Wabana Township Comprehensive Plan

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Introduction

- Multiple issues led to the realization of the need for a Comprehensive Plan for Wabana Township

- The Plan represents the entire township and its present and future needs

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A comprehensive plan is a guide to a community's past, present & future.

The plan will :
1) inventory Wabana's assets and challenges and identifying opportunities and potential actions.

2) defines short- and long-term planning,

3) its success will depend on strong community input and support.

Purposes

- Provide a guideline for future decisions on land use and growth while protecting our environment and lakes
- Provide a reference for Itasca County in their decision-making process
- Provide information for developers, contractors, and residents.
- Identify relationships with Itasca County, US Forest Service, DNR, WCOLA, and other public or private entities
- Provide a guideline in the future management and protection of township assets
- Provides a history of the township

Development of the Plan

- Township Board solicited and approved citizen volunteers
  - Additional volunteers welcome
- Studying other township plans
- Dialog with consultants and legal representation
- Craft an outline and prepare a Statement of Work (SOW)
- Goal is to do as much as possible without professional input and cost
- Public meeting(s) to be scheduled and survey for public input planned
- Updates will be posted in the Warbler and website
  - https://sites.google.com/site/wabanatownship/

Anticipated Costs

- Township's Legal Council
- Professional Services
- Goal is to keep costs minimal using volunteer efforts
    - Estimate 2,000+ volunteer hours
- Investigate grants and in-kind and other low-cost support
- Estimate total costs (before grants) to be $18K
- Township's reserve funds to pay for the effort

Timeline

- 12-18 months
- Current activities
- Public input to occur late spring & early summer 2020
- After plan completion, review Ordinance 101.