

Summary

Select your priorities by numbering 1,2,3,4,5 with “1” being the issue most important. (Please select only five.) Also please list other areas of concern that you may have.

I. Governance issues: long-term financial stability, lease agreements, annexations, Improvement districts, law enforcements and fire protection, etc.

1—84 2-- 12 3-- 16 4—11 5—9 Total 132

1. (Improvement districts, etc.) – not sure what this means.
2. How many executive decisions can be made by officers?
3. (lease agreements, annexations) This does not mean I’m in favor of it just because it’s #1 in importance.
4. Does annexation increased prop. Taxes eliminate annual lease cost??

II. Roads, both county and city lake.

1-- 14 2-- 43 3-- 20 4-- 18 5-- 20 Total 115

- Next time ask this as 2 questions; One for the lake and another for the county roads. This way you’ll get a true reading of how people feel.
- Why do we care about the county’s roads? They seem fine the way they are.
- City has to get its act together before bitching about county roads.

III. Water and sewer systems

1-- 27 2—26 3—27 4-- 13 5-- 4 Total 97

1. Would only be interested if “affordable”
2. Not going to happen.
3. What we have now is perfectly adequate . No contamination to lake or individual wells.

IV. Lease Boundaries

1--5 2-- 83-- 124-- 9 5-- 14 Total 48

1. Once established, should be permanently marked
2. Thought this was settled.
3. No problem
4. Someone besides Ted King needs to establish the lease boundaries.
5. Current procedure is illegal. Legal survey requires registered land surveyor!

V. Public parks: ramps, docks, restrooms, swimming area, etc.

1—1 2-- 4 3-- 84-- 9 5-- 14 Total 36

1. Not our need.
2. Who maintains???

VI. Improved fisheries management

1-- 22-- 15 3-- 14 4-- 9 5-- 12 Total 52

1. NEED GRASS CARP!! Will save a bunch on water treatment cost.

VII. Dredging of the lake and other water level issues

1—12 2-- 15 3-- 154-- 10 5-- 12 Total 64

1. A possibility – should be done anyway from lease and taxes paid.
2. Don't need it in our cove!

VIII. Public safety issues

1-- 4 2-- 11 3—10 4-- 11 5-- 12 Total 48

1. Police & Fire

IX. Water quality and environmental issues

1-- 8 2-- 13 3-- 20 4-- 26 5-- 16 Total 83

1. OK
2. Water and Sewer Systems & Water quality and Environmental issues ---these items go hand-in-hand.
3. More animal/goose excrement from surrounding pastures/farm animals.

X. Restaurants/Concessions operation on lake

1—3 2-- 4 3-- 2 4—5 5-- 5 Total 19

1. Including gasoline sales.
2. It would be nice to have a restaurant at the lake—like they do at Marion Lake.
3. Gas
4. As add gas station.
5. Gas
6. Not needed. Won't work, Lake Kohola tried it and lasted for less than one summer season.

XI. Beautification: mowing, trash receptacles, signage, weed control, etc.

1—1 2-- 6 3-- 13 4-- 28 5-- 20 Total 68

1. Poorly done at this time.
2. The lake entrances need attractive signs. Each section should have a designated sign that is attractive and informative as to what section and cabin numbers in the area.
3. Maybe okay

XII. Additional social activities and events

1-- 2—1 3-- 4-- 2 5-- Total 3

XIII. Improved camaraderie

1-- 2-- 2 3-- 4-- 5-- 7 Total 9

1. OK so far

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Do you plan to make the City Lake your primary residence in the future?

YES-- 54 NO-- 60 N/A -- 13 Undecided -- 8 Probably – 1 Possible – 1 Maybe – 1

1. Can't afford anymore. Have lived here 4 years full time but worried about the future tax increases.
 2. We do not live at the lake all year, only 6 months, so most of these issues do not concern us.
 3. We are now and plan to remain full-time residents
 4. Has been for 13 years
 5. It is now
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1. Already Do!
 2. Maybe depending on water and sewer.
 3. Already is.
 4. Depends
 5. Depends on politics and increase of taxes, lease, etc.
 6. I could but my work wouldn't fit. We are new but just love it there.
 7. Currently a permanent resident

8. Had planned to after retired but no longer so after the continual adding of restrictions and annexation into the city which will increase taxes considerably. (James Dike, Lake Cabin C-9 –9/20/05)
9. We are full time residents now.
10. We are here already as primary residence.
11. It already is
12. Already is
13. It already is. Unless the cost continues to increase. Fixed Income!!!
14. Been here 25 years. Why move? If the current city administration kills the cash cow!!!
15. Yes, we plan to make the lake our primary residence in the future.
16. We are here presently. We love the lake and all that it has to offer. I feel it will be even better in the years to come.

COMMENTS:

1. Strive to achieve a balance between private, public and recreational use to the benefit of part-time and full-time residents and the city.
2. Taxes have increased every year. City only worried about taxes and city or county has not worried about our road conditions out here. Don't want to sale but getting so we can't afford to live here any longer.
3. We live summer at lake and live in Council Grove in the winter. (Steinkuehler's H-3)
4. It is important to remember that this is a recreational and water supply lake. Balance is needed between fishing and boating/skiing, i.e. the early "no wake" penalizes serious skiers.
5. Boat gasoline at public ramp would be a big plus (I carry mine 100 ft. from house to boat dock. At 79 yrs old, this is a struggle.
6. Finding a reliable person to mow hillsides (I'm in sec. K) is impossible. High school kids last one season—never come back. Could city contract with a reliable mower??? (Property owner would pay, of course)
7. Water, sewer & roads—as well as the others---all important issues to the future of our biggest industry. (Steve Adams IT 2 & J 4 (2 sites)
8. Under no circumstances will we ever be in favor of having the lake properties annexed into the City of Council Grove. It is our understanding that the financial projections indicate that **our taxes will almost double while our services remain nonexistent.** The Council Grove Republican reported that the City projects that the tax revenues raised from the lake properties will make up approximately 25% of the City's budget while only \$50,000 will be slotted to the City Lake for the salary of the Care Taker, maintenance and upgrades of the roads and common properties, etc. The cabin owners already pay the city over \$120,000 per year in lot lease fees. Where is that money spent? Not on building or paving roads. Other than a little gravel the roads in our area have not received any maintenance except for an infrequent grading since 1995! I would like to see a line item accounting on where the City of Council Grove spends the lot lease fees they receive every year in the next lake newsletter. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

9. We have lived at the lake for 18 years. I have ruined 6 tires on the 1 mile road from highway 56 to our turnoff. Nothing has been done to the road for 18 years. A few years ago people went to the cabins on our end of the cove to get them to not buy anything from the city until they fixed the road. We will not buy anything from town until they fix the road.
10. Excellent start! It will be important not to move the process so rapidly that the substance of a plan lacks adequate detailed study.
11. The new septic tanks being forced on us are unsightly and they stink!
12. A well-maintained gravel road is better than a poorly maintained oil & chat road built on an inadequately prepared road bed.
13. I'm opposed to annexation without city utility services (i.e. water & sewer). Such services should be provided at the same rate as all other city residents. If the tax rates are the same, the services (and cost for such services) provided should also be the same! (Tom Tucker Lot E-3)
14. Some Council Grove business do not respond to lake residents requests to provide materials or services on a business like manner—i.e. return phone calls for repair services.
15. Enforcement of city codes!
16. Prompt sharing of city or county changes, and new codes. (Lynn & Stan Wilkerson B-39)
17. We are very very much against annexation. We think annexation is not wanted by a vast majority of "lake" people or the residents of the city.
18. Will not be able to stay if annexation takes place. Won't be able to afford 49-60% add. Taxes!
19. Facilitation of grants for improvements, etc. is probably an important short and long-term plan.
20. Keep as simple as can. Do not over regulate. Be user friendly!
21. My family and myself have owned cabins at the lake since 1950—over the years I feel that there have been many improvements and changes. However, I do feel that in the recent years that we have really become "somewhat" over structured by issues that are not as important (i.e. phone cords or cables computer for all. I have discontinued phone service there for 12 a month ok. Not 24. This is just an example)(Mimi White Baldersen C-47, Phone 785-776-2101)
22. Please correct my address on your records from 219 Sunset to E 27 Lake Road as 219 has been sold. (W.E. Brees)
23. Not happy with the big blue waterslide. We really need to stick to our covenants, if we have any left.
24. Would like to see some control of the geese. Is there a way to eliminate them by trapping and shipping them out? They are filthy!
25. Something must be done about the goose and duck problem!
26. Would be nice to make the wake area larger by moving markers farther west. Would relieve some congestion at no cost.
27. Please change the skiing start time back to 7:00 A.M.
28. This is our primary residence. (John & Carolyn Hanson I-17A)
29. Make the "skiing area" larger. Put the buoys back where they were in "pre Ted" years.

30. I cannot afford much extra right now. I am a teacher doing the best I can. I want to retire at the lake.
31. Water safety is the big issue; lease agreement is very important.
32. If you have any questions – contact John & Ken Driodenio 316-283-6897 Thanks for all your hard work.
33. Light on dam---what happened to it?
34. Too many people in no wake zone—ignoring or ignorant of rules.
35. We drive around lake a lot (Karen Weedy) road not good –especially in bad weather.
36. Houses/boat houses lake side not marked – all should be marked with number and section.
37. Side Comment –Don’t trust City to be fair with lake residents. GOOD LUCK LAKE BOARD!
38. My biggest concern is the annexation by the city. Will it be an additional expense without a benefit? If annexed what does the city propose to do to assist with the above issues? (Connie P. Acker)
39. Please be sure to keep the lake recreational and give equal rights to those who like to ski and do water sports. Early morning seems to be best for skiing—please allow skiers to use the lake at 7:00 a.m. We seem to actively protect the fishing, but boaters/skiers/jet skiers enjoy the lake, too. I would to see the “wake-zone” area enlarged by moving the buoys west.
40. Thank you for asking. This is much needed. (Lynda Burt I-18)
41. Desire to purchase lots opposed to leasing land.
42. There is No Lake without quality water.
43. NO NEW TAXES
44. DO NOT ANNEX
45. (This is a “Quality of Life” issue. Something needs to be done about the dust from the lake roads. Use of the lease/taxes. We pay to oil them. If that’s not possible, I would be willing to pay an annual fee to have it done, like they don on C cove. Also, do something about speeding drivers on lake roads. Get some of those Lead-butt cops to enforce the 10 mph speed limit. But –above all- the dust from the roads is by far the biggest problem!!!
46. I am against annexation. TAXES are high enough now. I AM ON FIXED income on retirement.
47. Annexation can be done fairly and equitable if the city does not allow itself to become over zealous in regard to raising taxes. Taxing could be done in smaller planned increments and be part of a Master Plan including increased services as taxes increase. This would appease residents in that we are receiving benefit from our expenditures. A win-win?? Right now, we do not feel very good about the city council and the way they have approached this subject.
48. If city gets the Annexation done as they have indicated, then they should be ready to provide the same type of services that the citizens of Council Grove now. Residents on South side of “C” cove pay for their road to be paved and school buses, trash trucks, construction vehicles use it.
49. Most of these are not issues to me. Most concerns would be a breakout of “governance issues”. If there was some stability on these issues, this would

- become my primary residence. I want to become a part of the community, not an outsider. The lake and the city should work to achieve this by creating a “model community” that would progress to the advantage of both. It can be done. There is a public lake close, so we should not try to duplicate public facilities, but rather enhance the status of both and put Council Grove on the map. The history of the town, the public lake, and the city lake are natural assets that need to be developed.
50. I would like to have a marina type facility on the city lake, gas, food, etc. Especially a mechanic.
 51. Try to keep our taxes and lease fees down (Jim Harris I-1)
 52. Enforce keeping lots clean and mowed.
 53. We have been here since 1960 and as yet have not seen much done by the city or county, owners of this lake, during this time. We feel permanent living has had much to do re: pollution, etc. Sincerely, (Perry Trust B-25)
 54. City of Council Grove needs a long term financial and improvement master plan to coordinate with our long term master plan so city will know how much is needed to run city finances.
 55. We have been at the lake since 1986. We have had limited contact with the City but it has always been negative. If they annex we will probably sell. We are just tired of these greedy people. (Nita & Kenneth Waegener B 25A)
 56. The dust from the road and speeding cars keep us from opening cabin window. The porch is white from all the dust. You would think our tax dollars would get road and water and sewer as high as they are. Our home in Wichita isn't tax as high and we own the land, have more sq. ft. and a nice work shop in the back yard, also we have water, sewer and nice road.
 57. I think we should put rural water in the cabins for those that want it.
 58. I also think the caretaker position is critical. The rules must be enforced, but I think how they are enforced is just as important.
 59. Isn't it true that if the city council votes to annex the lake, they can, regardless of the lake resident's opposition? God only knows our taxes are already too high.
 60. I wonder if the city would notice any decrease in revenue if lake residents decided to boycott city products, good and services for a season. Do you think its time to leave lake residents alone.
 61. Concerns about some properties around the lake by the shores not being maintained. Trees, weeds, etc growing up in the lake and shore line behind their homes. Dredging should be mandatory to prevent overgrowth of unwanted shrubbery to help keep the lake clean as possible. Some areas look very unsightly and cannot be healthy for the lake environment. (CW 1 Carpenters)
 62. No Annexation
 63. We are here presently. We love the lake and all that it has to offer. I feel it will be even better in the years to come.
 64. I volunteer my time and considerable experience to serve on the “Governance “ Committee. (Vern Hay)
 65. The last meeting at Hayes House was a great start. Let's keep the momentum!
 66. We are against annexation because we have good roads where are, a good well and sewer system. We are very happy with the way things are.

67. Annexation by the city will probably result in a lesser "quality of life" at the lake.
68. Totally against annexation!!
69. Not interested in city services if the costs were as high as recently stated. Must be affordable, a necessity, not a luxury!!!
70. There are too many watercraft activities in too small of an area on the lake!
Someone is going to get hurt!
71. I would like to see a benefits list for annexation into the city, are the association officers covered by liability insurance? Are there going to be additional lots allowed without shore access? Is the (chemicals) certification necessary if you hold a state or federal pesticide applicators license? Can you just register the license U S attending the class?
72. There has to be some benefit to cabin owners, if the city wants to annex. It's only fair and right!
73. Another concern is Drought Management. Can we obtain water from the large reservoir during low water levels?

Note About Water Quality: The lake receives storm runoff from surrounding farm fields where pollutants migrate into the lake with runoff, i.e. nutrients, need to coordinate with surrounding farms/ranchers to minimize future problems.

74. The buoys are placed so that the ski area is too small for so many boats. The center ski area needs to be made much larger! The fishing boats (that sit still) do not need over half of the lake area. They have many more hours a day – and months in a year – that they can participate in their recreation. Ski boats are more limited. For safety, the buoys need b moved further out, I feel.

75. You are all doing a great job. Thank you.

- Do not want annexation. Ref: KSA Statute
- Thanks to everyone trying to help one another to make a friendly and safe place to live. We want what is fair – no more – no less.
- Thank you for your work.
- I think you need to survey the lake residents to specifically ask if they are or are not in favor of annexation.
- Another issue not addressed above is obstruction of views of the lake by neighbor's trees, boat houses, etc.
- It would be nice to enlarge the ski area. There's plenty of space to move buoys
- Also – water safety on lake. Suggestion—Before getting a lake permit for the season must take a water/safety class. We live in a "no wake cove" – "no" one seems to know what "no wake" means! (To include –jet skis also) (If a guest of the lake gets ticketed it goes to the homeowner.)

- Need gas pump off dam! Less gas would spill if done right.
- Annexation of the City Lake into the city would only benefit the city (in town) residents by broadening the tax base. We see no benefits to lake residents, especially part time residents. It would only raise our taxes and allow full time residents the chance to vote on city issues. Currently we live in Leavenworth County just outside of Basehor City limits and will probably someday be voted into Basehor. Here at home our taxes would increase with few if any benefits. Please study this issue fully and keep the lake residents informed. Communications about the progress on the Master Plan is welcome.
- We like things pretty much as they are; that's why we bought the place. We're concerned about running up expenses; we'd like to keep it. (Pan & Mary Wright J-1 913-206-1569)
- (3) Views from the lakeside—rules stating what is a legitimate boat house, planting & types of trees & not trimming them so one can see under. Example; neighbor planted pine tree and never trims it so you can see under/through to water (etc. items obstructing views of the water from my lakeside deck/patio.
- My wife and I own cabin B-27 and are “part-timers” who commute from Florida to Council Grove 2-3 times per year for a total of 4-6 months. We love it and thank the Board for the effort going into making the lake a better, more attractive place.
- Water conservation in the city as part of lake level control.
- Each year our lease goes up. What do I get for it. Nothing I can see. Roads haven't changes in the 13 years I have been there. City services not any better. Taxes go up yes. What does \$40.00 month give me? I have set in meetings with city officials and I see indifference. We bring in millions to the city and I see contempt. We shouldn't be better but we should be equal to the other city citizens.
- I looked at this lake with envy for 20+ years. When we bought a cabin and moved we understood what we bought, i.e. water levels, roads, septic, not commercialized, leased lots with inflation costs adjustments, etc. I sure hope you high rollers understand that your about to take a silk purse into a sows ear. (Buch Hayes, D-15 767-6344)
- We are not interested in annexation and increased taxes.
- We would like to see several large trash receptacles (i.e. like they have at Lake Kahola where residents can throw away their trash.)
- We would like to see posted speed limits of 5 mph on cove roads to keep just at a minimum for safety reasons.
- Extending wake zone.
- Thank you for involving us in changes at and for the lake. We try to come to as many lake meetings as possible and are sorry we aren't closer to make all of them. “A Master Plan” sounds like we are headed in the right direction and we will try to participate as much as possible. We enjoy getting to know other cabin owners and learning ‘what's happenin’.
- Live locally in different city.
- Areas not numbered are all of concern to me. (Michael F. Metzger)
- Thank you for all the work that is being done.

- I really appreciate being asked. I feel if the city continues to do thing to make it too costly to live at the lake, very soon locals will no longer be able to afford it. I have heard so many more complaints/problems between neighbors because new neighbors have so much money they expect or demand things their way. I'd hate to see our wonderful little lake community become completely inhabited by those type of people.
- Safety needs to be the #1 concern. We feel the marked boating area is too small to be safe for the number of motor boats, skiers, and jet skis. If the western most buoys were moved halfway down the largest cove, it would greatly increase the areas, and increase the safety for our lake community.
- Owning the lots, if at all feasible.
- Who prompted this annexation thing? The Mayor so he would be a "legal mayor". Who is doing the "accounting" that the City Lake is a losing money proposition? ENRON, ARTHUR ANDERSON!! A good share of City Lake Expense must go as a cost for providing water to Council Grove.
- Not sure if "Governance issues" would be good or bad in the long term. It could be ranked higher if a good thing.