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Re: May 27, 2025 meeting regarding the property at Lake Michigan Drive and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

Mr. Bennett: Because my wife and I will be out of state for the May 27<sup>th</sup> meeting at the township offices, please read this letter in lieu of our presence.

My wife Gloria and I live on the West side of 10823 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. NW just down and across the street from the SW corner of Rosedale Cemetary. Over the past **several years**, we have been watching the continual work being done just down from the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. and Lake Michigan Drive. We were at a meeting at the Twp. Offices a couple of years ago regarding the land use there and though we were opposed to the work the developer was talking about doing, he was still given the OK to do a **SMALL** amount of work, mainly equipment storage. We feel that the work being done on that property goes against everything we were told would not happen there. This development is just getting larger and larger as time goes on and I'd like to know how it's been allowed to be developed to date, and is still growing. It's like the developer is doing whatever he wants without concern for rules, regulations, community and environmental impact. It seems like he is running rampant to the point that when he gets SO far, he can get the area rezoned to whatever suits his needs because he has gone so far ahead with his operation with no outside interference to date.

My wife and I are especially concerned of the large amount of landfill being brought in. How did the owner get a permit to do all of this work that he's not supposed to be doing? Is the fill material being tested for contaminates? What's going to happen to the underground water supply for those of us who are "downstream" from the underground water table direction that flows from the developers' land down to us? Will it get contaminated and we'll have to start drinking bottled water? Are we going to have a problem similar to the PFAS situation going on? Will we, or he, be forced to pay for a new public water main down 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. and to our homes to ensure water purity if the soil becomes contaminated? Will contamination work it's way into Fennessey Lake affecting fish and wildlife?

Through the past few years, how did the developer get so far into the work he is doing there when he was told NO at the meeting a couple of years ago? How far is he going to keep building up the grades with what I suspect is untested dirt and debris? We have heard that there has been asphalt being dumped there. Asphalt contains hydrocarbons that are extremely toxic to humans when leached into the ground water system. Does anyone have any soils testing or ground water impact reports from a STATE testing agency?

At this point we are thinking about getting the DEQ involved before our water table is compromised, and let them dig in to find out why the developer is going far beyond what he was told not to do, and have the DEQ start testing the huge amounts of fill material he's already brought in and it's effect on our underground water supply.

Thank you!

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