

## OPPORTUNITIES

### 1. Please mark your top three choices

	% of Respondents	Number of Respondents
1. Potential to develop the Community Center, Library, Government building and Pool as a "Town Center" for the community.	3.89%	22
2. Possible expansion of the library to accommodate a growing population to especially serve children and youth and to foster a community culture.	4.06%	23
3. Continue the improvements in financial management of the last 18 months.	9.54%	54
4. Potential for our government to become a regional leader promoting intergovernmental cooperation.	4.24%	24
5. Potential for Greenway development for Lehigh County beginning at the Camp Olympic site and connecting existing parks, historic buildings, walking and biking paths.	7.77%	44
6. The new Environmental Advisory Council has potential for leadership in identifying and prioritizing environmental issues.	2.47%	14
7. Community and Economic development functions can be improved by professionalizing them to reduce the haphazard nature of development and preserve more open space.	6.18%	35
8. Volunteers have skills which are still largely untapped.	3.71%	21
9. Pennsylvania's Intergovernmental Cooperation law provides many options for police protection in the future.	2.47%	14
10. Possibility of Lehigh County Authority slowing expansion of urban growth boundaries.	5.30%	30
11. Continue to push developers to donate land for open space, parks, and recreation.	9.89%	56
12. Potential for regionalizing and professionalizing public safety (police and fire) services.	6.01%	34
13. Need for more park land similar to Little Lehigh Parkway in Allentown.	5.65%	32
14. Low construction costs could lower expenses for fire station, traffic signals and other capital projects.	2.47%	14
15. Slow economy gives an opportunity for reflective review of development controls.	4.95%	28
16. Camp Olympic	1.94%	11
17. Civics education could build a better informed, more engaged citizenry.	1.41%	8
18. Township/ School District cooperation on the development of playing fields.	2.30%	13
19. Development of walkways/ bikeways using State funding.	5.30%	30
20. New High School and Middle school to		

be built in the Township.	3.18%	18
21. Connecting flood plains owned by the Township via paths to open land for fishing, etc.	1.94%	11
22. Build more all-purpose playing fields on land the Township owns (e.g. Camp Olympic).	0.88%	5
23. Light at least one playing field for play until 9:00 p.m.	1.06%	6
24. The Youth Association's reputation and activities could be a building block for that sense of community which is now lacking.	1.59%	9
25. Proximity to good colleges.	1.77%	10
<b>Number of respondents</b>		<b>192</b>
<b>Number of respondents who skipped this question</b>		<b>78</b>

## 2. YOUR IDEA

1. Creation of a Township wide trail and walkway system  
More of commentary than any one idea, as I believe the list above is exhaustive. In comparison to the strengths/weaknesses section, where it was easier to identify the top three choices, I firmly believe that the number of positive opportunities listed here demonstrates what an awesome and yet monumental task that this visioning process entails. I applaud the efforts and I am glad to see that the community/regional leaders who have contributed to this envisioning process so far have such positive reflections of how much better LMT can become.
2. i am all for lights in the park. thats what we need. and youth activities including sports activities is the thing that will make this community very attractive.
3. Quit over spending on recreation! The last thing this township needs is to spend MORE money on parks and recreation.
4. We have plenty and have well over-spent!  
Opportunity = new incoming elected commissioners creating a good government environment where people are excited to be a part of our Township and respect our government. Because they are elected with community support/votes, residents might view them in a more positive light and view them as more representative of where the community wants to go in the future.
5. Keep the rich history of this area in mind when deliberating any issue at hand.
6. Professional review of traffic controls within the township and revising where necessary, speed limits, school speed restrictions, stop signs, et al.
7. Developers should pay toward road improvements made necessary by their building.
8. Provide the high school, middle school, and elementary students opportunities for community service work. Such as clean up, building projects, etc. Get into the schools and find out the best way to communicate with students.
9. Establish a working group from various business skills to look into a possible merger of Macungie and Lower Macungie townships into a single entity. Consolidation of their police, fire, public works, etc. under a common umbrella of services looking long range before an edict comes from Harrisburg stating consolidation is mandated by them and not by the local citizenry.
10. A Parks & Recreation program that coordinates the activities in the area. Include more adult park programs, tennis courts for USTA league matches and children's programs. USTA has grant funding for courts.
11. The Township should be more receptive to negotiating with developers to obtain open space and traffic improvements.
12. The exhorbitant traffic impact fee that is to be imposed will thwart this from happening in a positive way.  
assess fees to builders, and construction businesses to help defray some of the costs for road repairs, and would help to defray some of the taxes that new construction is causing to bring on need for more schools. 55+ Communities pay their own costs for several amenities, thus should have lower reduced taxes!
13. Prepare one or two "handicapped" fishing area on the Little Lehigh, treating them just like handicapped parking (access with a plate or hang tag). Perhaps a level sandy area, or even a minimal platform with the appropriate signage.  
Many of these visionary opportunities are false--The Youth Associations do have a sense of community and always did have a good reputation. More Schools are not needed. Some existing school buildings should be renovated at a fraction of the cost compared to the cost of building new facilities to accommodate the current and future student enrollment within our School District
14. Actually change something. Keep the permit office open when working people can get there (evening hours, lunch time) Remind your front office that I'm not an interruption-I'm a taxpayer and their real employer. Get finances under control by eliminating unnecessary studies and utilizing some good old common sense.
15. The township is moving in the right direction with respect to financial management and therefore all out efforts to complete the approval and implementation of processes must be continued. We should take advantage of slow economy to lay out plans to minimize further developments, keeping more open land for conservation, walking paths, farms,
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- parks and ball fields, We should work with Youth Association and East Penn School District with respect to ball fields. Work on plan mutual usage of new and existing fields.
18. whatever happened to the initiative to have Developers charged a fee for Twsp improvements/ infrastructure
  19. Stop development
  20. Through the Pennsylvania State Police LMT already has a skilled "regional" police force.
  21. Traffic on Lower Macungie and Brookside Road is limiting growth. It's almost as bad as 22- West at rush hour.  
We have to focus on this community. Continue to fund the things that feed into this community and our future generations and provide the community huge (often unsung) services, like the education system and the library. Non-
  22. profits are often ignored because they don't make us money, but these are valuable (and we have a quality school district and library and other community groups), and we need to put our money where our mouth is to give back to the community through them.
  23. improve the playgrounds  
Township officials should create a mission statement that identifies the type of community Macungie has been, is and will continue to be. Description should be specific as relates to building, traffic, land usage, education, care of children, seniors, other age groups, etc. Based on this description township should then plan accordingly. Developers should not be the ones who dictate the type of community Macungie should be. They should be required to educate new residents about the community and what is expected of all residents.
  25. Need more volunteers on committees.  
Consider expanding the current high school by moving athletic fields to available open space, thereby freeing up space on the current high school site. With regard to public safety, I think regionalizing police coverage by leveragin an
  26. existing regional force would be more cost effective than building a brand new department. Work with existing volunteer fire compaines to increase volunteer memberships, a fully paid fire department would be costly. Create incentives for citizens to volunteer...
  - Lower Macungie has many attributes but they aren't brought together as a community. They are here and there and I
  27. don't feel connected to Lower Macungie. When I tell friends of events going on in my community, I almost always mention Macungie, not Lower Macungie.  
Close the library. We don't need it. Sell it. Close Camp Olympic. We don't need it. Sell it. We don't need the Leister farm. Sell it now! Quit screwing around with grandiose development and green space schemes. We want smaller, less intrusive, less activist government. The major problems are: traffic, availability of fresh water, and rising crime. If you want to impress me, then work on these issues first.
  28. The "Greenway" development began back in the 1980 with the preservation of the areas along the creeks and the bike paths that are interconnecting many developments
  29. Because previous Supervisors did not cooperate with the East Penn School District and the Emmaus Library additional financial impact were imposed on those entities. It would be helpful to regain cooperation with them. Ruth Dex and Walter Dex ruthdex@aol.com
  30. We must begin to think and act regionally, instead of the "go it alone" approach that makes the delivery of services inefficient. A police force, for example, must be regional in nature.  
Opportunities: Utilize positives of population growth to promote farming instead of big box development Utilize Camp
  31. Olympic as a town center for outdoor events like Macungie ustilizes it's Park-concerts,car shows,fairs, etc Encourage local volunteer involvement with CERT duties and watch groups(pubic safety)
  32. The township needs thoughtful development of commercial activities to broaden the economic base.
  33. Why so much focus on the Youth Association and recreation? We have more important issues to deal with in Lower Macungie.
  34. We don't want our own Police Department and we will never want one until lawmaker give towns like our the same amount of money that's pumped into Philadelphia and other large cities ever year.

**Number of Respondents 35**

**Number or respondents who skipped this question 235**