

Helen Wilson

Architectural Committee Chairwoman – Joanie’s Pizza Expansion

Dear Helen Wilson-

I live in the neighborhood behind Joanie’s Pizza and have heard of the plans to expand their outdoor area to possibly include a larger deck/grassy area than they now have in place. While we are always happy to hear of expanding businesses in the downtown area – we are also cognizant of the increase in noise due to higher occupancy. In addition – outdoor entertainment, including musicians, might also be part of their expansion plans and would certainly impact many in our neighborhood with the noise associated with those types of activities and/or events.

Certainly we can hear some of the activities from downtown during the day and the evenings during the many “Fests” that occur, but expanding that volume to all, or at least – many more days during the summer and fall – would eliminate much of the enjoyment of quiet summer evenings on the deck or porch – which is a favorite part of the season for many of us. There seems to be the need for some dialog between the neighborhood and the business in order to ensure that both groups are satisfied with any changes that might be planned. Most of us moved in knowing that there would be noise and traffic during the various “Fests” in Long Grove; however, we weren’t expecting these events to take place every evening during the short outdoor season we have here in Northern Illinois.

I’m not in favor of allowing the expansion to go through – and especially since there don’t seem to be any limitations on what can be done. I was unable to go to the meeting on 16th June – however, if there is some summary of the request and the counter-arguments to the request – I would enjoy reading or listening to (if there is an audio recording) the meeting proceedings.

Thank you for taking the time to review my letter and appreciate any response, in advance.

Chris Connington

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