

## BUSINESS COMMUNITY INPUT MEETING ON MASTER PLAN

Feb. 6, 2013

Approx 40 business owners were in attendance at the Hope Village conference room.

An invitation along with a small questionnaire and relevant sections of the Master Plan had been mailed to all Acme Township business owners the week previous.

A questionnaire had also been provided for by Planner John Iacoangeli that was distributed at the meeting for discussion.

1. What services do you require from Acme Township?

Infrastructure (not township owned) water/sewer, would like underground utilities along the shoreline parks.

Cooperation and support from the township in starting a business

Expanded recreation facilities, such as soccer fields

Improve some roads

Signage for businesses

2. Describe economic development problems faced by the Township.

Government and businesses need to work together to create an atmosphere where commerce drives capital, creates jobs, spurs growth in housing sales, preserves land, etc.

Get the buildings down on the shoreline. Need to see something happening.

3. What is the status of telecommunication and internet services in the Township? Does your business rely on broadband?

S Bates has no broadband or cable services. We all use internet, many had no issues with the services that already provide internet.

The Township needs a more professional looking website to promote all aspects of the Township and attract new businesses

4. What strategies could the Township employ that would encourage business expansion?

Change some of the zoning ordinances

Cooperation and support

Speed up the permit process

Need for Industrial jobs, expand uses in the industrial district

Use of incentives to attract businesses to the Township

5. How would you (re)develop the US 31 corridor?

Reduce the set-backs, they are too far back, 100' or less

Arrow signal from S US 31 left turn onto M-72

6. How would you (re)develop the M-72 corridor?

Already done, let's get the development going

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Traffic light at casino, slow traffic

7. What regional groups do you associate with commercial and economic development? And, are they involved in Acme Township?

I work with the Tribe, they are involved

TC Chamber of Commerce

## 8. Other Items?

Need to attract Millennials, younger families, your business owners.

Fix the Volley Ball Courts

Acme should be on Twitter and "tweet" daily re; brew pub, happenings at resort, vasa, ski conditions, fundraising updates on the shoreline etc.

Get a part time Millennials marketer, maybe a college senior to help attract them here.

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