

Arlington Heights Plan Commission

I understand that this proposed subdivision will be discussed at the Plan Commission meeting on June 12 and since I am unable to attend the meeting, I am submitting this letter to voice my concern with one of the public improvements required: the installation of sidewalks.

I am concerned that the requirement of a sidewalk as part of this subdivision will be extended to eventually include all of the Scarsdale neighborhood where I live. The original design of Scarsdale, which was developed in the 1920s, did not include sidewalks and installing them at some later date would destroy the ascetics of the area and have a significant negative impact on property values.

I estimate that these sidewalks would be approximately 25 feet from the front of homes, cutting in half the distance between the homes and the street and would be out of character with the neighborhood. There have been two recent instances where the Village Board decided not to allow subdivisions in Scarsdale and a key factor in each decision was the negative impact on the character of the neighborhood. I believe the same reasoning is applies here.

And, if the sidewalk requirement is applied to Scarsdale will that same requirement be applied to Stonegate, Sherwood and Scarsdale Estates all of which were designed without sidewalks?

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