

Town of Pine Lake Land Use Plan Community Survey  
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24. What do you like least about the Town of Pine Lake?

- Taxes, Journey End Road
- Increase of population
- Town does not enforce the ordinances on certain love property owners, someone in the town of pine lake is raising pigs for purpose of selling the meat and does not have the proper permit to do so. Please enforce the ordinance and rules. The school taxes and property taxes are way to high
- ATV and UTV on roads, and inconsistent cell phone reception
- Country Fest
- No convenience store
- Need a monthly newsletter as a blog to keep us appraised of things going on in the township. Also a means of reporting and questioning of what's going on in our area of pine lake
- Mandatory septic inspection, and some of the building restrictions
- Not much to dislike – it's a beautiful area
- When my home was built the tree stumps were buried, now I have great big holes in my yard and my driveway is deteriorating, which will be a big cost to fix, very disappointed that the town would let this happen. So the contractor makes money, but the future land owner gets stuck with the bill.
- Lack of designated biking and walking areas
- River road from W to pine lake school needs a little widening for bike traffic, especially by Schuler's wash.
- County fest and high property taxes
- Like it like it is
- Lack of safe bike trails and walking paths, along our road ways, many times I do not feel safe along river road and other roads, even though they are marked as biking roads, a sign saying bike roads is not enough
- Taxes
- People who they know want what's best for you, also high taxes
- Making residence aware of meetings
- School taxes are too high, and property values should increase, Social Security rates should increase in the same % as taxes
- Roads heading into Rhineland are getting bad
- Speed limits are too fast, and on trails end by my house people drive multiple miles over the speed limit, and police rarely patrol trails end road
- ATV usage
- Winters
- Terrible lacking ordinance and poor management of dog owners with multiple dogs and nuisance barking of such dogs, and it's not just on Cambridge court

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- Way the drivers speed on the roads
- Large animals, such as horses being kept in area not allowed under current laws
- Not enough off road ATV access yet
- Lack of control over poorly maintenance properties'
- Limited ATV uses
- Some properties are ill cared for
- Resort guests are frequently loud late into the night / and ATV trails on roadways
- Wolves
- Consideration for development, paving of more roads, limits access and use for owners or potential owners tax rate same for unpaved and now township maintained roads as those that are paved
- Allowing the use of ATV and UTV on roads, they disrupt the wildlife noise
- The snowplowing in Spur lane could be more often, also would be wonderful to see sand being used on the roads. I walk with a walker down the road to my driveway
- Needs a good bakery
- My private road
- Noisy neighbors, High taxes, Decline in schools, No Pine Lake school
- Large home too close to shoreline, on small lakes light pollution on lakes
- Nothing comes to mind, I do question the need for a town constable: what services can the constable provide that the Oneida County Sheriffs Dept. cannot?
- Roads are in poor condition over-all
- Somewhat lax in enforcing some regulations such as parking on township roads, commercial trash bins, etc.
- ATV running on the road. No one enforcing speed limits at any time, junk piles on private property
- Why are the boat landings NOT plowed out in the winter? What if there is a fire since some of the boat landings are water points
- The roads and internet services
- UTV/ATV on roads – often experience disregard of safety and road rules – no way to enforce rules
- Snow removal – not very good about coming down my road, doesn't use enough sand
- People who litter. Property owners with junk, and litter, etc. kept next to neighboring properties
- Need to make homeowner's clean up + maintain homes, need shoreline preservation from erosion
- That the fire department seems to be under funded

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- City of Rhinelander has lost its way, it's all junk stores and spend out with prepaid buildings, it's not the neat little town anymore we came to know
- Poor maintenance of residences and the amount of refuse allowed adjacent to residences
- The way some people buy homes on the lake act as they own the lake. Need better public access to lakes
- Property taxes too high on assessment
- Water front over regulated by the DNR
- Changes in zoning laws that allowed resorts to sell off as condominiums
- The main traveled roads like CTY. W, River road, etc. do not have center lines painted on them
- Their real estate assessment – review process
- Starting to get built up – busier
- Travel on town roads – vehicles driving too fast
- Too high of taxes thanks to school referendums
- Journeys end road could use a re-pave
- Sorry: The country fest grounds. I know it brings a lot to the area, but we have the visual for the whole year, I feel more effort and resources could be put into restoring it to a more natural state
- Road upkeep
- Trails end road is very icy in the winter, too many deer in the area, some roads off trails end rd. need to be resurfaced. Lack of tree trimming which can make it hard to get through sin the winter months on some of the roads
- Plowing of my road – left with large pile blocking to Hwy. c for hours or days
- Control commercial growth to protect the small town feeling
- This is very small but I wish they would widen some of the roads at least with gravel
- Snow removal is dangerously slow and inadequate
- Winter road maintenance
- Snow removal schedule
- Lack of public lake access
- Lack of restructure / enforcement of deteriorating residential properties
- Should support library
- Need to have ATV trails and be able to use ATVs on all roads
- Taxes
- Mosquitoes and ticks
- Lack of development
- Traffic during Hodag Country Fest
- Unstable electrical grid, Broadband comm.

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- Lack of recreational areas, hiking trails, snowshoe trails, no ATV's on Pine Lake road south of cross country road to Cty. W. Also why close down cross country road east of Hwy 17. Sometimes?
- The dangerous designations of Pine Lake Road for ATV + Bicycle use without widening the road for such purpose. It's an accident waiting to happen
- Tax rates are too high given the small parcel of land we own / with no dwelling on it
- Tax increase, ATV use on public roads – That is a hazard. We need a property tax freeze for seniors
- Some junk areas – would like to see cleaned up
- Road maintenance
- Irregular plowing and varied times, but I understand a few years ago, it was fairly regular, timely schedule in the mornings
- Businesses multiplying
- Encroachment of industrial in residential areas
- Roads not getting plowed on a timely basis, and in spring the road sand gets thrown into our yards rather than being swept up – I have 6' worth of dead lawn because of it
- ATV/UTV Traffic on town roads – Dangerous
- Out of towners
- Too much hunting
- Need reduce speed limits on roads in residential areas that are used for ATVs
- Town constable not necessary
- Taxes
- The incredibly high taxes
- Noise traffic from the country fest, recent lakeshore developments
- Summer party pontoons
- Tax rate is too high
- Junky vacated houses + personal property abandoned in yards
- ATV-ers, people who litter, people who drive too fast on backroads
- Over development
- No ski / bike / hiking areas
- Roads are not good, especially in winter, sand barely used
- The taxes go up and road quality goes down
- It would be worth looking into increasing the number of road crew employees (maybe part-time) to help with winter road plowing and spring clean-up
- Tendency to grow government & government influence
- Roads
- Icy roads

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- That zoning does not allow weekly rental property if considered single family home
- Population increase – Traffic is worse on River road
- Some homes have too much junk in their yards
- Lack of boat landings
- Driving too fast on Manor Road
- School tax is too high
- The speeds people drive on my road. Dangerous for walkers and bikers. Would like to see lower speed limit – in summer speeds for some drivers is 55mph in front of my house where the limit is 35mph
- Roads need improvement – but at a fiscally responsible rate.
- Roads are treacherous in the winter
- No public boat landings on nearby lakes
- I would like to see the fire department have a summer picnic fund raiser like Cassian does. I think it would draw people in from other communities and raise better funds for the fire department
- Visibility of porta-potties from river road at the country fest grounds
- High taxes, upkeep of mowing/plowing
- To many full time residents selling to seasonal buyers
- Nice if more restaurants and gas stations were here
- Lack of ATV/UTV trails
- Country Fest
- Property taxes
- Too much regulation and restriction on shoreline improvements
- The plow truck keeps damaging my mailbox
- The roads
- Being able to dispose of yard waste only 3 times per year
- Illinois People
- Some run-down properties need enforcement to clean up
- Too bureaucratic
- Dump only open twice a year, & sound barriers for country fest week
- Property taxes are disproportionately high
- Maybe we need to put additional protection for areas on roads where snowmobiles cross
- Finding my neighbor's dog poop in my yard
- Some of the messy yards. They make the whole town look messy. There seems to be more of them every year. It's okay to trim the side of the roads, but it's not necessary to mow down trees that are on 'Private Property'

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- Boat landing care, Road shoulder upkeep, snow removal before busses run in the morning
- Lack of trails, parks, & high taxes
- Could use more road maintenance, zoning rules seem overly strict
- Road conditions
- I find it absolutely unbelievable that despite paying taxes, the town will do nothing to maintain a road in front of my house. It is 2017 in America. This is not a third world country, yet I do not have what most Americans take for granted.
- Roads
- Poor snowplowing
- Town workers not following through on what they say they will do
- Winter driving
- Do not maintain the roads, do not enforce safety on roads, do not post enough speed limit signs, do not enforce appearance of land, has a pretty lazy maintenance crew that do nothing. Snow plowing is pretty good
- Winter roads – need more plowing & salt/sanding
- Maintenance of roads, pot holes
- Allow ATVs on roads, in wither it is dangerous, because of the poor driving habit of ATV'ers
- Appears there is no enforcement of junk in yards
- Some places look pretty bad
- There seems to be more run-down places that should be taken down. Also some yards are really junky
- Too many new houses being built, I guess that's called progress
- Not too much more roads for ATVs
- We need overlay districts to protect neighborhoods
- Needs more bike trails – both off road and along roads. Promote recreation, alternative transportation, and health
- High taxes
- Taxes are getting too high on a vacant property parcel
- Not enough industrial / manufacturing around, could zone areas designated for commercial & industrial use
- Dogs running at large
- Shabby appearing homes
- Along with rural character the town needs to modernize – update utilities
- More wolves in the area
- No control over fireworks usage

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- I wish the dumps would be open more than twice a year
- Town crew not very good
- Too many speeders
- ATVs on town roads
- The drive through country fest for the week is B.S.
- ATV/UTV use on public roads presents a liability to the town and decreases desirability of town real estate. They should not be allowed on town roads
- Internet / Cable
- Lack of enforcement of ordinances – specifically public nuisances. Too many poorly kept residences with too much garbage! Too many barking dogs, ATV/UTV use on roads – unsafe
- Some residences have too much junk for everyone to see
- High property insurance cost due to low fire protection rating
- Letting the wild rise, get overgrown on the lakes
- Country fest traffic
- High taxes
- The people that are building new homes and don't even live in them + putting them up for sale
- ATV/UTV
- Taxes for land
- High taxes
- Poor road maintenance. Township should seek additional state gas tax funding through excepting maintenance responsibility for existing private roads where tax payers are already contributing to the tax base but not receiving direct services
- Snowmobile trails on town roads – they are very oud at 2am
- Sad that so many fire lakes are closed off. Didn't need the government officials by Menards, should have been built by SS office.
- When country fest is here in town, the locals who live and work here that have to go to work Monday morning after its over cannot get out from trails end road on to river road. Suggestion: putting a traffic officer out there
- School taxes – I have no kids
- Needs more job growth
- Road conditions
- High property assessment versus salable value of land
- Waterfront properties went up again
- Excessive speeders on birchwood drive
- I sure don't like the taxes, get some development going

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- Please use more salt/sand on the roads
- Need better cell phone reception
- Roads
- Roads need repair
- Need more residents at town meetings. More people need to get involved
- I anticipate the need to increase property taxes significantly as the school district loses enrollment and external funding
- The junk people's front yards, cars, boats, there is an ordinance here which states; No junk cars, boats, trucks, farm animals, why is this not enforced?  
The house 2 doors down from Kozy Korner is awful. When friends and family come to visit its embarrassing, like I live on the wrong side of town, there is also 2 on forest lane, that could be cleaned up. We should be proud of our neighborhood + community, not embarrassed
- Taxes
- Many roads need work
- I live in the east part of the township and would like to vote near where I live instead of having to travel over 6 miles to vote
- Need ski-snow shoe trails, biking paths
- Takes a while for our road to get plowed
- Lack of bike trails, ski trails
- Availability of yard waste site
- High tax rate and over assessments, above ground power lines
- Taxes are a little high
- Town board should keep an open mind on any changes and put it to the people of pine lake
- Perhaps people should not park a bunch of cars in their yards