

**Hay Creek Township  
Community Survey  
April 2012**

**Results and Comments**

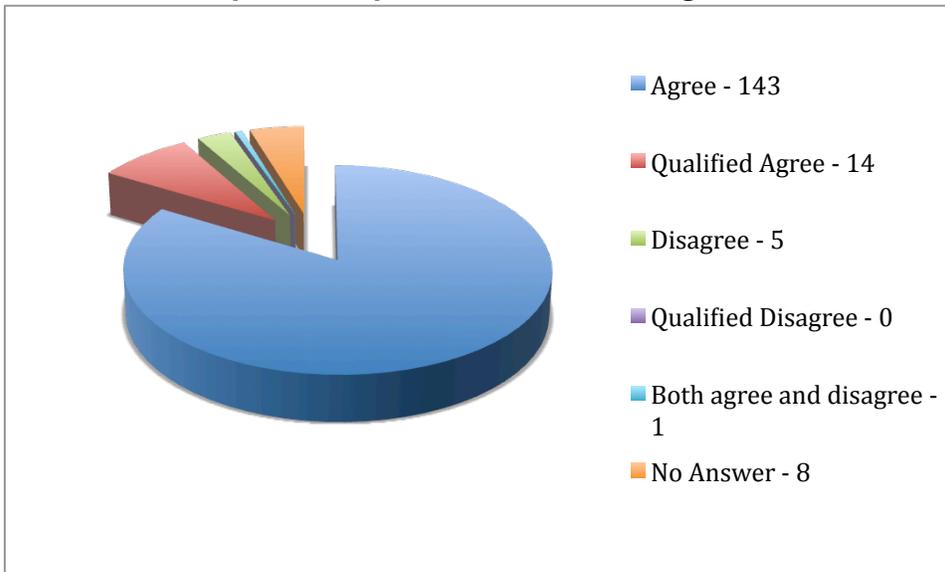
## Executive Summary

Note: All the comments are reproduced following this executive summary. Please read them. We have attempted to tally various expressed concerns in this summary but there is no substitute for reading the raw comments and drawing your own conclusions.

Note: The charts have a color code that you can see next to the text. The key colors are blue, which means “agree” and green, which means “disagree”.

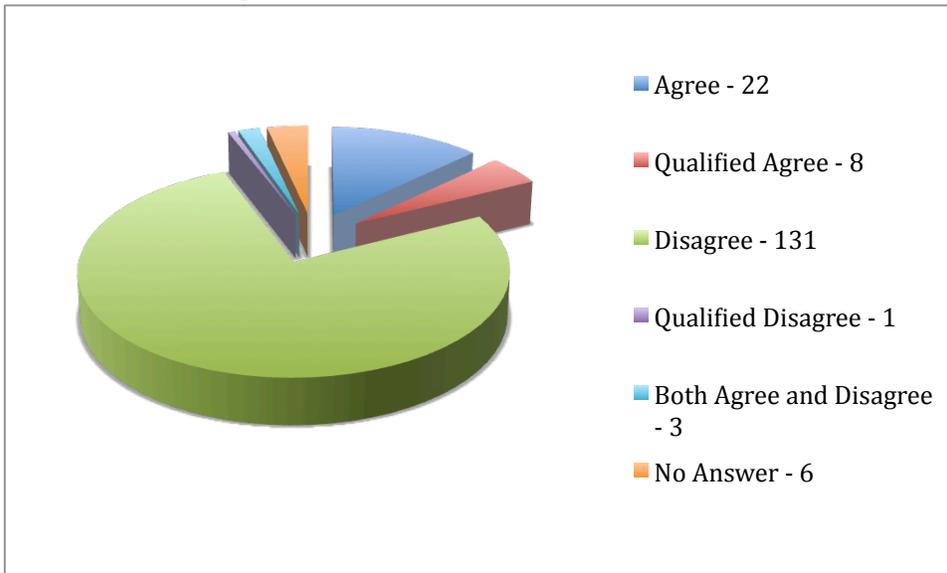
The response percentage was 48.6 %. 356 surveys were mailed and 173 surveys were received by the Township Clerk as of April 12, 2012.

### ***1. The township should protect landowner rights.***



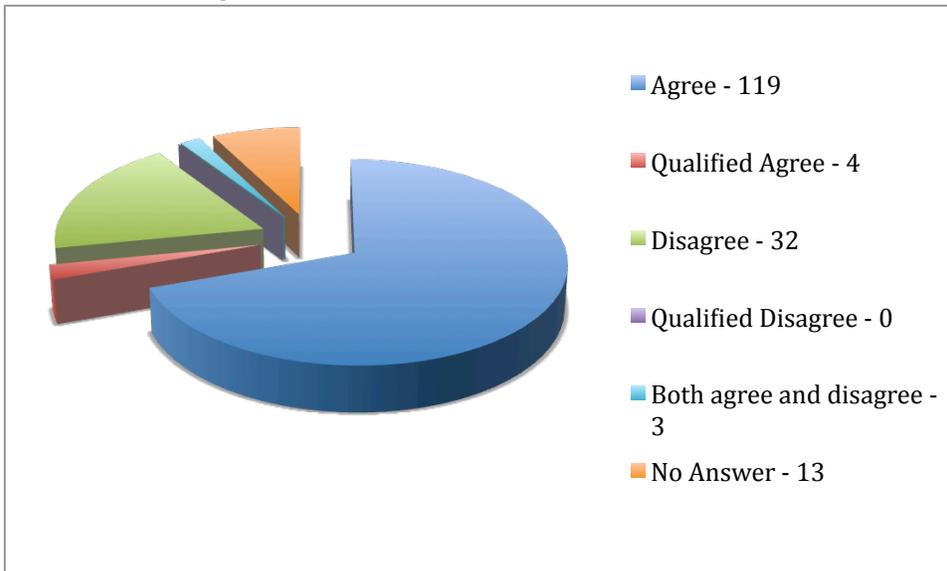
Most of the comments on this question supported a balanced approach to the tradeoff between landowner responsibilities and landowner rights. A few comments recognized it as language used in the property rights discussion and either supported it or disputed it. The full range of comments is shown at the end of this summary.

**2. Landowners should have the right to use/develop their property the way they want without regard to the impact this has on neighboring properties and the township as a whole.**



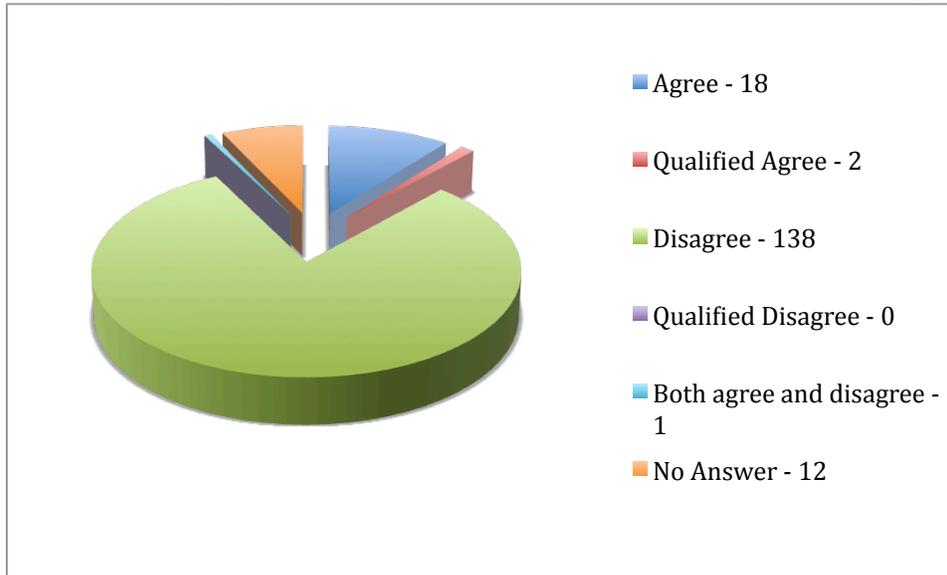
Most people disagreed that a landowner could do anything they wanted on their property and most of the comments supported this prevailing view.

**3. The township should be able to exercise control over land use decisions.**



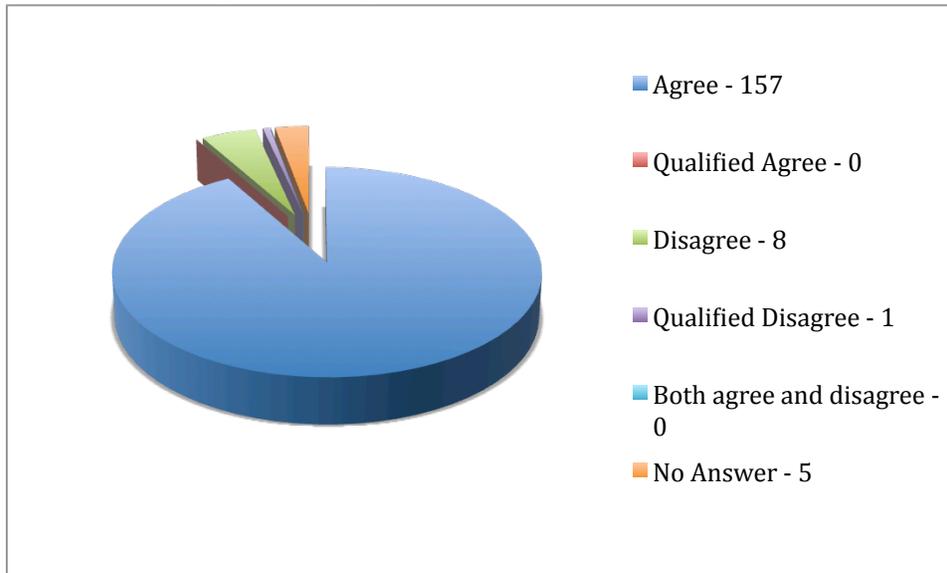
About 70% agreed with this question. A variety of comments advocated for balance, individual rights, landowner majority, township protecting the community, reason, elected leadership, etc.

**4. The township should allow industrial size frac sand mining operations.**



Most people (80%) were opposed to industrial sand mining. Most of the comments were strongly against the large mines, while a few comments suggested that mining should be permitted if adequately regulated and precautions are taken to mitigate negative aspects.

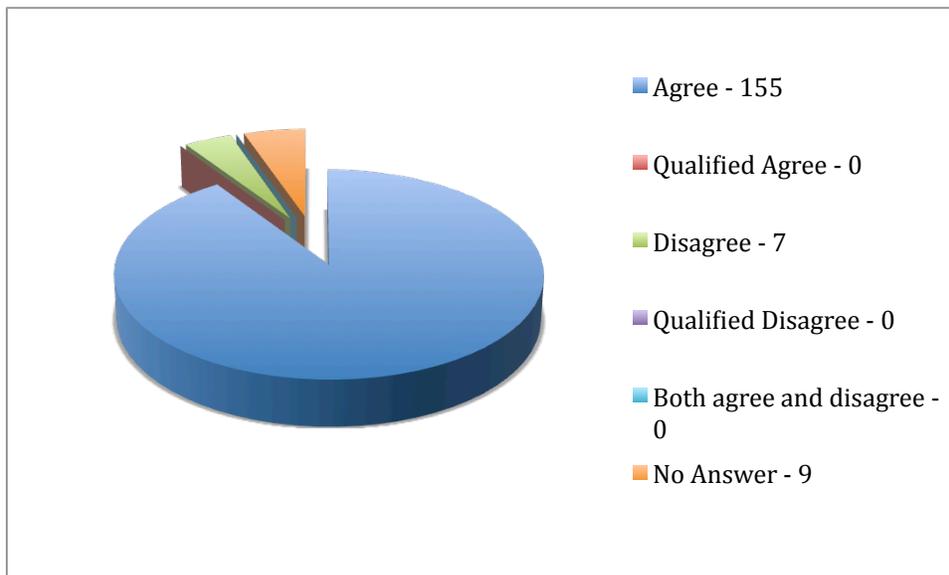
**5. The township should protect the scenic character of the township.**



There were three categories of comments. Most of the comments, 14 of the 29, strongly believe the township should protect the natural and scenic characteristic of the township. The majority of these comments stated that the township's natural beauty is the reason that they live in the area. Nine of the 29 comments received indicated that the township should do some protection or be involved in the process but keep the involvement and requirements within reason. The general theme around these comments was that industry and the environmental

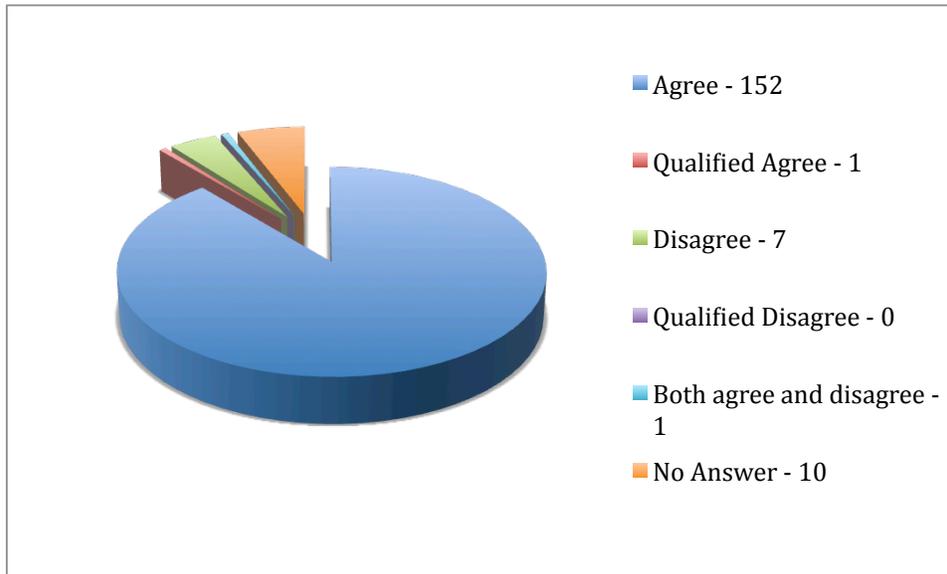
attributes of the township could co-exist. Five of the 29 comments strongly opposed any township involvement in land use activities. These comments very pointedly stated that the landowners or county can do this work not the township. One comment expressed concern about how the township is currently addressing land use issues.

**6. The township should protect agriculture and retain agricultural lands.**



The comments around this statement can be summarized similar to question 5. 10 of the 24 comments strongly agree with this question, stating that agriculture is fundamental to the township’s culture and wellbeing. 9 of the 24 comments wanted some middle ground that allowed new activities in the township but were mindful of the existing uses. 4 of the 24 comments strongly opposed the township protecting agriculture. These comments stated that the market and landowners should decide the fate of the land use.

**7. The township should ensure an orderly pattern of growth, where it occurs.**



Most of the comments stated the township should have some involvement in determining when, where, and how development occurs in the township. A couple of the comments stated that the county (rather than the township) should regulate growth and one comment preferred no growth whatsoever.

***What are your biggest concerns for the future of township?***

Large industrial mines were the biggest concern of residents. Mining was cited about 55 times. The second-most cited concern was for the natural environment, a desire to protect our natural resources and strive for sustainable growth. It was mentioned about 23 times. Next were concerns about township road grading/plowing, housing developments and the loss of farms and farming, each being cited about 10 times.

A group of comments that could be categorized as “fair political representation and the balance of power between local and outside interests” was also mentioned about ten times.

Other concerns included annexation by Red Wing, property taxes, loss of scenic beauty and rural character, loss of the bluffs, property values, jobs and growth, landowner responsibilities and rights, excessive regulation, nuclear waste storage, and health issues.

***If you have additional concerns for the township to consider list them here:***

Since this question is similar to the previous one, there was a similar proportion of comments that echo the same concerns. Additional topics of concern

included: poorly managed confinement feedlots and manure/water runoff, manure on the public roads, watershed protection, roadside trash, exotic animals, junk yards, herbicide and pesticide use, Hay Creek Trail system, gas stations and shopping centers, invasive plant species such as buckthorn, pocket gophers, weekend moto-cross events, how to navigate local regulations, and condition of roads and bridges.

End of Executive Summary

## Full Comments Section, by Question

### ***1. The township should protect landowner rights.***

- The township should protect the rights of the community. Landowners can protect their own rights.
- Which rights? Protect from whom? What about the other landowners rights?
- It is a fine line between protecting landowner's rights and allowing landowners to use their property in ways that are harmful and have a negative impact
- balanced approach
- Question is too vague- not sure what you're asking
- This question is confusing. I agree, but only to the extent that the landowner's action fits with the townships long-range plan.
- I don't like this question. It represents a property rights "agenda" that advocates rolling back zoning rules and letting the rule of the jungle prevail. It's also a leading question- why would the unsuspecting reader not agree with the question's assertion? I suspect many people will "agree" with the statement without understanding its interpretation in certain circles.
- I agree to the extent that landowners have regard for the "impact this has on neighboring properties and the township as a whole."
- To an extent. When a neighbor's activities affect other's property values and living conditions there needs to be zoning protection.
- All, not just some.
- Agree- but not exclusion of good of all
- Not sure exactly what they are, but I like the idea of being protected
- If the township doesn't speak up for us, who will? I look to them to represent us and speak up for us.
- As long as my decisions and choices to use my property as I see fit do not affect the livelihood of my neighbors
- When in agreement with environmental impact statements
- I agree but only to the point where other landowners are not severely impacted by the actions of another
- see attchd

- only when they comply with best land use practices. (See his full page attachment)
- Except in the case when it infringes on the health and freedom of others.
- he crossed out township in the question and wrote county. Did not mark answer.
- the health of the land and its people
- Our state constitution and other laws passed by the legislature and local government protect landowner rights
- When the rights are reasonable and do not impose on the rights of others.
- Maintain mixed uses of ag, residential, business, industrial etc so people can make livings on their property
- to a degree
- I agree but fear giving twp officials "dictator" powers- especially if a townboard member has an agenda when they are elected.
- Not sure what rights we have as landowners, it seems like we are held accountable to the state and county in many ways
- Work with landowners to help them develop in the most ecologically sensitive way, but don't make it so difficult that nothing can be built.
- [agree] to a point but not without regard to the community as a whole
- Landowners should be protected when people infringe on the land that THEY own but the township should not be overprotective to the point that it impedes progress
- A landowner should be able to enjoy and use their land AS LONG AS it DOES NOT affect the surrounding landowners (noise, dust, traffic, odor, disruption of water wells, toxic chemicals, visual eyesore)

***2. Landowners should have the right to use/develop their property the way they want without regard to the impact this has on neighboring properties and the township as a whole.***

- Are there any deserted islands they could maybe move to!
- !!! Land use decisions need to be compatible with neighboring properties as well as the township's values about land use
- Another bad question- and this one is nonsensical- with limited space on this survey, why aren't you asking realistic questions to learn things that will help the township move forward?
- We have zoning laws in place. Designated laws should be enforced as much as possible. Zoning variances should be granted only if an extreme need arises.
- the greater good
- agree to an extent
- We all have neighbors. If one chooses to sell to mining, that is their right. But, mining cannot happen w/o consent of neighbors. Mining is not a gravel pit.
- agree, within reason

- We have property rights but we also have to be good neighbors and work together.
- Building permits are necessary. Air, water and our environment don't stop at the property lines- what one does will affect those around them.
- If I need a permit for a garage or a variance I have to adhere to the country rules and consider the adjoining property owners' concerns
- agree, with certain stipulations
- No-to windpower project. No-to Frac sand and other extractive operations
- Landowners should have as much flexibility as possible though and some rules must apply
- To a certain extent
- I can't mark this one without thinking of all the variances that have been given over the years
- People should have some consideration for their neighbors, use common sense
- see attchd
- Conservation practices should apply for the greatest number of people for the longest period of time
- see attchd
- With the following exceptions: 1) The use must be agricultural or industrial 2) The use does not remove productive agricultural land from use. 3) No residential expansion
- for personal use
- Depending upon what they plan to do, if it affects the roads, environment etc, it needs to be addressed
- I believe landowners have the right to use/develop their [land] as they want BUT not if there is an impact on neighbors and the township
- Within reason, remember they own it, they pay insurance and taxes. Do you really think we have the right to keep somebody from becoming financially stable.
- If we do not protect the land we cannot protect the people
- Landowners should have the right to develop their property as long as they don't break the current laws and ordinances
- As long as the above statement is upheld
- We would very much like to use the land we own for residential purposes and not just agricultural
- but only to extent reasonable
- There should be restrictions if a use or development of a property has a negative impact on neighboring properties.
- long comment about chickens
- depending on what it is
- We need to keep farm land and the bluffs, trees, etc
- Landowners and the township need to continue to work together
- The township board must prevent a strong united front that represents the majority of the township
- not regardless, must be with respect to guidelines set.

- neighbor should have right to voice his or her opinion
- It is reasonable to uphold standards for setback requirements, steep slope development, and protection of ecologically sensitive areas.
- As long as they don't start up a junkyard or something like that
- especially if noise or bad scenery is the outcome!
- Landowners should have the right to use their property the way they want within limitations. If the landowner is harming the the neighbors or impeding on the neighbors RIGHTS (not wants) then they should be limited.
- depends, on the neighbor- some never lived in a country setting before- complain about issues that come with farming
- Strongly disagree. ...as long as the activity doesn't go beyond the property boundary, including the water table.

### ***3. The township should be able to exercise control over land use decisions***

- It depends on what land they are talking about
- agree to a certain extent, they set guidelines to be followed
- reasonable but not excessive
- To a point. Balance between township rights and landowner rights must be found.
- only if landowners majority are in favor
- This is not a black and white statement. Our township needs some development for economic and environmental reasons. Our roads, cleaning up feedlots, limiting housing, making sure our water is safe, etc.
- So the township can protect and preserve the unique beauty and culture of the township
- with certain limits
- except in extreme circumstances
- I'm a taxpayer- Should have control of my land- If we want to remain as a family farming rural area, this is crucial. The Twp should consider land use on legacy farmland versus "nest egg" planning of short term residents- ie, Buy, subdivide, and sell for a profit.
- to a point
- to some degree
- What takes place in the township's boundaries needs to be under the township's control.
- to the point that it negatively effects the other residents. Discussion is needed
- within limitations and especially for the preservation of agriculture and rural residences
- If a company wants to start a business in our rural area. We already have site reviews for building permits. If farming is your occupation the farmer should be able to use his land as it benefits him.

- best interest of all parties
- to a degree
- Not the county- Townships look at the people- countys only count money
- Yes, if there are laws and ordinances that cover the use.
- As long as they do not impose measures which are unreasonable and unfounded
- I believe this is the individual landowner rights
- to the extent they already do
- within reason
- I agree when it affects neighboring properties and the whole township. (I know I would not want to live near a mining operation. Who would?)
- Keep it limited
- With the vote of the people
- Under the leadership of elected, by the residents, officials, ensuring our rights and desires
- The township should have input but not ultimate control
- with residents input
- to a degree and don't the twp residents have a say?
- based on existing law, regulation, rules, etc
- In regards to land impact to surrounding neighbors, the township should be able to "control" land use decisions, in both scenic and environmental aspects.
- Not control but with input. Township shouldn't control or try to control any landowner
- Too vague. This needs to be spelled out with regard to: who? How much? Process? Alternatives?
- Some areas should be protected, others developed. Land use planning is important for orderly development.
- same as above [As long as they don't start up a junkyard or something like that]
- The township should protect us from frac sand mining. They should exercise local control so if mining happens here it is done in a way that residents are protected by increasing setbacks, insuring property values (mining co to pay homeowners). Not allow bluffs to be mined etc.
- to a degree with input from those it effects
- We believe a local group of elected officials should control our land use decisions.
- only if agreed on by majority of the major landowners or neighbors living in the township
- To an extent that they are protecting every one in the township
- Agree to a point- I have witnessed cases where the township has supreme power and controls everything and that is not good either. It's very difficult to tell someone they may do "x" with their land and someone else they may not do "x" based on something that was designed on someone's whim or personal agenda.
- within reason
- It's probably more practical to rely on the county for these controls.

#### ***4. The township should allow industrial size frac sand mining operations***

- current zoning is sufficient that this type of operation won't work in the township
  - History will prove fracking to be bad overall
  - agree only if it means a major tax reduction
  - With restrictions to protect neighboring property values
  - There may be places where appropriate, but adjacent to a residential development with 2 watersheds into Hay Creek is not appropriate.
  - Only if it has good environmental issues taken care of
  - Absolutely Not
  - The township needs to be preserved for farming, fishing, hunting and a high quality of living for the residents of the township. This quality of life will be disrupted by industrial fracking.
  - There may be certain areas in the township that this type of operation may be feasible. Other areas, not so much.
  - Impact on entire area will be negative
  - No frac sand period!
  - regulations for roads, water, dust
  - with results of environmental impact tests
  - I have worked in and around half a dozen frac sand mining, drying, and sand wash plants. They are not pleasant places to live near and not compatible with my vision for our twp and my farm.
  - how will it be done?
  - Strongly disagree. Hay Creek Township is unique in its geological makeup. It is part of the small area of North America that was not affected by the last glacial ice sheet and as a result we have the beautiful bluffs and the world class trout streams. Unfortunately, the same natural forces that carved the bluffs exposed the sand that these corporations are after.
  - Keep mining out
  - Because of health concerns conservation protection-preservation planned management of Natural Resources habitat- waste destruction of property and valuation of homes \$
  - No!!
  - strongly disagree!
  - Unless extensive environmental impact studies are conducted by neutral professional services
  - There needs to be strict regulations
  - depends on what the land is zoned as
  - Hay Creek is no place for sand mining. It has too many homes and farms. It will ruin lives of people if they have to live next to a mine.
  - I think the township should look at WI problems and their issues very carefully
- strongly disagree

- There is a plus and minus to this. Jobs good, trucks bad. This could go either way. You really need to go with an open mind around Bay City and Maiden Rock and talk to land owners.
- Frac sand mining should be allowed, governed by the county
- The health of our lives and neighborhood is at stake.
- The very resource that the sand mine owners wish to cart away is the resource that gives our township its character and appeal to the landowners and visitors.
- This is a beautiful area, why ruin it?
- I would need more information about this- especially as it would affect the usage of the land we own.
- Need to study the alternatives before deciding
- Once an area is mined, it's never the same again. Everything is affected- the air quality- wildlife- peaceful country living- the roads, etc.
- all or nothing
- Don't want any part of Frac sand mining!
- Health issues with fracking concerns me greatly. Asthma, allergies, long-term lung issues are all great areas of concern
- I really don't like the idea of this in our township
- Concerns are land value, water and air quality, and scenic beauty
- based on existing law, regulation, rules, etc
- Not!
- Bad for environment, good for jobs and economy
- absolutely not!!
- Absolutely not!!
- Again, must be specific, detailed. Probably not, unless done with strict use and removal requirements.
- no problem
- It is dangerous- earthquakes have been caused by it. It has the potential to contaminate the groundwater and ruin the land.
- Only if they are controlled to prevent noise, air, water, pollution and are taxed to pay for road and other incurred expenses. Make sure there is a time limit on the duration of mining, a bond to make sure land is reclaimed with trees and other eco friendly practices.
- 100%
- absolutely not!!! It would irreversibly alter the character of the township for the worse. These mines are dangerous (toxic dust) noisy, bright, cause traffic problems and damage roads. Homeowners nearby suffer for these reasons and because property values decline.
- 100%
- with appropriate controls
- Limited mining might be OK. Depends on regulations, siting, planning and buy-in by the mining companies.
- only if strict rules are applied and roads and bridges damage are covered by money obtained from permits or fees collected from mines! Owners!

- The impacts of frac mining affects everyone in the area including traffic and noise.
- While I don't really want to see these in my neighborhood- they have to be in someone's neighborhood if we want natural gas alternatives for energy. We can't always use a "not in my backyard approach." Allow it but control it is another option.
- Needs to be evaluated per case, not huge operations and what would be done with the mine when done.
- I have no problem with mining as it's been done here in the past, but the giant mines as seen in Wisconsin would seriously degrade our community. There's also an equity problem, in that some folks would be winners and some would be losers.

***5. The township should protect the scenic character of the township.***

- Scenic value is why people come here
- This is why we choose to live here
- Agree. Don't allow houses and open-pit mines to destroy the scenic bluffs. Any houses built on bluffs should be low profile, screened and set back enough to not be obtrusive.
- Protect and improve. We need more biking trails and a walking/biking lane on County Road 5 which has become a main recreational highway to Lake City and the Mississippi River.
- I believe that this is up to landowners to do what they desire with their land. As long as it does not impact neighboring property or cause environmental issues.
- No brainer- if not us, then who?
- Hay Creek has unique geological features. We need to protect them. If we allow the township's landscape to be destroyed, there will be nothing to attract and retain people here.
- It is not the place of the township to regulate beauty. The residents can control it without regulation. Township regulation allows non-residents and outside interests to inject their agendas into our community. That cannot be tolerated.
- strongly agree
- Sand mine will ruin scenic nature of Hay Creek
- With this said, I don't believe the twp protects the scenic character now. You have to look no further than the [redacted] property on [redacted] Road to see this oversight. It's our feeling that the twp. is afraid to say anything [redacted]. If we cared about the scenic character of our twp we would have taken care of this serious issue years ago. Now that frac mining is in the mix, we all of the sudden care? Give me a break.
- on question, he crossed out township and replaced it with county. No answer
- The health and welfare of the land and its people. We can't eat oil.

- To do this we must update our laws and ordinances. This scenic character has evolved from farming to tourism in the last 50 years.
- to a certain extent
- Industry can exist here but not at the expense of the environment.
- Again- I'm not sure what this means- Actually since I can't build on my land- the scenic character isn't important to me.
- to the extent they already do
- within reason
- It is why we recently purchased a house in Hay Creek, The rolling hills, the beauty of the land.
- Yes! We live in the country to enjoy the scenic beauty and less people/houses!
- based on existing law, regulation, rules, etc
- Leaving landowners and taxpayers to take care of our own properties
- Use setback rules and set aside sensitive and/or scenic areas for protection.
- Limit "McMansions" or at least require them to be shielded from view.
- 100%
- our area is reknowned for its beauty. People come here for that reason, for recreation and to live.
- Strongly agree, esp. Bluff lands and streams
- Allowing frac and sand mining doesn't have to destroy the scenery- if you allow it control and monitor it.

***6. The township should protect agriculture and retain agricultural lands.***

- This can be done and still develop some of the agricultural land. It should be landowners right to develop.
- Goodhue County is a huge agricultural producer for the state. This cannot be overlooked.
- What is the policy on setting aside acres for organic farming?
- Absolutely- this is
- Agricultural land is quickly disappearing due to housing development and industrial use. Remember, once the land is disturbed (as in a mine) that plot of ground will never be used for agricultural again (topsoil was scraped off and sold). Things don't grow real well in sand and rock.
- there needs to be some middle ground
- also protection of rural residences
- Yes, we like country living. But growth always happens. But you have to be considerate of landowners' rights and the people living near.
- use county rules
- We should protect agriculture as long as it's viable. In 50 years, the town of Red Wing could grow to include this area. Times change. We must be alert and keep ordinances up to date.

- I believe the market will dictate whether or not the land should remain agricultural. Farmers who can't make a living farming should have other options.
- Agriculture protection is chief priority
- within reason
- (strongly) It's nearly impossible to reclaim agricultural land once it's been developed.
- It makes for a balanced environment. Obviously, with growth of population one must look at how best to use land over time.
- I enjoy the farmland- it adds beauty to the area!
- to the extent that the land is used responsibly and not just for corp. farmers to collect their gov. welfare and pollute the air or soil w/ chemicals based on existing law, regulation, rules, etc
- Jobs and businesses could trump agricultural lands. Farmers should have a right to decide
- when needed
- depends on specifics in each case
- yes for farming not mining
- By not allowing residential and industrial development on prime agricultural land
- agricultural lands should be the first concern for farm land
- Absolutely. We should also enable young aspiring farmers to get a start.

***7. The township should ensure an orderly pattern of growth, where it occurs***

- It depends on where and what impact it has on neighbors
- township government is stop #1 in our democratic society. Thanks for representing us. As our population increases, new housing will always be in demand. This must be done orderly with prime concern for agriculture.
- If you don't, who will?
- That the township board will not take the actions needed to protect our area from industrial mining. The county won't do it. Will you?
- A certain # of homes /acre is good
- Cluster housing developments erode the character of this rural farming twp. As does industrial development.
- The township must evaluate each request as to if Hay Creek Township is really the best place for that particular type of growth.
- No residential growth allowed. Only agricultural and industrial growth allowed. Keep the farms. Limit new housing.
- county should do this
- Continuity, and type of growth.
- But taking into consideration how its growth will affect natural resources, neighbors
- Ensuring implies absolute control

- I agree but wonder whose idea of an orderly pattern the township will be following.
- to the extent they already do
- Orderly cluster housing on non-ag land (not bluff-top) would conserve agricultural land
- To a limited extent. The County is a better level to look at regional development
- Yes, as the population grows, ever expanding out from Red Wing, zoning must be looked at and adjustments allowed under the guidance of our local elected officials who have our best interests in mind
- need more info
- All parties need to be heard and open-minded possibilities need to be considered.
- Without infringing on an individuals life or goals if not threatening the natural resources.
- Vague. Again need specificity as to who, how, vs. alternatives etc, etc.
- Concentrate developments in clusters, keep land open. Don't require large lots in subdivisions, but support clusters. Encourage smaller home sizes. Put sidewalks in all subdivisions.
- We had county laws in 1975 where neighbors had to sign a paper so I could move a trailer house on my current farm, dad's farm then. That was a county law. I would like to think townships leadership would also look at our properties and try to protect it from abuse.
- Don't allow leapfrog housing subdivisions. Any such development should only occur on the edge of Red Wing, within its boundary.

***What are your biggest concerns for the future of township?***

- 10 years ago I feared total annexation by the city of red wing. Thankfully this hasn't happened. However as Red Wing grows, some annexation is inevitable. We all want a "piece of the land".
- Sustainability-living within environmental limits
- Becoming a suburb of Red Wing
- Sand mining
- Sand mining, where will it lead to.
- Allow growth and development with minimal impact on adjoining property
- Frac sand mining and how this will effect the quality of life we enjoy today.
- Don't want to be annexed to Red Wing
- That our citizens feel disconnected and become so apathetic about the issues that we lose control over our township's ability to make decisions.
- With a protectionist attitude there will be -0- growth, stagnation, and a declining tax base. Are we a part of the solution or part of the problem. We must be forward thinking and identify opportunities for the future of the local economy.
- I'm concerned that they are going to be forced to accept the "blue ribbon" staff findings from the moratorium without any input from the townships.

- Losing farmland to perpetual programs. Absentee landowners and investment buyers/owners.
- The township should not be defaced
- Get Flueger back on road maintenance
- Mining, quarrying, wind power, powerlines, pipelines.
- Sand mining will destroy area for long term ag/rec use, only benefitting few
- Sand mining
- Property taxes
- Housing developments, mining operations
- Frac Mining- the impact on Roads, Bluffs, ecosystems
- Mining moving to several sites
- Land use and helter skelter land development of industrial and/or mining interests. - I have a concern for the purity and quantity of our water aquifer. I am not in favor of mining or wind farm developments in populous areas.
- OK to Mine
- Sand Mining
- No more allowing annexation of twp land to the City of R.W. - they have a lot of land still undeveloped.
- don't want sand mines
- Retain local control
- Roads always been very rough
- Without a doubt, the frac sand mining issue.
- Keeping it zoned for agriculture. Making sure it is safe for habitat.
- Keep out mining and large housing developments
- Proper development in the right areas
- Water Quality. Road. After Mining - Land Value
- Mining
- We must maintain our control locally and not give up or give away our rights.
- Money to keep roads graded!!!
- Residential expansion and the loss of property rights
- My biggest concern is the frac sand mine. We are raising children out here and chose to do so because of the high quality of life and beauty out here.
- Do not let huge companies come in and wreck [the] environment for everyone else
- Not sure
- The family is concerned that the quality of land and water be preserved for present and future farmers. It is also our hope that the scenic valleys and hills be available for enjoyment of all visitors, residents, and their children growing up in this rural setting.
- Silica sand mining
- The loss of the agricultural base. -No- Subdivisions of land (agricultural) for housing or industrial use!
- Impact of mining operation
- To close to Red Wing

- Maintaining the roads, the volume of traffic has increased.
- Keeping it clean and safe for future generations
- That the pressure of this sand value will NOT go away and we will be constantly pressured to sell
- 1. the Frac sand mining operations 2. the lack of road grading and quality of road maintenance
- Growing too fast. We have an open mind about this but we also like it the way it is. This is a great place to raise your family. We hope it stays this way no matter what happens.
- Sand mining is a major natural resource. They should be allowed. Many jobs, many tax-dollars.
- That it will loose touch with its people, and the land it serves- or lose rights to protect it.
- Orderly growth and protection against speculators who have no interest in our community's well-being.
- Basically that it will become a mining community and our natural resources will desappear. I'm concerned about the value of my home and the land around us.
- Too many people
- Protect the citizens and businesses currently in the township. Make development decisions that fit the area.
- Frac Mine
- Putting the bluffs at risk because of the Frac Sand mining or Wind Generation
- Sand Mining
- Allowing Frac Mining
- Property Taxes
- Continued loss of farm families in township
- No frac sand operation. Control growth- minimize developments (farming)
- Being swallowed up by Red Wing. Overdevelopment
- Losing the agricultural nature of the area. Losing area to Red Wing sprawl. Getting Hwy 58 rebuilt through Hay Creek- get it finished!
- I am concerned about the possibility of industrial silica mining and development ruining the generally peaceful character of the township.
- The sand mine using air pressure to remove drilling debris when drilling new wells for water causing the disturbed "sand" to lock up and burn out the submersible pumps in the wells in the same aquifer.
- Traffic/ Roads/ Land Valu/ Taxes
- We don't want frac sand mining.
- That the inevitable growth will not be handled properly.
- We don't want to see the frac/sand mining and many homes added to our area.
- Won't be any farm land left
- That the area continues to remain a desirable place to live
- RW does not care about its township neighbors
- Loss of agricultural land. Too much development. Don't want mining operations.

- Concerns are land value, water and air quality, and scenic beauty
- Stays rural and house oriented and no commercial silica sand mining.
- Lost tax base
- Frac sand mines, too much land turned over for housing
- Get new contract and new people for snow plowing. Current people do a poor job.
- Frac Sand Mining
- Frac mining
- New home development, industrial development, Annexation
- Frac Sand Mining - Do not let it in!
- No Sand Mines? Preserve our Bluffs
- Too much ag land turned into residential property
- That requirements and restrictions will not be placed on future frac sand mining and there will be very negative impact on the township.
- Sand Mines!
- Maintaining a safe environmental area and keeping the scenic feel of the township intact.
- Roads
- Stopping the frac sand operations, the pollutants to air and waters.
- Environmental impact/sustainability of both new and existing land use development.
- Too much loss of prime agricultural land, damage from frac sand mining or dirty industrial uses. Nearby nuclear plant- long-term storage for spent fuel rods. Too many McMansions, not enough open space preservation.
- Just make sure the land and water is protected. And not preserved for future generations.
- Property value if the sand mines come here
- Taking care of it. Grading? Plowing Good.
- The scenic land is going to be destroyed
- If frac sand mining is allowed it will ruin the township as a recreational/tourist destination, depreciate property values for homeowner, damage roads causing a tax burden for residents, and cause harmful dust. Please do not allow it!
- I fear the potential of industrial frac sand mining
- Large scale development both commercial and agricultural
- I am opposed to frac sand mining in our area.
- No Frac Sand Mining
- Township input into conditional use permits for frac sand mining
- Taxes
- Frac sand mining
- The size and scope of the silica sand mines, processing sites, and transportation are a huge concern.
- Allowing sand mine
- Health issues as a result of sand mine, manure runoff, water quality

- The temptation to limit growth due to concerns about certain types of land use. It's incredibly hard to start up as a farmer, build a house or do some basic things in this area.
- Avoiding giant mines. Preserving the scenic bluffs. Avoiding leapfrog housing subdivisions. Keeping farmers and agricultural land.

***If you have additional concerns for the township to consider list them here:***

- This township is agriculture based. That should remain priority #1. Some annexation may be in order.
- Feedlot run-off concerns. Wells Creek watershed protection. Trash in the ditches. Exotic animal ordinance.
- I'm concerned about the affect to the water table and possible damage to our well.
- Silica mining
- None
- Protect quality of life and property values
- Landowners should be compensated for loss in market value of their properties into perpetuity.
- None
- I would hope the twp would help to make it possible for our sons and daughters interested in the family farm operation would be able to build on the farm, live on the farm, and carry on the legacy.
- Restrict unused vehicles, machinery being stored on land (junk yard appearances)
- Keep Hay Creek as scenic and natural as possible
- Run off of land
- Erosion. Clean water
- Concerns about keeping informed of what is happening before its too late to do anything. For example, we found out about the silica sand issue so we could get organized before they could even file a permit. Thank goodness!
- Reinforce erosion control, herbicide and pesticide use and regs.
- To develop the Hay Creek Trail system into a greater recreational area
- As stated earlier, junk yards need to be addressed.
- Township should protect all township roads let the county take care of the rules and regulations pertaining to frac sand.
- Large poorly managed feed lots
- Gas stations- Shopping center - etc
- No big industrial project should be allowed within 25 miles of residents, farms, people
- A person should be able to use their property as they see fit. As long as it does not reduce the value of another's property.

- Continued maintenance of county roads and possible blacktopping
- Just another note- [the township] does an OK job with snow removal- but grading the gravel needs improvement- which doesn't seem to change from year to year. [redacted].
- The county changing rules on road development
- If zoning laws do not protect land use, why have them.
- A program to help get rid of invasive buckthorn and possibly boxelder
- Weekend motor cross, how legal is this? Are permits needed, etc? Last year there were about 150- campers set up, out houses etc. Plans are to have it again, end of April. (Right behind our house)
- Sand mines
- The township board, its members, officials, and members don't have any reason or any business controlling our property use or any of our land use if its within the guidelines set forth. Also if not infringing on neighbors, my decisions should be my own.
- Make it easier for me to understand the process and rules for putting in a gravel driveway so I can access my land easier- I have to jump a ditch and climb up the hill. I want to put a small camp site up there and maybe a little cabin someday if my finances permit.
- Look at bridges. Bridges dangerous on Langhans Rd.
- The township cannot depend on the county or state to have Hay Creeks best interest in mind. The township needs to step up and exercise local control to protect local interests.
- I support Hay Creek Township's zoning designation to deter development.
- Roads. Spread of Buckthorn
- Large hog farms. Farmers driving on roads leaving/spilling manure
- I hope the township fights against changes to state laws that would reduce our capability to impose moratoriums we need to understand new land use demands and to write the regulations needed to protect our township.
- Clean water and air. Erosion and runoff. Community spirit. Transparent government. Buckthorn. Pocket gophers.

End (Thanks for reading!)