

Gilmore Township Visioning Results
One Word Description

"One word"	Times Mentioned (Tables 1-5)	Votes Received
Scenic; scenic vistas	1, 3, 4	7
Beautiful	1, 4	4
Sense of community	5	3
Excellent natural resources	5	3
Peaceful	1, 4	3
Pristine	3, 4	3
Recreational; recreation-minded	1, 2	3
Serene	4	3
Uniquely beautiful	3	3
Clean	1, 3, 5	2
Country sanctuary	3	2
Friendly	2, 4, 5	2
Lake Michigan	1	2
Quiet	1, 3	2
Unique ecosystem	3	2
Water related	2	2
Awesome	2	1
Beaches, trails, recreation	5	1
Cool place	2	1
Diverse; diversified	1, 4	1
Environmentally conscious	2	1
Family friendly	3	1
Good place to live	3	1
Keen sense of place	5	1
Low density	1	1
Neighborly; neighbors	2, 4	1
Old fashioned	2	1
Paradise	3, 5	1
Purty	4	1
Quality of life	5	1
Unique	4, 5	1
Agriculture; agriculture / organic / farmer's market	1, 5	
Community beautiful	2	
Compassionate	5	
Cottage industry	5	
Four seasons	5	
Friendly	4	
Good place to raise a family	5	
Green	5	
Helpful	2	
Historic	4	
Home	4	
Home based business opportunity	5	

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Natural	4	
Not diverse	2	
Positive	2	
Progressive	2	
Quaint	3, 4	
Refreshing	2	
Rural	1	
Excellent senior services	5	
Small	4	
Traditional	2	
Trees	5	
Unspoiled beauty	3	
Welcoming	3	
Wildlife friendly	3	

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What We Have Done Well

"Done Well"	Times Mentioned (Tables 1-5)	Votes Received
Preservation of land for biking, hiking (scenic and natural resources)	3	6
Park / preservation	4	4
Schools Center of Community; schools	2, 5	4
Preserved agricultural property	1	3
Beach access to Grace Road	3, 4	2
Collaborate with neighboring municipalities for services, e.g. library, fire	5	2
Preservation of and access to natural resources	5	2
Farmers market	2, 5	1
Government in Gilmore has been responsible and effective	3	1
Improvements in Elberta	2	1
M-168; M-168 upgrade	2, 4	1
Planned recreational opportunities	1	1
Preserved open space	1	1
Protected rural character	1	1
Beach to beach trail	2	
Conservancy trail	4	
Development of new businesses	2	
Elberta church	2	
Friendly	3	
Health care services	5	
Improvement of homes in Elberta	2	
Park in Elberta	3	
Protected the lower Betsie River	1	
Recycling	2	
Trail / Betsie	4	
User friendly support services, e.g. land use (zoning)	5	
Zoning seems to work promoting residential and agriculture	5	

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What We Could Have Done Better

"Could've Done Better"	Times Mentioned (Tables 1-5)	Votes Received
Broadband for everyone; internet service	1, 5	7
Boat launch	4	4
Better communication between village and township	3	3
Inability to accept change	5	2
More local jobs	3	2
Old elementary school controversy	2	2
Too many vehicles on beach	3	2
Traffic on Elberta Beach	2	2
Beach access	4	1
Bike trails	1	1
Dredging to maintain lake access	4	1
Facility for township	1	1
Large trash items disposal	2	1
Safer bicycling outside of Betsie Valley Trail	5	1
Township hall	4	1
Blight ordinance	4	
Enforcement to blight	5	
Friendly wayfinding signage	5	
Grace Road stair	2	
Preserving public access	4	
Wind controversy	2	
Zoning	2	

Gilmore Township Visioning Results
Barriers to Our Goals

"Barriers to Our Goals"	Times Mentioned (Tables 1-5)	Votes Received
Financial; financial restraints / deficiency; supplemental funding	1, 3, 4, 5	17
Communication; communication / collaboration / networking; communication between township, village, neighboring townships	1, 2, 3, 5	11
Employment, no year-round	4	6
Conflicting goals	1	4
Economic downturn	2	4
Financial, public	2	4
Ordinance enforcement	3	4
Pressure from outside influences to make our community conform to mandates that may not be best for the uniqueness of the community	3	4
Economic opportunity is limited	3	2
Government bureaucracy barriers: federal, state, local	5	2
Input from silent majority	5	1
Lack of affordable housing	3	1
Lack of participation	2	1
Resistance to change from summer residents	4	1
Apathy	2	
Egos	2	
Lack of cooperation / understanding	4	
Lack of housing for elderly	2	
Leadership and fiscal integration	5	
Reduction in police force	2	
Resistance to change	1	
Resistance to change from long-term residents	4	
Seasonal nature of citizenry	2	
Surrounded by state-owned property that does not generate tax revenue	4	
Threats to way of life	1	

Gilmore Township Visioning Results
Who Should Be in the Sandbox

"Who Should Be in the Sandbox?"	Times Mentioned (Tables 1-5)	Times Mentioned (Tally)
Local governments; local elected and appointed officials; city, township, and county municipal leaders; township / village / state	2, 3, 4, 5	4
Planning / zoning; planning commission; joint commissions	1, 2, 4, 5	4
Michigan Department of Natural Resources	1, 3, 5	3
Adjacent elected and appointed officials (Frankfort, Elberta, Crystal Lake, Blaine, Benzonia); municipal neighbors	4, 5	2
Citizens of village and township; community	4, 5	2
Conservancy; conservation district	1, 3	2
County; county agencies	1, 4	2
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality	3, 5	2
United States Army Corps of Engineers	3, 5	2
All stakeholders	5	1
Biologists / botanists, environmentalists	3	1
Business leaders	2	1
Coastal Zone Management	1	1
Educational community	2	1
Foundations	2	1
Friends of Betsie Bay	3	1
Generous benefactors	2	1
Graceland Fruit and all other agriculture	5	1
Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy	5	1
Michigan Department of Agriculture	5	1
Michigan Economic Development Corporation	5	1
Michigan Land Use Institute	5	1
Michigan State University Extension	1	1
Money people	2	1
Neighbors who didn't attend this meeting	1	1
Northwest Michigan Council of Governments	1	1
Property owners	3	1
Religious leaders	2	1
School leaders	5	1
State of Michigan	1	1
United States Coast Guard	5	1
United States Department of Agriculture	5	1
Utilities	2	1
Youth	2	1

Gilmore Township Visioning Results
Envisioning Our Future

"Envision Your Community"	Times Mentioned (Tables 1-5)	Votes Received
Blight ordinance enforcement; clean up blighted properties; eliminate blight	1, 2, 3, 5	8
Employment (for tourism, high tech work from home, telecommunication jobs); employment opportunities; jobs jobs jobs	1, 3, 4	7
Preservation of rural, natural character that we enjoy now - scenic viewshed preserved	3	7
Community has not lost its original character; preserve present charm of community	1, 3	6
Preservation of coastline, including access	1	6
Public access and amenities to natural resources, improvements; develop and maintain public access to rivers, lakes, state lands, and beaches	4, 5	6
Clean up Betsie Bay (dredging, get rid of invasive plants)	3	5
Natural beauty maintained	4	5
Attraction of hikers, bikers, silent sports for tourism purposes; passive recreation industry, i.e. hang gliding, biking, kayaking, SUP, non-motorized recreations	3, 5	4
Balance between single-family and agriculture	5	4
Recreation: walking trail on Betsie River	1	4
Zoning strictly enforced	4	4
Bay docking facilities, more usable	2	3
Grocery store	2	3
Infrastructure updates	2	3
Ancillary dwellings (granny flats)	5	2
Increase bike paths	5	2
Research center for fish / wildlife	5	2
Deep water bay	2	1
Ferry to Manitowac	4	1
Housing updated	2	1
Ice cream shop	2	1
Continue providing / maintaining clean natural resources	5	1

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Promote plasma arc gasification to create green fuel and electricity through our refuse and waste	5	1
Public transportation	2	1
Township hall	4	1
Clean beach	2	
Decent roads; improved roads	1, 3	
Game management / habitat, improve	5	
Gas station	2	
Hang gliders back	4	
Healthcare available	1	
Homeowners taking care of their homes	3	
Invasive species, control / eradicate: garlic mustard, phragmites; phragmites and invasives gone	4, 5	
More year-round residency -> better food choices in winter	5	
Parking lots for river access	1	
Parks	1	
Revitalized, attractive town	3	
Technologically up-to-date, i.e. internet accessibility; access to internet technology	3, 5	
Walkable community	2	
Wayfinding / signage, enhance	5	

Gilmore Township Visioning Results
Actions to Accomplish 1

table	Preservation of character, charm, community, coastline, and access to coastline	Walking trail on Betsie River	Employment opportunities	Grocery store	More usable bay; docking facility
1	Careful management and zoning				
1		Collaborate with DNR			
1		Seek grant money			
1			Access to broadband		
1			Attract employers Zoning that supports home-based business		
2				Offer incentives State / federal grants	
2					Grants Federal dredging (Corp)
2					

Gilmore Township Visioning Results
Actions to Accomplish 2

table	Infrastructure updates	Preservation of rural, natural character and scenic views we enjoy now	Clean up Betsie Bay: dredge, remove invasive plants	Clean up blighted properties	Develop and maintain public access
2	State and federal grants				
2	Incentives for private development				
3		Strong planning and zoning enforcement			
3		Educated and informed citizens			
3			Funding needs to be continued Education and inform: raise consciousness of general public on how to clean and keep clean		
3			Involve state and federal agencies, grants, local governments		
3				Strong planning and zoning enforcement	
3				Funding of clean-up days	
4					Strictly enforce planning and zoning

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Actions to Accomplish 3

table	Maintain our natural beauty	Balance of single-family residential and agriculture	Improve game management / habitat, control invasive species, continue to provide / maintain natural resources	Enhance non-motorized recreation industry
4	Strictly enforce planning and zoning			
5		Leadership through sound zoning policies established with effective planning among all stakeholders		
5		Twp leadership forms and community support / buy in		
5			Network / collaborate / partner with state agencies	
5			Citizen conservation groups	
5			Educate and inform	
5			Establish enhanced awareness among youth	
5			Establish endowment	
5				Community leadership / collaboration
5				Chamber of Commerce support through positive exploitation
5				Marketing and development and maintenance
5				Accessibility enhancement
5				Recreation master plan

Gilmore Township Visioning Results
Collective Prioritization

Collective Prioritization	Votes
Zoning and planning enforcement	22
Betsie Bay improvements: clean and dredge; remove invasives; increase docks and access	19
Rural, natural community character preservation; maintain balance of single family residential and agricultural	14
Public access to lake; improve game management and habitat	13
Enhance employment opportunities	7
Enhance non-motorized recreation industry	4
Walking trail; south shore Betsie River: keep it rustic	3
Grocery store	2
Clean up blighted properties	2
Infrastructure updates	