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Re: 4359 IL Route 22 P.I.N. 14-24-200-040

I have received Notice of a Public Hearing concerning the above referenced property to be held on August 15, 2023. I am unable to attend this meeting, but I understand that my questions and comments (which follow immediately) will become part of the record of this hearing.

I am the owner of the property immediately to the east of the referenced property and have been a resident here since 1999. For the last 24 years, 4359 has been owned by one family—and, as I understand it—zoned for residential occupancy. Aside from occasional parties and/or holidays, I have almost never had any noise issues; and I have never seen more than five vehicles in the driveway areas. I believe that for most of these years, the full-time residents of this property were 5 or fewer persons.

From the Notice—I now understand that 4359 is being considered for use by a religious organization: “Sai Shiv Mandir and Spiritual Community Center”.

My questions and comments are:

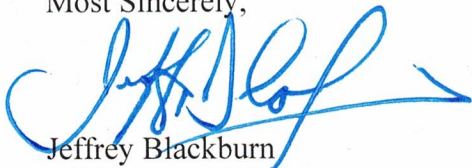
- Will this property be re-zoned from residential to some category of non-for-profit/religious use? If so, I object to the Village of Long Grove/Lake County from reducing the tax rolls (proceeds) from this parcel. Doing so will unnecessarily increase the property tax burden on Long Grove residents.
- What is the allowed capacity for this Special Use? I am concerned that the participants in the religious activities on this property will be far in excess of the concentration of my former, residential neighbors. I do not want to go from 2-to-5 vehicles in the driveway areas to 15/20/30 vehicles. This will change the noise, motion, and otherwise peacefulness of the west side of my property—especially since my back yard looks directly at the buildings currently on this parcel.
- Will religious services be allowed OUTSIDE of the buildings? Such as, cookouts, religious holiday celebrations? Will there be any outside noise? (such as music, speakers, sermons/messages?) I do not want my new neighbors to the west to significantly alter the noise levels I have enjoyed for the last 24 years.
- Is there a building-capacity restriction? If so, what is it? I assume that with any religious organization their stated or unstated goal is to GROW. So, what might start out as 12 people having a prayer service in 2024---might turn into 50 people in 2026?

- How will compliance with any Special Use be monitored? Who will perform such monitoring? Lake County?/Long Grove?
- Will there be any construction to facilitate this new use? Will there be any paving?

I reserve the right/request the right to raise further objections and/or comments based upon the response that I receive from this letter.

Furthermore, the comments herein provided are true to my best knowledge and belief under penalty of perjury.

Most Sincerely,



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