1	1
Regulate yard sales - no junk in the yard	1	1	1
Roads / safety - more traffic lights	1	1	1
Water / sewer system	7	1	1
Broadband available to all	3	1	
Put bridge back at Bar Lake -> Lake Michigan	2	1	
Snowmobile access to local businesses	3	1	
Streamline permitting process for commercial development	3	1	

Manistee Township Visioning Summary
Accomplishing Our Vision

table	Business on US-31	Strong, progressive leadership	Good roads - traffic lights for safety	Rails to Trails from Hill Road to Traverse City	Clean up our only lake in Twp for recreation, swimming, fishing, nad fun	Adhere to safety rules, curfew on fireworks
1	Infrastructure - sewer, water					
1	Tax, advertise, and promote community to big stores - real estate					
1		Need to serve				
1		Need to vote				
1			(no suggestions)			
2				Approach property owners / the Tribe		
2					Making better parking at Bar Lake	
2					Get rid of weeds by dredging lake	
2					Apply for grants through "Lakes and Streamss" and DEQ	
2					Use money from township	
2						Need organization
2						Need money

Manistee Township Visioning Summary
Accomplishing Our Vision (2)

table	Encourage growth	Air service	Establish watershed authority	Clean (maintain) Bar Lake	Better parking at Bar Lake outlet
3	Local government should seek out new employers				
3	AES: concentrate on economic development				
3	Advertise Manistee during TC film festival				
3	Bring younger generation input and actions				
3	Extend US-31				
3	Restaurant with culinary institute grads				
3	Broadband / natural gas				
3	Improve infrastructure, sewer				
3		Airport authority			
3		Competitive routes and rates			
3		FAA			
3			Bar Lake Authority		
3			Manistee Lake		
3			Lake Michigan		
3			EPA		
3			Corps of Engineers		
3			DNR		
3			Drain commissioner		
4				Establish a lake board	
4				Kill the overgrowth of weeds	
4				Control water level	
4					Organized parking
4					Controlling drifting sand
4					Enforce speed limit

Manistee Township Visioning Summary
Accomplishing Our Vision (3)

table	Occupancy (development) of property across from Orchard Beach State Park	US-31 North traffic	Senior services	Commercial development	The way it is
4	Promote business				
5		Re-route US-31			
5			(no suggestions)		
5				Sewer and water	
6					Do nothing different

table	Continued personal freedom	Vibrant industrial and commercial community	Meijer / Walmart	Healthy Bar Lake ecosystem	Managed park system
6	Reduce regulations				
6		Reduce regulations			
7			Water / sewer system		
7			Township board involvement		
7				Lake improvement board	
7				Set lake level	
7				Redesign existing outlet	
7				Township board involvement	
7					Create organization
7					Design, regulate, maintain
7					Township board involvement

Manistee Township Visioning Summary
Collective Prioritization

Collective Prioritization	Votes
Establish watershed authority / clean up Bar Lake / healthy Bar Lake ecosystem	24
Business on US-31 / commercial development	18
Reduce regulations	13
Meijer / Walmart / big box	13
Good roads with traffic lights for safety	9
Better parking at Bar Lake	8
Senior services	6
Vibrant industrial and commercial community	6
Rails to Trails from Hill Road to Traverse City	4
Economic growth	4
Strong, progressive leadership	3
US-31 North traffic re-routed	2
Air service	2
Do nothing different	1
Managed park system	
Develop property across from Orchard Beach State Park	
Enforce safety rules curfew on fireworks	