

Plan Commission Survey Results

Survey mailed with 2009 property tax statements:

The Edgewater Town Board is requesting your opinion regarding the value of the Town Plan Commission. The authority and purpose of the Plan Commission are detailed in Ordinances 2005-4 & 2005-5. These ordinances can be found on the Town's website at: <http://www.townofedgewater.com>. Other information related to the Plan Commission may also be posted on the website. Town Board and Plan Commission contact information can also be found on the website.

Do you think the Town of Edgewater Plan Commission adds value or benefits the Town?

YES

NO

Please return this survey with your tax payment or to the Town Clerk at PO Box 338, Birchwood, WI 54817. Additional comments are welcome.

Survey Results

Total Responses: 199

Yes: 115

No: 80

Undecided: 4

Comments with Yes responses:

1. Sounds like a Linda Zilmer divided and defeated planning. She doesn't even live in the county.
2. I feel that any way to involve more citizens in township activities and projects can only benefit all of us.
3. Great asset to Town Board. Keep annual newsletter. The Plan Commission did a great job putting it together.
4. We appreciate the outdoor lighting ordinance.
5. Since there are only 3 elected board members, the plan commission adds important input by being able to do research on issues and offer added points of view. Yet the Plan Commission must remain advisory as they are not elected officials.
6. Very Strong value and benefits.
7. I believe without planning communities become victims of all things commercial without regard to conservation and aesthetics. There has to be a balance between the two.
8. They help the voice of the Edgewater township residents be heard. The survey of property owners and comprehensive plan should be referred to whenever the township makes decisions. By doing so the Town Board knows they are doing what the majority of the property owners want. This is the goal of a true democracy. The Plan Commission carries out this task every time they meet. Add to this that they also research specific issues and

make recommendations to the Town Board, according to the Comprehensive Plan, and they remain and valuable tool representing the property owners.

Comments with No responses:

1. Comments to be provided to Bill Zimmer separately.
2. It is disruptive to planning and actions of our township.
3. Degrades the up-north rural life with the big city ideas.
4. The town board as elected by the people should be making the decisions on behalf of the citizens. Thank you for asking.
5. 5 actions in one year doesn't warrant a separate commission.
6. Can rural America exist anywhere? Big town folks like to bring their big town ideas. But why did they leave?
7. Because it's just a few people making rules that suit them. The whole county has originated these regulations for everyone's benefit.
8. No need for additional layers of government. The Plan Commission is just another layer of town government we didn't need and don't want. We the people can cast our vote for what we want and what we don't want without a Plan Commission. The Plan Commission is totally unnecessary for now and the foreseeable future. Only another layer of useless government.
9. Definitely not.
10. A more diverse group could add value.

Comments with Undecided responses:

1. I have no idea? What are the costs?
2. Don't know.
3. I'm sorry but I'm not in a position to judge. Non-resident.