

**WAYLAND TOWNSHIP  
MASTER PLAN COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS  
NOVEMBER 2, 2017**

- **TOTAL MAILED:** 1485
- **TOTAL RETURNED:** 571
- **RETURN RATE:** 38.4%
- **TOTAL ON-LINE SURVEYS:** 35
- **TOTAL RESPONSES:** 606

1. The Wayland Township Board is studying the possibility of constructing a waste water treatment plant, and water and sanitary sewer pipelines along certain Township roads as a means to attract business and industry and to also serve Township residents. The sewer pipelines would be constructed in phases as shown on the map. The water lines would be constructed alongside the sewer lines. The Township would need to borrow the money to finance the project.

**Do you support the Board pursuing this project?**

**Yes: 153 / 26.4%**

**No: 426 / 73.6%**

2. Wayland Township is one of the few townships in the area which does not levy a special millage for road re-surfacing, construction and maintenance. The Township spends \$800,000 a year on road improvements and maintenance which comes from the Township equity fund and from revenue received annually from the Gun Lake Tribe as required under the casino gaming contract with the State of Michigan.

With the cost to re-pave one mile of paved road being approximately \$500,00 to \$1,000,000, additional revenue would enhance new road construction and other road improvements within the Township.

Nearby townships levy a road millage ranging from 1 to 5 mills. A two mill levy in Wayland Township would generate about \$250,000 per year so the equity fund would not have to be used for roads. Based on a two-mill levy, the owner of a house with an assessed value of \$100,000 would pay \$ 200.00 per year. (A mill is \$1 for every \$1,000 in assessed value.)

**Would you generally support a road millage to supplement current road spending in order to improve Township roads?**

**Yes, I am generally in favor: 138 / 23%**

**No, I am not in favor: 460 / 77%**

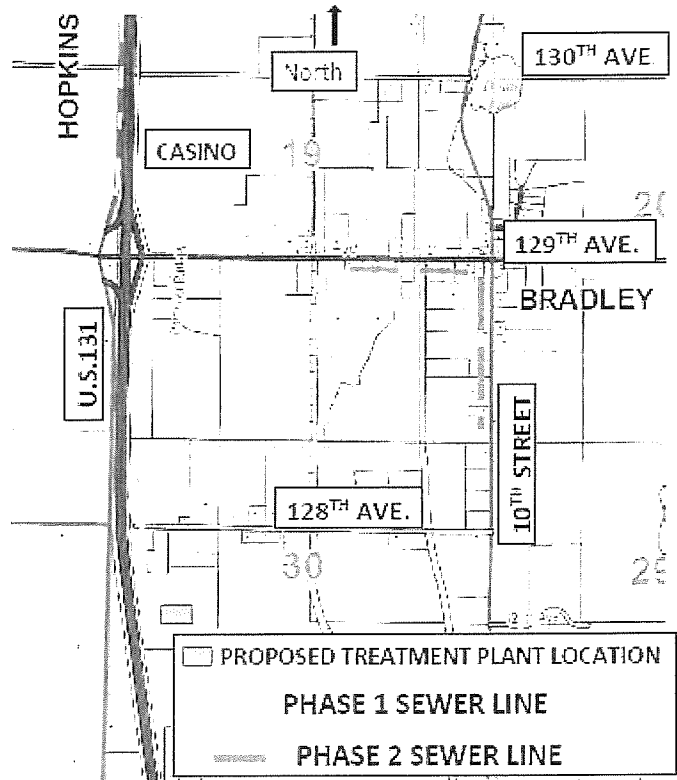
3. Currently, most of Wayland Township is zoned Agricultural. The minimum lot size in the Agricultural Zone on which to construct a new single-family house is 3.67 acres with 500 feet of road frontage. While this is an effective way to preserve the rural views in Wayland Township, the road frontage requirement creates difficulty for new lots to be created on which to build new houses.

**A. Do you favor the current minimum lot size of 3.67 acres in the Agricultural Zone?**

**Yes, keep this in place: 365 / 61.3%**

**No, reduce the minimum lot size: 184 / 30.9%**

**No, increase the minimum lot size: 46 / 7.8%**



**B. Do you favor the current minimum 500 feet road frontage requirement in the Agricultural Zone?**

Yes, keep this in place: 366 / 62.2%

No, reduce the minimum road frontage requirement: 222 / 37.8%

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4. Township officials have investigated measures to provide high speed internet service to Township residents and businesses. The main obstacle is funding for the towers which must be constructed in order to provide internet service.

**In order to construct these towers would you be in favor of:**

A Special Assessment District for your area where property owners agree to tax themselves to pay for the towers that would serve only those within the Special Assessment District; 52 / 8.8%

A Township wide special millage which would be used to construct towers to serve the entire Township; 183 / 31.2%

I am not in favor of either of these methods; 351 / 60%

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5. Currently, Wayland Township does not have any public parks or recreation facilities. **What types of recreation facilities are most needed in the Township?** Please select no more than three from the following list.

- 245- Nature areas with trails
  - 230 - Park with playground and picnic facilities
  - 172 - Non-motorized trails
  - 141 - Community/ senior activities center
  - 103 - Ball fields (Soccer, baseball, softball)
  - 21 - Pickleball courts
  - 19 - Tennis courts
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6. Few multi-family (apartment) buildings exist in the Township which may limit housing opportunities for younger families and workers just getting started, and older residents who no longer desire to maintain a house but still wish to live in the Township.

Should the Township consider new zoning rules to allow smaller apartment buildings (four to 12 units, for example) to be located on individual lots in certain areas of the Township in order to encourage development of this type of housing rather than plan large parcels for apartments?

Yes: 243 / 41.5%

No: 342 / 58.5%

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**7. Please select the top three reasons you chose to live in Wayland Township:**

- 471 - Rural views and atmosphere
  - 332 - Small town culture
  - 247 - Close to amenities provided by Grand Rapids/ Kalamazoo/Holland
  - 209 - Family & friends
  - 96 - Affordable housing
  - 78 - Quality of schools
  - 34 - Employment
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**8. Please check all that apply:** 501 -Live in the Township; 463- Own my residence;

15- Rent my residence; 85 -Own / operate a business in the Township;

73 -Own property in the Township but live elsewhere; 37 Employed in the Township;

184 - Am retired.