

## SUMMARY - Village of Beulah Survey - Master Plan Update - Summer 2009

Whenever possible and legible, remarks are verbatim of what was submitted, spelling corrected and punctuation added for clarity.

1. Long range planning is necessary to manage growth and development and to protect our natural environment.

67/75 agree

1/1 disagree

0 uncertain

- planning is ok, enforcement is key
- whatever works

2. Which types of economic opportunities do you think should be added or expanded in the Village?

5/5 planned office park

8/9 light industry

42/48 festivals/performances

27/30 cottage industry

47/54 retail/commercial

0 heavy industry

7/8 shopping centers

54/59 tourism

other (list)

- better signage-directing tourists into downtown Beulah
- improve parks and facilities
- professional offices
- destination type restaurant
- fine dining
- other types of businesses aren't appropriate for village per space available and residences
- baseball
- re: light industry-such as the no-longer functioning Diack\Thorn Smith on Narrow Gauge Rd. years ago, Setwell made the best pant\skirt hanger ever
- art studio-pottery, painting, textiles
- good fine dining, such as Coho. The Hungry Tummy and Cold Creek are good family
- community dock and public marina so lake people can visit Beulah by boat to shop and have lunch or dinner
- clothing store, dollar store, general store
- grocery
- performances are too noisy
- movie theatre
- two nice restaurants east side of town on the beach
- active enhancements, ie: bikes and boats
- infrastructure will limit all growth, water, sewer, electric until this is updated to today's standard.
- we are very limited
- no shopping centers
- there needs to be a little give and take to encourage new retail. For example, there are places that we visit where most of the "Offices" are encouraged to be above and below the spaces specifically for retail. This is difficult for offices due to the need for handicapped accessibility in older buildings. But an office park area might free up spaces for a retail block. At the same time there has to be some thought about what retail could really meet needs and be suggested to business & encouraged to occupy any empty spaces.

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- whatever works. Taxes are already excessive, learn to live within your budget.
- public boat dock for tie up during day, for shopping, lunch, etc.
- home based business with internet-incentives for young to renovate and use existing buildings
- barter and trade friend

3. Streets should be improved to reduce safety problems, manage vehicular traffic and control parking.

59/65 agree

11/12 disagree

13/13 uncertain

- traffic calming, slow down traffic on Spring Valley St.
- streets seem ok
- whatever works
- they're much better since sewer upgrade was completed
- some corners aren't marked. Surface of streets is poor.
- good now, however

4. Adequate housing is available to meet the current needs of the residents (seasonal and permanent).

40/45 agree

12/13 disagree

31/32 uncertain

What type(s) of housing opportunities should be available (circle all that apply).

33/37 single family homes

16/19 apartments

47/51 upgrade existing housing

24/25 elderly housing

0 mobile homes

26/29 low cost/affordable housing

- remove
- no mobile homes

2/2 new subdivisions

21/22 upscale housing/condos

- no room available
- whatever works
- need affordable family year-round housing
- no mobile homes
- senior apartments
- moderate to luxury upscale housing/condos

5. Efforts should be made to preserve the historic character of much of the Village including the protection of areas and buildings of unique architectural or historic significance.

74/81 agree

3/3 disagree

6/6 uncertain

- within reason/growth more important
- what buildings of historic significance?
- whatever works
- provided buildings are in good condition and financially feasible
- unfortunate that the Northway was not preserved

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6. Wetlands, floodplains, steep slopes, unique natural areas and significant wildlife habitats should be conserved and protected.

78/83 agree

2/4 disagree

5/5 uncertain

- within reason, growth most important
- Beulah is only a small town. Taxes are already excessive. Learn to live within your budget.
- as much as possible and practical
- within reason

7. Commercial development along the US-31 corridor should be increased.

30/33 agree

32/35 disagree

20/20 uncertain

- and clean up\enforce codes\zoning
- bad for downtown Beulah
- open and improve what exists, closed businesses
- not much room and during busy times a strategic placement of a stop light would be helpful now
- whatever works.

8. What businesses would you like to see in the downtown/Benzie Blvd. area:

18/21 convenience

32/34 professional

62/69 retail

59/66 food and beverage

20/22 service

### other (list)

- clothing and grocery stores
- clothing store, dollar store
- not live music at Brookside
- restaurants (Beulah badly needs quality eats in the downtown)
- upscale food and beverage
- hardware/grocery
- art centers
- drug store
- whatever works. Taxes are already excessive. Learn to live within your budget.
- give us one good restaurant
- drugstore, hardware
- someplace to go food shopping
- maintain post office in current location, as essential for business district
- restaurants, not bars
- grocery store, hardware store, drug store/dime store type merchandise
- limited groceries
- need good restaurant for dinner
- city run boat rental

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9. In your opinion, what are major problems with downtown Beulah? (circle all that apply)

### A: Physical appearance

52/56 shabby buildings

6/7 unpleasant surroundings

- especially the back of buildings that face alley
- bowling alley
- such as L'Chiaym and East Shore, alley and front are unsightly and unclean
- a couple
- residential behind Village office and handicap parking
- need to be more like Frankfort
- several buildings have been significantly improved, Five Corners is an important plus as it's the first impression of Beulah from the south

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11/13 poor structural conditions

62/69 vacant buildings

- A couple

16/20 inadequate street lighting

16/18 sidewalk conditions

- getting better

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13/14 empty lot maintenance

9/10 poor use of signs

### other (list)

- Beulah is a unique and beautiful village, but what you going to do about winter? How do you increase traffic and bring in more taxes to do all the structural improvements?
- Beulah looks nice
- all of the above but most of all, lack of agreement to move forward
- whatever works. Taxes are already excessive. Learn to live within your budget.
- too many signs which are scattered everywhere
- needs shops and restaurants and coffee shops, etc
- low rent housing right in the middle of downtown-the white house will the dilapidated little house right behind it.
- historic street lights, and facades on buildings
- directions at stop signs on US 31, (north-south) to Beulah business district and main st.
- downtown with several exceptions has declined substantially over the past 50 years, which runs counter to most of northwest Michigan
- parking...angled parking is not good for downtown
- p use of lake front!!
- let's give Mike and Steve a weekly bath and shave
- tear down the bowling alley building to improve ease of developer to put up a better building, restaurant or micro brewery
- low rent housing right in the middle of downtown, the white house with the dilapidated little house behind it
- restaurants, cultural events
- improper type of street lighting, aesthetically unpleasing, not in keeping with Beulah's village image-quaint and small town
- pedestrian crossing dangerous-cars don't stop, need traffic light at times as US 31/Benzie Blvd.
- we need streetscaping which includes new lighting and vegetation

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- homeless/bums
- visual inconsistencies
- need ornamental lights and small trees
- ugly lighting
- those buildings that have been upgraded are a good positive!

### B. Traffic and Parking

12/12 congested streets

29/29 inadequate car parking

- the new diagonal parking causes trucks especially, to stick out too far (a safety problem)
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29/30 inadequate RV or boat trailer parking

- should not be by the biggest asset-the beautiful waterfront-maybe forbid only in July and August when fishing not too good
- especially boat trailer parking along beach property
- overnight parking for tourists
- poorly managed
- better use of municipal lot

other (list)

- angle parking not liked
- whatever works. Taxes are already excessive. Learn to live within your budget.
- angle parking should be angled more so cars don't block the roadway
- congestion in summer is part of the ambience
- Kinney's – tear down and make municipal parking lot
- Angled parking narrows street and impedes visibility-still dangerous
- get parking off waterfront, London does not have parking lots along the Thames
- slow the traffic down!
- traffic circle and stop signs on Spring Valley and Benzie Blvd. (base of hill)
- signs to "convenient parking" just off main st, at library and city space
- create marina and replace ugly trailer park-hurts city-unsightly-poor use of Village owned lakefront
- boat launch
- angled parking is bad!! traffic hazard
- that will be great when we have parking problems
- I would encourage one-way traffic at public beach area on Lake St.
- the change in parking makes it more difficult to drive down the middle of the street safely
- store owners parking in front of other store's entrances
- hard to see into street when angled parking spots are full
- parking is available by library but not used adequately
- angled parking close to corners obstructs view of drivers and pedestrians
- need dock for boat-short visit, dinner, etc.
- parking should be cars of visitors/customers, not overflow for residents-no RV\trailers except visitors using temporarily
- inadequate parking along beach frontage
- get the boat trailers off the street
- angled parking is hazardous

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- speed down/up Spring Valley St., launch ramp needs to be maintained
- signage to indicate parking availability (need)
- slanted parking, although effective, can be troublesome
- the angled parking is awkward at times but really helps, especially with the end lines to limit the long vehicles

### C. Waterfront

19/22 pedestrian flow

14/14handicap accessible

- possibly

other (list)

- maintain what is there
- storm sewer drainage into the lake is not attractive. Possibly direct into Cold Creek retention pond.
- ok as is
- Beulah looks good as is
- entire beach area seems to always look littered and dirty, with leaves
- walkway and bike path-better landscaping (natural) something to control erosion and run-off, etc.
- waterfront has already been improved, more signs at beach to city parking could help
- ok as is
- village does not use its greatest asset, its beachfront, suggest hire land use expert
- get rid of geese and their droppings
- a well developed walkway should replace trailer parking-it is space wasted, a safety problem and ugly
- needs better maintenance of amenities and parks\beaches
- add sidewalk along beach side of Lake St.
- need a shoreline walkway
- traffic on Lake St. is dangerous
- boat trailer parking taking up valuable access, visibility for stops
- can get quite busy, marking walkways\bike paths may be helpful
- can the Village facilitate paving of the rail trail to Molineaux? I believe may cyclists choose to do their business in Frankfort and not come into Beulah
- erosion of blacktop edges, parking area along leased dock shoreline
- need more resident docks
- public beach is blocked by private docks\boats\ and trailer park hoists
- need transient docking
- install more stand, remove grass-it's a beach!
- clean up Beulah Beach
- lack of enforcement of beach ordinances
- too many ducks, parasites
- need a fishing or swim dock
- user friendly waterfront. Revisit streetscape-waterfront walk
- deal with swimmer's itch
- you junk up Beulah's greatest asset with trailer parking-get trailers away from beach
- need boardwalk
- too much clutter of waterfront

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- bathroom facilities/showers
- people friendly
- swimmer's itch
- dogs on public beach, pollution (excrement, trash) porta-potties need to be emptied more often
- appearance (shabby) need more sunset amenities
- visitors dock to park a few hours, another launch on the lake
- no place to walk or linger, pedestrian opportunity, visual cleanliness?
- handicapped accessible at least sometimes
- whatever works. Taxes are already excessive. Learn to live within your budget.
- lack of enforcement of beach ordinances

10. Public access to Crystal Lake (in the Village) should be improved.

45/48 agree

29/31 disagree

7/8 uncertain

- clean up creek area, sidewalks, more accessibility needed
- could some kind of break wall be put in to help boaters get in/out on high wind days?
- the boat ramp needs improvement
- walking access-yes
- whatever works.
- for people, not vehicles
- somehow to make one area nicer for swimming
- make access for people improved but not boats, watercraft or RVs
- new DNR launch should be supported and close ours

11. Utilities and services should be expanded for new developments.

35/40 agree

20/20 disagree

25/28 uncertain

- only if paid for by developer
- how about a cell phone tower on the water tower
- within walk-able Beulah
- if old services are disappearing
- downtown only
- whatever works.

12. The quaint, small town character should be preserved.

78/84 agree

4/5 disagree

4/4uncertain

- needs more business
- to a point
- within reason with growth as a goal
- have to allow for some growth
- this is your future
- time to grow
- whatever works

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13. There is a need for expanded recreational opportunities in the Village.

46/49 agree

19/22 disagree

18/19 uncertain

- maintain what is here already before adding more
- ok as is
- such as??
- whatever works.
- return public beach dock-hold summer activities there for children-get docks and boats on Village beach off and into a licensed and regulated marina to improve lakefront and reduce liability of operating an unlicensed\unregulated boat marina
- what exists needs to be improved
- Perhaps a bicycle event with different categories from family to the serious bicyclists could be planned. It might be similar to the team marathon, but just around the lake for some categories. In general: my husband and I use the trail to Frankfort and back a lot. I have taken to driving & parking at the outlet to ride due to the condition of the trail between Beulah and the outlet. There must be a different compound that could be used that will not wash away, get potholes, and keep sand buildup that would keep the trail in better shape.(other than black-top which I think may not be allowed because of the lawsuit and compromise, but I do not know about that) The curve just past the end of the lake arc of the road where it goes around the split rail fence and curves with a slight hill has a spring kind of water and it can be dangerous when one hits the loose mushy stuff. Our thoughts are that we see **MANY** people ride from Frankfort and turn around. If the trail were better, they would come all of the way to Beulah, stop for refreshment, see what is in town. It would be good for business because people would find reasons to drive back and eat or shop. In the same thought, lots of people prefer the road as far as possible. I do not know where that portion of road stops being village and becomes the responsibility of, perhaps, Benzie County. There are permanent residents who live along where the potholes and lack of paved surfaces are really bad. Perhaps some cooperation could make us all proud that, at least until the road turns, it is made into a decent surface. Another thought might be that all of those who use the trail could have a volunteer group to maintain some sections 1 or 2 times in the summer; rake, stomp or roll down and make sure loose sand and gravel are raked aside. It would take some advertisement to have trail use meetings at least to get ideas about what can or cannot be done. And it could have a social event afterwards to get people to know each other.
- expand parks and beaches
- skate park upkeep, general maintenance
- am not sure what the possibilities would be-drag racing on main street-no

If you agree, which of the following activities and facilities should be added or improved?

Activities (circle all that apply)

31/35 swimming

37/41 boating

3/7 camping

28/31 fishing

7/8 field sports

26/30 picnicking

31/34 bicycling

29/32 walking

16/19 tennis

24/26 youth activities

others (list)

- we are not tennis players but there once were tennis tournaments that brought people to Beulah
- would like to see trail in the Village blacktopped
- improve trail, beach-maintain parks, courts, etc. here already

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- plant trees
- good bringing in bass tournaments. Please try to get home owners on rail trail to pave it to Mollineaux Rd.-it's noisy and dusty with gravel
- inadequate trailer parking for day boaters
- dog park
- pave the trail!
- Beulah is only a small town. Taxes are already excessive. Learn to live within your budget.
- add a boat marina and free lake front for aesthetic reasons
- day dock for boaters to come to downtown Beulah
- none
- all
- continue concerts and art fairs
- all is just right
- ok as is
- none
- finish hard topping the trail to Thompsonville
- rails to Trails is great!
- parking
- need public boat dock
- music, any activities that bring music and dollars to town, utilize bike trail for rentals, events, races, etc.
- tent camping, educational
- good now, but it would be a big improvement if the bike trail was paved
- bikes, boats and beaches no increased leased docking space
- pave the trail
- perhaps a regular program for lessons and group participation-especially to help people learn to swim

### Facilities (circle all that apply)

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 11/11 campground development         | 16/18 tennis courts              |
| 40/43 boat launch ramp               | 14/16 snowmobile trail(s)        |
| 23/25 playground sites               | 32/34 trails (bikes and walking) |
| 6/6 new ball field                   | 21/23 cross-country ski trails   |
| 33/36 beach development              | 39/42 day boat docking facility  |
| 10/12 increased leased docking space |                                  |
- Not in the blocks near the boat ramp, too congested already

### other (list)

- bike trail should be paved
- no-eliminate (ed: didn't specify an item)
- more trees
- taxes are already excessive. Learn to live within your budget. Beulah is only a small town.
- boat launch is shamefully inadequate and dangerous. A lakefront walk with one-way traffic, enlarged picnic facilities, beach need to be cleaned daily and made more attractive and bigger-get rid of unsightly polluting trailer park-expand swimming beach where trailer park was and add picnic area-possibly more rentable dock space
- build a marina at the campground that handles all boating in the Village

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- move docks off beach to concentrated docks in one or two places
- none
- all
- keep well maintained public restrooms
- all is just fine
- help expand winter traffic
- none
- boat launch ramp-change
- improve bathroom facility at beach-clean and well lit
- soccer field for kids
- re: increase docking space: watch out for liability of operating an unlicensed defacto boat marina- boats and swimming do not mix well and one injury will lead to major litigation vs the Village
- pave the rail trail to Frankfort-stone stuff hard on bikes
- re: day boat docking facility-no
- move dock space to one marina, allowing beach (with boardwalk) to be more inviting
- allow snowmobilers access to the restrooms. Do not block them from the facilities as it is now.
- rustic campground development
- pave the trail on the lake
- expand rental bikes, leased dockage improvements but not at the expense of losing the trailer park income, band shell for music events
- tent campground development
- perhaps a cooperative Beulah afternoon or whatever at Crystal Mt. or Champion Hill with an introduction to x-county skiing
- fix existing boat ramp so new one unnecessary
- evening and day boat docking facilities, no increase leased docking space, short-term docking for lake visitors to use restaurants, etc.

14. Areas of scenic importance identifying the unique natural character of the Village should be preserved.

76/83 agree

2/2 disagree

3/3 uncertain

- lake front and downtown
- this could be interpreted several ways but in general, yes
- do not know what could be

15. The Village area should be improved to attract additional tourists to the community.

60/67 agree

12/12 disagree

6/6 uncertain

Suggestions (list)

- village theme and upgrade store fronts
- downtown, mostly US 31 (question #5 is key)
- more attractive downtown
- streetscape like Mesick did
- have a community list of rental specific to Beulah (on website for a small fee)
- docking and use for lake residents to come into town

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- clean, consistent, inviting look to downtown
- taxes are already excessive. Learn to live within your budget.
- evening dining, day boat docking
- more tasteful lighting (streetlamps)
- improve it for us that live here
- more trees planted
- streetlights ie: Frankfort/Mesick in keeping with quaint small town theme
- tear down bowling alley
- new train depot under utilized
- dock for day boaters
- Cold Creek made a scenic feature-weeds removed
- streetscape, day dock, moving forward/concentrating docks on beach
- better highway 31 signs
- has strong tourist presence already
- improve existing structures and fill vacant buildings with unique businesses
- more stores-shops
- better signs helps retail, better lights, sidewalk
- more trash receptacles to eliminate littering and more benches
- the Village area should be improved to attract additional summer residents to the area.
- signage to encourage usage would help
- man information center
- first upgrade key corner buildings in severe need of improvements
- improve economic activity in downtown to attract tourism. This will drive upgrading of rest of Village.
- boat launch with temporary dock space
- create a beach boardwalk which is convenient and accessible. Crystal Lake makes Beulah unique making access easy and attractive is what makes people come, then the Village grows look at the stores the village, it has little to offer that can't be found in lots of other places a great sunset viewed from a well developed easily accessible beach walk way will sell Beulah much more effectively than sidewalks or other improvements.
- landscaping is horrendous

16. A. Would you support the acquisition and development of outdoor recreation opportunities if it meant an increase in your yearly tax bill by (check one):

21/22 \$0	6/6 \$5	13/13 \$10	13/13 \$15
16/20 \$20 or more		16/17 uncertain	

- very unspecific question, what do you mean?
- use current millage
- Beulah is only a small town.
- grant writing!!
- do not know how many on tax rolls to be able to judge what that would bring in

B. Would you support an increase in taxes for focused/specific improvements (such as: streetscape/street lighting, underground utility lines)

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14/15 \$0  
23/28 \$20 or more

6/6 \$5

17/18 \$10  
12/12 uncertain

11/11 \$15

### Suggestions:

- shouldn't that be included in operating monies?
- grant writings!!
- taxes are already excessive. Learn to live within your budget. Beulah is only a small town.
- no, I think grants could be sought for this-but all of the above would be lovely
- support increase but unsure amount, depends
- the federal government is stuffed with money, capitalists for decades, have made sure of it
- street lamps
- add trees and landscaping to streets downtown, new streetlights that are matched to town, better parking arrangements (angle on one side, eliminate parallel on the other) shift lanes to west then expand walks for streetscaping, stop delivery trucks from blocking road traffic, create a viable DDA to assist businesses for loan cost loans for improvements or grants to assist. Do what needs doing so small businesses want to locate here and thrive.
- you need to improve your greatest asset, the beachfront, owned by the Village-very poorly developed currently-this will attract economic dollars and lead to improvement of business-very few Michigan communities have what you have-1000+ feet of lakefront, on a beautiful lake which is currently being mismanaged. Suggest you conduct a survey on this issue.
- underground utilities are safer (from motorists and much more traffic)
- underground utilities would be wonderful
- focus on specific infra structure, maintenance-sewer, water, sidewalk, public facilities. (example: replace toilet and sinks of bath on exterior of Village building)
- this is important
- no more taxes
- get grant money for this
- smart growth, esthetically pleasing developments
- village taxes are high enough and the (can't read word) water bills
- underground utility lines
- underground utility is a great idea
- try getting grants first (up to 100% in some cases)
- we are the 6<sup>th</sup> generation of our family summering here and our hearts are always with Beulah and Crystal Lake
- that's how it gets done
- to save on postage, perhaps this newsletter could be sent by email
- (respondent circled \$20 16/B) absolutely, would have a tremendous increasing social and economic development
- what about grants? (like Elberta, Frankfort-manager needed to pursue these)

### 17. Are you a (circle all that apply):

77/77 property owner  
36/36 seasonal resident  
32/33 full time resident  
47/50 retiree or 60 or older

13/15 business owner  
1/1campground resident  
2/2tourist

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18. Do Village services and staff meet your needs: (ie: hours, responsiveness, information, etc.)yes no

If no, what would you suggest:

- DK (don't know)
- all are friendly and hours are better now than in the past
- could keep street neater and more inviting
- I feel content with services and staff
- friendlier staff and council, more proactive with information to outreach
- get a village manager or supervisor to run the daily ops. Limited hours do not help seasonal owners, summer hours should be better. Maintenance works should not answer the phone if they are not going to follow through on service or direct the proper person to deal with.
- can never get a call back from Village or an email returned. Office not open enough.
- please provide a garbage disposal site for weekend property owners
- no coordination of clerk/treasurer activities-need part-time manager/clerk for expanded role and hours
- add more hours
- taxes are already excessive. Learn to live within your budget. Beulah is only a small town.
- village wide broadband
- water hydrant on Prospect Ave. has been broken for 2 years, fire hazard for 6 houses
- all employees try hard to perform well, maintenance crew undermanned and probably under paid
- good people
- sweep sand off sidewalks in springtime, keep drains cleaned of debris and ice to prevent road flood
- I would like a Village Police Dept. and an office open Monday through Friday
- all are so very friendly and helpful
- staff is excellent
- close off streets when events are scheduled before they begin
- either Monday or Friday hours would be helpful, perhaps instead of Wednesday
- no comment-haven't had direct need to rate
- great job
- yes
- little experience except some difficulty with dumpster location for remodeling
- observance of open meeting parts of Council meetings
- better communication with residents, specifically when any type of work is being done to streets, etc. talk with the people being affected, let them know what's going on
- she should be open at night, as in Frankfort
- have staff in office on Friday and Monday
- yes
- another Brian
- recycling (word unknown)
- better web access, hours are poor
- more hours for clerk

19. Other than these discussed, what specific changes would you like to see in the Village?

- archaic system to have Council members handling issues like road improvements, water bills, plowing, etc. – need manager for continuity between Council members and staff

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- specific park trailers parking rules that are enforced-absolutely no pets downtown & enforced.
- enforced of no bikes & skateboards on sidewalks & enforced.
- improve park area landscaping, clean up vacant buildings, lake front condos
- move the trailer park-this is prime Crystal Lake frontage and could be used for a public marina, attracting boaters from all parts of Crystal Lake to Beulah-a waterfront restaurant would also be a draw, also the public beach needs more maintenance-enhance public park area, can't something be done about the tent next to Brookside it gives Beulah a honky-tonk look.
- publish decisions by the Council in the Beulah Newspaper, 4<sup>th</sup> of July was really great!
- 24 hours emergency services line-i.e., -to report utility problems, such as flooding, downed trees
- noise ordinance, the first weekend of Outer Vibe at the Brookside was too loud. Good idea to have 'music on the swamp' but doesn't need to be so loud
- waterfront is a key asset and it must be improved
- to continue to attract tourists the Village needs to be visually attractive-keep on top of weed control along the roads and vacant property as well as keeping roads free of sand, gravel and dirt that washes down Spring Valley and into town
- taxes are already excessive. Learn to live within your budget. Beulah is only a small town.
- more effort to improve business/tourist climate in downtown
- as in other thriving towns, keep parking off Lake St. – make it scenic as out of state tourists have suggested when couldn't believe they could park there
- enforce no parking along Lake Street in front of residences, enforce no dogs or alcohol on beach, enforce curfew (10 pm) on beach and in parks. Enforce (all) laws, rules
- campground replaced with resident marina that would include day dock, the newsletter is great-keep publishing it
- I think Lake St. should be blocked at Commercial to through traffic
- house calendar of events, posted in downtown location
- correct water bills and response to issues
- streetscape, lighting, main street
- healthy main street, work to eliminate increasing number of geese on beach
- continued improvements to attract businesses and visitors
- possibly consider other festivals to bring in more tourist traffic, especially winter
- better traffic control during the summer months
- Pine Knot Resort looks like a junkyard, some downtown buildings need a facelift-bowling alley, etc.
- during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, no parking should be allowed from noon to 2:30, before and after the 1:30 parade along Benzie Blvd. for 3 to 4 blocks to allow better visibility for the parade watchers
- rail to trail hard surface from viaduct as far west as possible
- none
- do the marina concept planned a few years ago for which planning commission spent time for advice, why not accept it?
- four way stop signs at intersection of Commercial and Benzie Blvd. to safeguard pedestrians in the crosswalk and to slow traffic through town. Eliminate angle parking, build/install expanded parking lot one block or so out of town. Force businesses to remove snow from all sidewalks during winter. Enforce no parking signs and no pet signs along Trail on Crystal Ave., these two ordinances are always broken! Please monitor
- I drive 240 miles to get way from southeast Michigan and crowds...don't change anything and I won't be upset
- stop the erosion and run off, it all goes into the lake where we swim, water testing at the beach after heavy rains, the storm sewers empty into the lake at the swimming area

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- not sure
- more retail and food services
- all docks should be consolidated into a master dock-free up\improve public beach areas
- focus should be on the basics, like water, sewer, sidewalks. This Council is doing a good job at that! Is there a way to help owners of 'shabby building' in Beulah downtown bring them into good repair-by getting grants if possible to help complete needed repairs and improvements. Overall, Beulah is a terrific town and has improved in the past several years in buildings, parking, sidewalks and overall positive image, as well as important infrastructure like water and sewer. Keep up the good work!
- more restaurants especially on the east side of the lake, movie theater
- you need to make your lake frontage an asset by proper development instead of an eyesore and potential substantial liability for the Village
- better parking for lunch-shuttle service to parking/golf cart with assistant to drive people, keep things moving. Pay for with launch fees typically \$5 each/ \$40 season/ free Village taxpayers
- continue or increase cooperative efforts to ensure septic systems are eliminated around the lake and therefore improve water quality.
- have the public bathroom open year round-especially for planned events, it was closed for Winter Fest, made no sense, empty garbage cans more often. Why does Brian and crew all ride around in same truck? If they separated, they could get more done. Also note, family members riding in trucks.
- details-it's the little things like weed whacking and weed control, litter pickup, etc that stand out when not done regularly. Painting and normal maintenance also, dead donated trees removed, sidewalk weeds, move the eyesore of the recycle to the Benzie Government Center and relocate the DPS operations east out of town to free up space and developable area
- boardwalk along lake, eliminate camper park, replace with town marina, etc.
- public recycling with trash cans
- maybe a police officer on a bike, speed limit enforced
- day boat docking, move forward with new boat launch on south shore
- I'm happy with Beulah generally. Thank you for all you do.
- I would like to see the Sheriff's office enforce the ordinances that have been made in 1985. Noise ordinance!
- outreach to and incentives for young people and families to locate in Village and start forward/operate businesses
- optimize the sunsets and the beauty of the lake. From north entrance on Benzie Blvd. to Commercial, the traffic needs to be slowed down- the street is wide.
- vision-planning-goals to work toward to get where we want to be
- more volunteer police, EMS and firefighters
- catering of Village to more tourist trade, sprucing up-painting, cleaning, flowers, trees
- improve 31 as it passes by the Village; replace steel guard rails with stone or faux stone, walls and lampposts.
- would like to see more evening activities, especially in summer, close downtown street for food venders and musicians, keep stores open at night