

Letter pertaining to Petition # CUP 2517 before the Zoning and Land Regulation Committee for public hearing 27 April 2021, regarding a conditional use permit for a private landing strip on agricultural land belonging to Gregory L. Stamm, by Jole R. Shackelford, neighboring landowner in Primrose Township.

11 April 2021.

To whom it may concern:

My wife and I own land in Primrose Township, cornering on the parcel owned by Greg Stamm that is under consideration for a conditional use permit for a small private landing strip. Our parcels are identified by the addresses 1348 and 1346 Hwy 92, the former parcel indicated as RM-16 on the Notice of Public Hearing map that I received in the mail. We are at present part-time residents of Dane Co., but I have a long-term relationship with this neighborhood and plan to retire here permanently in the coming years.

In the event that I am unable to Zoom in to the hearing 27 April, **I wish it to go on record that I am in favor of this conditional use permit in principle.** Greg Stamm has been a good neighbor of long standing in this community and a good steward of his property with respect to the goals of our Township, a chief one of which is maintaining its rural landscape and agricultural base. This planned private landing strip, as I understand it, will have minimal impact on this goal, inasmuch as it will not permanently remove this land from agricultural use by imposing new infrastructure.

Moreover, I am sympathetic to the use of the proposed landing strip by my neighbor across the highway, Trevor Otto, who has a Piper Cub that he maintains as a long-standing hobby. Trevor discussed his desire to maintain this airplane at home well before this particular permitting issue arose and asked us if we minded the noise or had any other objections, which we do not. The noise of the Piper Cub is less intrusive than the noise made by large trucks traversing Highway 92, and much less frequent. Indeed, I rather enjoy seeing the plane up, enjoying good weather, and welcome my neighbor keeping an eye on the neighborhood, as it were, from aloft.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, most efficiently by e-mail or by cell phone.

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