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First, can you please redact my cell phone number from my email correspondence posted on the VAH web site in the planning committee hearing packet.

I was very disappointed that after I finished speaking, one of the committee members characterized my concerns as some type of request that the village enforce a nature preserve. That was certainly not what I was requesting, and I am not an expert in Village building codes, and what exactly the planning committee can require of a builder.

When I attended the design committee meeting, for one of the houses being developed, one of the committee members was arguing about a column being moved 6 inches in one direction. And pushing back a porch by 12 inches requiring the application to basically redesign the entire house layout because the new construction would not be in alignment with the aesthetics of the neighborhood. For a layman such as myself, that indicated that committees would review the proposal for a sub division that was not in alignment with the characteristics of the existing neighborhood

Then I attend the planning committee meeting where the builder requests permission to level 1070 trees on the property, because this will make the property development easier for them, and less costly, when they have proposed to charge \$850,000 per house. My ask for the planning committee was to require the developer to preserve the 84 trees that they did not deem to be "low quality" and for the planning committee to request that the builder replant more than 84 trees considering they are going to remove 1070 trees. I am not opposed to the sub division. The sellers have the right to sell their property. I was simply asking the planning committee to make an attempt to replace some of the trees that have been present for hundreds of years in the village. And, my experience with other villages in the past is that the planning commission could mandate that the builder preserve trees. As I stated during the meeting yesterday, for the Summer set Court 2 sub division, the village mandated that Glenn Davis relocate and preserve at least 12 old growth trees that currently surround my lot. Having the committee member state that they do not have the ability to mandate that the developer preserve trees is in conflict with what the previous planning committee required of Glenn Davis.

I was also disappointed that the representative of the builder called me a liar during the committee meeting stating that water could not possibly be flowing from the Aldi water retention basin across lots 8 and 9 of the proposed Christina Court sub division and into the AH retention pond. Regardless how he believes the Aldi retention basin is graded, I have seen this water flow happen time in and time out over the last 15 years. The builder looking at the grading on the plat survey and visiting the site once or twice does not qualify him to call me a liar when I and other neighbors have seen this flooding occur each time there is a large rain. The lack of decorum by the builders representative was disappointing. And if the builder does indeed build up a wall on the two lots they will be grading, that water flow needs to be directed some place. At least when those lots flood in the future and water flows into the basement of the new homes, there will be a record of somebody at least notifying the builder of the current water flow issue as it exists today.

I thought that my taking the time to address the planning committee would be positive for Arlington Heights, and sharing the water flow and flooding issues that we are experiencing today that I have personally seen over the last 15 years. I am disappointed that certain committee members used my participation in the process as a venue to ridicule me and my lack of knowledge on the abilities and power of the planning committee.

Its a strange process when certain committees can spend an hour discussing moving a pillar 6 inches, and recessing a porch 12 inches, and on the other hand, agree that another builder can destroy 1070 trees, preserve none of them, and plant 84 trees that will take decades to grow to replace the existing woodlands that are on the property.

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