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Village of Woodridge

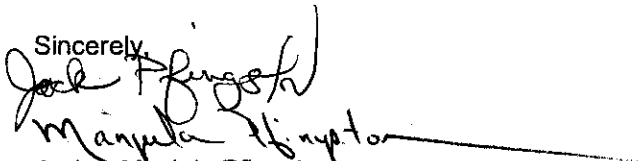
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As I indicated in an earlier message to the Board (September 1, 2006) regarding the introduction of a hazard in the proposed reconfiguration of the Gacki property, my wife & I have serious concerns regarding the potential for property damage and injury to those drivers who, for whatever reason, come to my residence and have to negotiate the near-right angle turn to access the street. By way of review, my lot was platted on virtually the same orientation as the rest of my block and not rotated on its central axis to directly access the street. Consequently, I have a lot that features a driveway with a virtual right angle turn. The driveway at the point of the turn is set back less than four feet from my property line and the topography gently slants into the detention area. The detention area in its current state has never presented a threat to the safety of visitors.

In its proposed configuration, the potential for an accident in which a car or other vehicle goes over the edge of the 3.5 foot wall and into the detention area below now exists. The danger increases exponentially in the winter months, with the introduction of snow and, in particular, ice. In the eight years we have lived at the Vernon Ct. address, there have been at least two cases (which can be documented by participant drivers) in which an automobile slid at least **a car length off the back of the curve in the driveway**. As of now, the **top** of the detention wall, as proposed, would be located about nine feet from the back of the curve in the driveway. In terms of scale, my current automobile is a 2003 Honda Accord, with a length of 190 inches—or 15.8 feet.

As residents, citizens, and taxpayers, we are also deeply concerned that the cost of liability in the event that someone is injured or incurs property damage to their vehicle will be borne by all the home-owners of the village. Such a scenario is, quite frankly, unacceptable. Any financial penalties or obligations paid to Mr. Gacki resulting from correcting—or at least mitigating—this hazard should not outweigh the responsibility the village has to ensure the safety of its residents and the general public. The best interests of the village must also include a calculation of potential liability costs.

Sincerely,


Jack & Manjula Pfingston

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