

From: Bill Thies [mailto:billthies8062@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 12:28 PM
To: David Lothspeich
Cc: Kris Thies
Subject: text amendment to Plan Commissoin (sic) and Zoning Board of Appeal re:chickens

Hello Mr. Lothspeich,

I would like to express my opposition to the possible text amendment the Plan Commissoin (sic) and Zoning Board of Appeals to allow keeping chickens on the properties in our sub division. Al thou the applicants situation may not be intrusive to neighbors given his location and situation, I feel this would set a precedence that could cause disturbances to neighbors in the future. My back yard is very close to my neighbors back yard and would not want chickens kept there.

Would this open the door to pigs & ponies? I do not agree with the argument that this is personal liberty. If it were about personal liberties we would not need a Plan Commission, Zoning Board or an association. We have organizations to make it a pleasurable environment in which we live. Therefore I would oppose any amendment to allow chickens be kept on residential properties.

Thank you for you consideration.

Bill & Kris Thies
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Long Grove IL 60047
847 847-8062

Begin forwarded message:

> From: Rupal Khurmi <rupalkhurmi@gmail.com>
> Date: July 11, 2011 3:25:11 PM CDT
> To: John Emrich <jemrich@me.com>, krista emrich <krista_emrich@yahoo.com>
> Subject: Re: Village Board Meeting July 12th 7pm---possible text amendment to Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeal re:chickens

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> Dear John and Krista,

> Thanks for the information and background. I really didn't understand what the big deal deal was about? It doesn't bother me! Good luck...I hope it works out in your favor and if so, please make sure I can bring Jai and Nia over to see the chicks! I agree...what a neat way to learn about animals and the food we eat!

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> always,

> Rupal

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From: mpacchini@comcast.net [mailto:mpacchini@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 2:04 PM
To: David Lothspeich
Cc: jemerich@me.com
Subject: Chicken Coop

Dear Mr. Lothspeich:

After reading John's comments regarding his request to raise chickens, and assuring that we will not see or hear the chickens, we (Mark and Mary Pacchini) do not have a problem with his request.

Sincerely,

Mary Pacchini
4975 Wild Rose Lane
847/438-1936

From: davecity@aol.com [mailto:davecity@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 10:49 AM
To: David Lothspeich
Subject: John Emerich petition for chicken coop

Dear David,

We live a couple of doors down from John and Krista Emerich. John and Krista are wonderful neighbors who have lived in Prairie Trails longer than most including us who moved in October 2005. They are warm and welcoming neighbors who keep a lovely home and yard. I had the opportunity to look at the chicken coop this weekend. John and Krista were extremely accommodating. As I suspected, it is a well built, small and aesthetically pleasing structure with some beautiful landscaping added to both sides of their yard. We support them fully in their desire to own chickens. I know that they will keep a very clean, organized coop with very well kept chickens. Their yard happens to sit at the end of our cul de sac on a very private lot so I don't think anyone can even see the structure it is so small and well hidden. It could be a wonderful teaching opportunity for kids in the neighborhood who frequent the Emerich's home. Thank you very much for taking our thoughts into consideration.

Sincerely,

Ann Hallihan and David Jo

From: Steve Atchison [mailto:steveatchison43@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 9:02 AM
To: David Lothspeich
Subject: Zoning Code Text Amendment(s) To Allow Poultry (Chickens) In Residential Zoning Districts.

Dear Mr. Lothspeich

I'm writing you today concerned about the possible amendment that is being considered by the Board of Trustees on July 12 to allow Poultry (chickens) in a residential Zoning District. I'm a homeowner in the Prairie Trails subdivision and my address is 4976 Wild Rose Lane. I have serious concerns allowing chickens to be raised in residential areas. I would love to attend the Village meeting to express my concerns, however, I'm currently out of town on a family vacation and I'm unable to attend at this time. That being said I will attempt to provide a very small list of my concerns as I know your time is important and can't honestly believe this proposal will receive any serious consideration.

* Property values - First and foremost I choose to live in a community in which I knew my property values would be protected as much as possible by strict CC&R's and Village Regulations. Prairie Trails and Long Grove meet those requirements. The visual appearance of back yard chicken coops or back yard chicken fences within any neighborhood would have stopped me from choosing that community to live within. That being the case, the value I place on my home today would be less if chickens are allowed within the community today.

* Health concerns - Having been raised on a farm, chickens are by far one of the filthiest animals to raise. It takes a tremendous amount of time and money to raise these animals correctly. It also takes a lot of space to properly care for these animals. A one - two acre lot is not the place for these animals to be raised.

In addition to several other concerns I would have, I would also have several questions for the Village on how they would enforce compliance: How many chickens will be allowed per homeowner? What types of chickens will be allowed? What health standards if any will be enforced? What type of fence materials would be allowed? What about mortgage lenders and the possibilities that our loans might become on default? Taxes, will we be allowed farming exemptions? Will it stop at chickens? What about potbelly pigs these animals are becoming popular household pets these days.

The Village of Long Grove is a beautiful community with very high standards please keep it this way.

From: Dominick Maiolo [mailto:dominick.maiolo@leoburnett.com]
Sent: Fri 7/8/2011 11:21 AM
To: David Lothspeich
Subject: For the Meeting on the 12th regarding Backyard Chickens

David,

As I understand it here is the issue at hand...

"The issue before the Village Board is to amend the code to allow for individual exceptions to the code which the Village currently believes restricts the keeping of backyard chickens. It is not a blanket reversal of the restriction."

I would like to say that I am in support of Mr. Emrich and the backyard chickens.

Here's why; in a neighborhood of million dollar homes and \$60,000 cars Mr. Emrich is an example of sustainability to us all. Where every home (mine included) says bigger, better, more... no one is showing more concern for the planet and its sustainability in Prairie Trails than Mr. Emrich. The man cares about the planet and is an example to us all,

especially our children on how to behave going forward. His home has solar panels that generate electricity. Where as my home and all other homes in Prairie Trails pull power from the grid; Mr. Emrich's uses less and gives back at certain times.

This notion of "giving back" is what I feel is at stake. As an example to my children I point to Mr. Emrich and say be like that. I say to them..."What you do, how you act, how you behave when it comes to the planet is more important than anything." Our kids learn about these things in school, concepts like conservation, sustainability, being green and I think it's wonderful to have a neighbor who lives it. I wish I could be more like him.

The backyard chickens are part of this bigger notion of giving back. I hope as a community we have the collective vision to appreciate the importance of this idea.

Thanks,
Dominick Maiolo
4918 Sage Lane
Long Grove, IL
60047

From: MaryAnn DeLeon Bernstein [mailto:mdeleon9800@yahoo.com]
Sent: Fri 7/8/2011 12:02 PM
To: David Lothspeich
Subject: backyard chicken petition

Hi Mr. Lothspeich,
I am one of John Emrich's neighbors, and I support his desire to have backyard chickens. His stance is well thought out & it seems that it will not affect the neighborhood adversely, and on the contrary, his pioneering efforts with his global commitment to green living will have a positive impact on our children and community.

Regards,
MaryAnn Bernstein
4986 RFD

I am the petitioner, in case anyone didn't know, though I've not kept my desire to keep a few hens a secret from anyone I know or live next to. The issue before the Village Board is to amend the code to allow for individual exceptions to the code which the Village currently believes restricts the keeping of backyard chickens. It is *not* a blanket reversal of the restriction.

If you have any questions, as I'm sure you do, before responding to the Village manager, I hope you will feel comfortable coming to me. There are a lot of reasons someone would want to keep chickens as backyard pets, and it is being done all around the country and throughout greater Chicago; I am not breaking any new ground here. The reasons range from personal health, better tasting and higher quality food, to concern for the environment. I have no doubt that many of you will be negatively predisposed to the idea based on some misperception about what effect my keeping backyard chickens will have on you. I assure you it will have no impact. There is no health risk to you, no smell, no mess you will see, absolutely nothing. Chickens are hatched and raised in public schools throughout

Chicagoland in close proximity to thousands of children. The chickens are confined to a coop and run which prevent them from leaving a small area of the owner's yard. The entire setup would be much smaller than a Rainbow play set. There is no risk that the chickens defecate in your yard or the common areas in the neighborhood, as often happens with dogs. Also unlike dogs, there is no noise (hens don't make noise like roosters, and roosters aren't kept as pets because they don't lay eggs). Moreover, enclosed in the coop at night they are no more likely to attract wild animals than my vegetable garden. Lastly, due to the shape of our lot, the prospective location of the coop, and the significant landscaping we just put in for privacy, you will not see the chickens unless you are standing in my backyard.

I have attached a few articles, and a white paper on "farm animals" being kept on residential city lots. Again, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via phone, email or even better, just stop by. This may seem a trivial or even silly matter to you, but it is not to my children, and therefore it's not to me, so I appreciate your time and consideration. Anything I can do to improve your understanding of the issue, I am willing to do.

Regards,

John
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From: Michelle Tree [mailto:michelle.tree@yahoo.com]
Sent: Fri 7/8/2011 2:30 PM
To: David Lothspeich
Cc: jemrich@me.com
Subject: John Emerich's petition for backyard chickens

David,

I wanted to let you know that as a resident of Prairie Trails, we are supportive of the Emerich's desire to have backyard chickens.

Regards,
Michelle Tree
4951 Trillium Trail
Long Grove

"mike.demar@yahoo.com" <mike.demar@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi Dave:
As a Long Grove resident, I prefer not to have chickens on residential lots/homes.
Thank you.
Mike
Sent from my BlackBerry® smartphone with Nextel Direct Connect