

Hi Ben,

I truly regret not being able to attend the June 21 meeting but we have purchased tickets to an event that cannot be changed. If at another point in time another meeting is planned I will hope to be able to attend.

Lacking my ability to attend here are my concerns regarding the application from the Dorsey's for a variance in creating a new lot:

- √ The new lot they want to create is significantly smaller than any of the adjoining lots,
- √ Any home built on such a lot would either spread out to cover the lot thus allowing for little space between adjoining lots and/or the home would be built up to make up for the minimal possible foot print on the lot thus out of keeping with the homes currently in place,
- √ There is a deer and wildlife path that goes across the back of all of our properties and up the hill which risks being threatened by any new construction. Protecting all wild life in our area has been paramount to maintaining the value of all of our properties,
- √ Those of us who have built on lots on Edgewood Lane and Sherwood Court have maintained a good buffer of natural trees and woods around us. The small size lot proposed in the variance would not allow for that and construction on that lot would require removing most of the current woods,
- √ I have spent thousands of dollars to enhance my property over the 40 years I have lived here by adding evergreens, flaming red maple trees, arborvitaes and other plantings. Due to severe storms that have established a path over that back portion of their lot and through the western side of my lot many tall, mature trees have been destroyed. In particular at the juncture of the 3 lots in question. Creating a new lot on the back side of their current lot would necessitate removing additional mature trees and there is no guarantee that the new structure on that lot would maintain any natural growth or plant good-sized replacement trees.

Although we do not have a covenant binding any of us to the protection of the natural environment our area provides, we have as a community always acted in the best interests of that concept.

I invite you and all of the Planning Committee members to come and see the positioning of the proposed lot and to make a stop at my home to see what I have done to protect the beauty of our setting and how a new lot would affect all of those surrounding it.

Thank you for your consideration,  
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