



The Riverside Club
For Adventure and Imagination
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Dear Members of the ZBA,

I am writing to you in response to the recent letter sent to the zoning staff from Mr. Dean Hummell of Big Rock Township. He requested postponing the September 2nd meeting due to some of the Big Rock neighbors' inability to attend the meeting as it is close to Labor Day. In our last meeting all of our immediate neighbors were present and able to express their concerns. There were also other Big Rock neighbors in attendance who testified in support of the petition.

Our last meeting was already postponed from August 5th to September 2nd due to the zoning staff placing our organization under the wrong zoning ordinance. This delay has already hurt our organization and our ability to make prudent decisions regarding the property as we head into the academic year. The ZBA was gracious enough to postpone the meeting to make sure the correct ordinance is correct on our petition.

Mr. Hummell is requesting a two week delay, but I am now more familiar with the processes and procedures regarding ZBA meetings, and I believe it would be a longer postponement due to varying factors. I believe that neighbors have had ample time to both write letters in support or against our petition, or attend the last meeting. It is also unclear how many neighbors Mr. Hummell is referring to in his letter with regards to not being able to attend.

We have already worked diligently with the zoning staff to amend some information on our petition to make it clearer, plus I have worked with the fire chief, our architect and civil engineer, Mark Van Kirkoff and the Kane County planning team, plus several others on matters to address any concerns the neighbors and the ZBA expressed at the last meeting. These individuals I have been working with have scheduled time to be present at the September 2nd meeting.

Thus I believe it is unnecessary to postpone the ZBA meeting on September 2nd regarding The Riverside Club for Education's special use petition. I ask you to please not postpone this meeting. We have worked so hard to complete our due diligence in all matters related to this special use petition. I believe this land is absolutely perfect for our use, and would not only benefit the beautiful countryside life of our neighbors in Big Rock, but open up one of the most wonderful countryside properties in Kane County, set in an oasis of natural beauty, to many families and their children.

Sincerely,

Peter Searby
Founder & Creative Director
The Riverside Club