

October 18, 2023

Re: Park Grove Reality PUD hearing at 1061 Dryden Road

Dear Dryden Town Board,

I'm sorry I am unable to attend this important hearing. I hope you can read this letter at the hearing.

Remember how long it took to complete the Dryden Rail Trail crossing Game Farm Road? The issue, as many of you who worked steadily on it are well aware, was the hill on Game Farm approaching the crossing of the trail. The blind hill made for a very unsafe situation. Therefore, the road was actually "shaved" to make it more level so that motorists and cyclists could have a clearer view. A flashing light was also installed.

A blind hill is exactly the situation with 1061 driveway coming into Route 366, but very much amplified due to volume of traffic on Route 366 and to potential increased volume coming out of the driveway. In addition, traffic is going very fast on Route 366. And, unlike the rail trail which is seasonal, the hazards at the 1061-Route 366 intersection are raised with fog, snow, dark, etc. Each of these factors can contribute to a serious accident.

The original zoning for 26 units was for a good reason. The reason is that we are here to protect our citizens and foresee safety concerns and act in the best interest of the people who live in our community. The request to change to 35 units 7 years ago was already inordinate, and 42 is completely unacceptable for that property. I hope that you will help us keep a safe community by keeping the number of units at 1061 at an appropriate level.

Sincerely,

Carol Whitlow, Varna Resident