

CASE NO. 687-AM-11 & 688-S-11

SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM

August 15, 2011

Champaign
County

Department of

**PLANNING &
ZONING**

Brookens

Administrative Center

1776 E. Washington Street

Urbana, Illinois 61802

(217) 384-3708

Petitioners:

Philip W. and Sarabeth F. Jones

175N CR1600E

Villa Grove, IL

Site Area:

Approx. 12.69 acres

Time Schedule for Development:

Immediate

Case 687-AM-11

Request: Amend the Zoning Map to change the zoning district designation from CR Conservation Recreation to AG-1 Agriculture.

Location: An approximately 12.69 acre tract of land that is located in the North Half of the South Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 27 of Crittenden Township and located on the west side of Illinois Route 130 (CR1600E) and 1,328 feet south of the intersection of Illinois Route 130 and CR 200N and County Highway 16 and commonly known as the property at 175N CR1600E, Villa Grove.

Prepared by:

John Hall

Zoning Administrator

Case 688-S-11

Request: Authorize the construction and use of a "Heliport- Restricted Landing Area" as a Special Use on land that is proposed to be rezoned to the AG-1 Agriculture Zoning District from the current CR Conservation Recreation Zoning District in related zoning case 687-AM-11; and with a waiver of a Special Use standard condition required by Section 6.1 that requires a runway safety area to be located entirely on the lot

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STATUS

Corrected Meeting Date. The Board intended to continue these cases and related cases 689-AM-11 and 690-AM-11 to the first available regularly scheduled meeting which was incorrectly indicated as November 17, 2011. The correct meeting date in November and the date that these cases are continued to is November 10, 2011, and the meeting time will be 6:30PM. Please call the Department at 384-3708 if you have questions.

Handouts. The handouts that were distributed at the August 11, 2011, public hearing are also attached as is an email from Jean Fisher that was received on Friday, August 12, 2011.

ATTACHMENTS

- A Cover letter dated August 11, 2011, from Alan Singleton with attachments:
 - (1) Sec. 16.160 of the Illinois Administrative Code
 - (2) Appendix A to Section 16 of the Illinois Administrative Code
- B Letter dated August 11, 2011, from Jackie Harbin of the Hillard Agency, Inc.
- C Letter of concern dated August 9, 2011, from Stephen R. Gast
- D Petition of opposition to the proposed rezoning submitted by Larry Hall
- E Diagram illustrating the slope of the berm on the Jones property submitted by Larry Hall
- F Email from Jean Fisher received on August 12, 2011

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Chair and Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals
c/o John Hall

Via email: jhall@co.champaign.il.us

Re: Section 16.160 of the Illinois Administrative Code

Dear John:

We are writing in follow up to neighbor Jean Fisher's mention of section 16.160 of the ILCS Administrative Code as requiring notification and application for permit to add or change any building near a landing strip (ZBA Draft Minutes, page 23, lines 15-24).

The statutory construction shows that the cited section is inapplicable to the case at bar, as it only applies to specifically listed airports "in Section 16. Appendix A." The list appears to only include established airports and not restricted landing areas.

The ~~attached~~ code is attached for your reference.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

SINGLETON LAW FIRM, P.C.

By Alan
Alan R. Singleton

Joint Committee on Administrative Rules

ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

**TITLE 92: TRANSPORTATION
CHAPTER I: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SUBCHAPTER b: AERONAUTICS
PART 16 AIRPORT HAZARD ZONING
SECTION 16.160 NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION OR ALTERATION OF ANY
STRUCTURE**

Section 16.160 Notice of Construction or Alteration of Any Structure

- a) Construction or Alteration Requiring Notice (14 CFR 77.13, effective October 1, 2002). Each person or sponsor proposing any of the following construction or alterations of any structure on or in the vicinity of the airports listed in Section 16.Appendix A shall notify the Division (see subsection (b) of this Section), for objects on airport property, or the FAA, for objects off airport property.
- 1) Any construction or alteration of more than 200 feet in height above the natural ground level at its site.
 - 2) Any construction or alteration of a height greater than an imaginary surface extending outward and upward at one of the following slopes:
 - A) 100:1 for a horizontal distance of 20,000 feet from the nearest point of the nearest runway of the airport, with at least one runway more than 3,200 feet in actual length.
 - B) 50:1 for a horizontal distance of 10,000 feet from the nearest point of the nearest runway of the airport, with the longest runway not more than 3,200 feet in actual length.
 - C) 25:1 for a horizontal distance of 5,000 feet from the nearest point of the nearest landing and takeoff area of each heliport/vertiport.
 - 3) Any highway, railroad, or other traverse way for mobile objects, of a height that would exceed a standard described in subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2) of this Section, if adjusted upward: 17 feet for an Interstate Highway that is part of the National System of Military and Interstate Highways where overcrossings are designed for a minimum of 17 feet vertical distance; 15 feet for any other public roadway; 10 feet or the height of the highest mobile object that would normally traverse the road, whichever is greater, for a private road; 23 feet for a railroad; and for a waterway or any other traverse way not previously mentioned, an amount equal to the highest mobile object that would normally traverse it.

- 4) Any construction or alteration that exceeds a standard of the Act or of this Part.
- b) Form and Time of Notice
- 1) Each person required to notify the Division under subsection (a) of this Section shall forward one completed FAA Form 7460-1, Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration, to the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics, Capital Airport, 1 Langhorne Bond Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62707-8415.
 - 2) Notice must be submitted at least 30 calendar days before the date the proposed construction or alteration is to begin.
 - 3) In the case of an emergency involving essential public services, public health, or public safety that requires immediate construction or alteration, the 30 calendar day requirement in subsection (b)(2) of this Section does not apply and notice may be communicated to the Division by telephone (217-785-8500), telegraph, facsimile (217-785-4533), or other expeditious means, with a completed FAA Form 7460-1 submitted to the Division within 5 calendar days after the emergency. For example, an emergency could include breaks in sewer lines, gas mains or power lines.
- c) Acknowledgment of Notice
- 1) The Division will acknowledge in writing the receipt of a notice submitted under subsection (a) of this Section within 30 calendar days after receipt of the notice.
 - 2) The acknowledgment will state whether a study of the proposed construction or alteration has resulted in a determination that the construction or alteration:
 - A) will require lighting or marking;
 - B) will not be in violation of this Part or Departmental standards;
 - C) will require supplemental information (e.g., certified engineering/survey data from a professional engineer, architect or surveyor on the certifier's letterhead regarding the proposed site location and height) (Once the supplemental information has been reviewed by the Division, a second acknowledgment will be sent to the person or sponsor and a determination concerning the proposed construction or alteration will again be made pursuant to subsection (c) of this Section.);
 - D) will require a permit from the Division (see Section 16.170);
 - E) will require a variance from the Division (see Section 16.180); or
 - F) will be acceptable, as submitted.

- d) **Compliance with Acknowledgment.** The person or sponsor that notifies the Division of the construction or alteration of a structure shall have the sole responsibility to comply with the requirements set forth in the Division's acknowledgement as described in subsections (c)(2)(A), (C), (D) and (E) of this Section.

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SECTION 16.APPENDIX A APPLICABLE AIRPORTS

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Airport	City	County	ARP Latitude	ARP Longitude	Fed Std.	State Std.	Applicable Date
SPI	Springfield	Sangamon	39-50.64	89-40.66	X		Jan. 26, 2004
MLI	Moline	Rock Island	41-26.91	90-30.45	X		July 29, 2005
SQI	Sterling-Rock Falls	Whiteside	41-44.57	89-40.58	X		July 29, 2005
SLO	Salem	Marion	38-38.57	88-57.85	X		July 29, 2005
H96	Benton	Franklin	38-00.41	88-56.07	X		Sept. 15, 2006
CIR	Cairo	Alexander	37-03.87	89-13.18	X		Sept. 15, 2006
CTK	Canton	Fulton	40-34.15	90-04.49	X		Sept. 15, 2006
DEC	Decatur	Macon	39-50.08	88-51.94	X		Sept. 15, 2006
DKB	DeKalb	DeKalb	41-56.02	88-42.34	X		Sept. 15, 2006
GBG	Galesburg	Knox	40-56.28	90-25.87	X		Sept. 15, 2006
HSB	Harrisburg	Saline	37-48.69	88-32.95	X		Sept. 15, 2006
IJX	Jacksonville	Morgan	39-46.48	90-14.30	X		Sept. 15, 2006
JOT	Joliet	Will	41-31.08	88-10.52	X		Sept. 15, 2006
EZI	Kewanee	Henry	41-12.31	89-57.83	X		Sept. 15, 2006
IGQ	Lansing	Cook	41-32.09	87-31.77	X		Sept. 15, 2006
MWA	Marion	Williamson	37-45.30	89-00.67	X		Sept. 15, 2006
MTO	Mattoon	Coles	39-28.68	88-16.75	X		Sept. 15, 2006

PRG	Paris	Edgar	39-42.01	87-40.17	X	Sept. 15, 2006
3MY	Peoria	Peoria	40-47.72	89-36.80	X	Sept. 15, 2006
PIA	Peoria	Peoria	40-39.86	89-41.60	X	Sept. 15, 2006
VYS	Peru	LaSalle	41-21.11	89-09.19	X	Sept. 15, 2006
LOT	Romeoville	Will	41-36.44	88-05.77	X	Sept. 15, 2006
DPA	West Chicago	DuPage	41-54.47	88-14.92	X	Sept. 15, 2006
K06	Beardstown	Cass	39-58.40	90-24.22	X	Feb. 28, 2007
OLY	Olney	Richland	38-43.31	88-10.59	X	Feb. 28, 2007
LWV	Lawrenceville	Lawrence	38-45.86	87-36.33	X	Feb. 28, 2007
CUL	Carmi	White	38-05.38	88-07.38	X	Feb. 28, 2007
C73	Dixon	Lee	41-50.02	89-26.77	X	Feb. 28, 2007
ORD	Chicago	Cook	41-58.72	87-54.29	X	Feb. 28, 2007
TAZ	Taylorville	Christian	39-31.95	89-19.84	X	May 1, 2008

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BLV	Belleville/Mascoutah	St. Clair	38-32.71	89-50.11	X		May 1, 2008
AAA	Lincoln	Logan	40-09.52	89-20.10	X		May 1, 2008
VLA	Vandalia	Fayette	38-59.49	89-09.97	X		May 1, 2008
UGN	Waukegan	Lake	42-25.33	87-52.07	X		May 1, 2008
MDH	Carbondale	Jackson	37-46.69	89-15.12	X		May 1, 2008
CPS	Cahokia/Sauget	St. Clair	38-34.24	90-09.37	X		May 1, 2008
MQB	Macomb	McDonough	40-31.21	90-39.14	X		May 1, 2008
PWK	Wheeling/Prospect Heights	Cook	42-06.85	87-54.09	X		May 1, 2008
9I0	Havana	Mason	40-13.32	90-01.37	X		May 1, 2008
C09	Morris	Grundy	41-25.53	88-25.12	X		May 1, 2008
1H2	Effingham	Effingham	39-04.23	88-32.01	X		May 1, 2008
CMI	Champaign/Savoy	Champaign	40-02.36	88-16.68	X		May 1, 2008
I63	Mt. Sterling	Brown	39-59.25	90-48.25	X		May 1, 2008
RSV	Robinson	Crawford	39-00.96	87-38.99	X		May 1, 2008
ALN	East Alton/Bethalto	Madison	38-53.42	90-02.76	X		May 1, 2009
PNT	Pontiac	Livingston	40-55.47	88-37.44	X		May 1, 2009
AJG	Mt. Carmel/St. Francisville	Lawrence	38-36.39	87-43.60	X		May 1, 2009
RPJ	Rochelle	Ogle	41-53.58	89-04.70	X		May 1, 2009
1H8	Casey	Clark	39-18.15	88-00.24	X		May 1, 2009
MVN	Mt. Vernon	Jefferson	38-19.40	88-51.51	X		May 1, 2009
ARR	Aurora/Sugar Grove	Kane	41-46.32	88-28.54	X		May 1, 2009
2H0	Shelbyville	Shelby	39-24.63	88-50.73	X		May 1, 2009

IKK	Kankakee	Kankakee	41-04.28	87-50.78	X	May 1, 2009
FOA	Flora	Clay	38-39.90	88-27.18	X	May 1, 2009
UIN	Quincy	Adams	39-56.58	91-11.67	X	May 1, 2009
GRE	Greenville	Bond	38-50.17	89-22.70	X	Jan. 1, 2010
M30	Metropolis	Massac	37-11.15	88-45.04	X	Jan. 1, 2010
DNV	Danville	Vermilion	40-11.98	87-35.73	X	Jan. 1, 2010
RFD	Rockford	Winnebago	42-11.72	89-05.83	X	Jan. 1, 2010
1C5	Bolingbrook	Will	41-41.76	88-07.75	X	Jan. 1, 2010

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SAR	Sparta	Randolph	38-08.94	89-41.92	X		Jan. 1, 2010
PJY	Pinckneyville-DuQuoin	Perry	37-58.67	89-21.63	X		Mar. 1, 2011
FEP	Freeport	Stephenson	42-14.77	89-34.92	X		Mar. 1, 2011
ENL	Centralia	Marion	38-30.91	89-05.47	X		Mar. 1, 2011
SFY	Savanna	Carroll	42-02.75	90-06.48	X		Mar. 1, 2011
C15	Pekin	Tazewell	40-29.29	89-40.55	X		Mar. 1, 2011
BMI	Bloomington	McLean	40-28.63	88-54.96	X		Mar. 1, 2011
3LF	Litchfield	Montgomery	39-09.75	89-40.48	X		Mar. 1, 2011

(Source: Amended at 35 Ill. Reg. 4393, effective February 23, 2011)

the Hillard Agency, inc.

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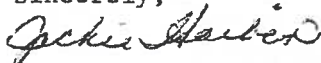
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Phillip and Sara Jones
175 N. Co. Rd. 1600 E
Villa Grove, IL. 61956

I've been in Real Estate for 19 years, and it is my opinion that a airplane runway should not effect ~~property values~~ ^a of neighboring property. In fact, the improvement's the Jones have made to their property should increase neighboring property. *Values.*

Sincerely,



Jackie Harbin
Hillard Agency

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ZAP!



Stephen R. Gast
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August 9, 2011

Champaign County, Illinois (Department of Planning and Zoning (by care of John Hall))
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 East Washington Street
Urbana, IL 61802

To whom it may concern:

Several months ago I received a post card informing me that a tract south of our property at 1580 CR 200 N was under review to change from a zoning of Conservation-Recreation to one of AG-1. The card directed residents with questions to contact John Hall at the Brookens Administrative Center. Being somewhat confused by the wording of the card, I gave Mr. Hall a phone call. He clarified the matter saying that a dentist in Villa Grove wanted to build a heliport there for his own occasional use.. Having no particular objection to the intended usage, I let the matter be.

Recently I was contacted by other concerned residents of the area. Apparently they had received additional mailings on the proposed rezoning. The "new" reason for the rezoning was to construct a Heliport/RLA. The stated purpose was now to allow helicopters and small planes to land for the purpose of crop dusting. Again I contacted Mr. Hall and he seemed to confirm this development. This new development concerns me greatly. To allow the commercial use of agricultural chemicals in such close proximity to a flood zone seems pure folly. My formal training is in Biology at The University of Illinois. Many agricultural insecticides contain compounds that are not only lethal to insects, but are often equally toxic to humans. Having such chemicals in an area where the water table and local wells are shallow would seem to invite an environmental mishap with far reaching consequences. The additional presence of a nearby river would only seem to compound any potential water table accidents.

In addition, some residents had mentioned a concern of decreased property values in the area as a result of the proposed development. I have no direct experience in that area, but it would seem a possibility.

Also, it was my understanding that development of the land for the above stated purposes required rezoning before said development would occur. In a quick drive by on county roads sizable berms obstructed a clear view of the property. Last year and this spring there was considerable heavy equipment use. In addition, earlier this year there was an increase in small aircraft activity. I have some concerns that the property owner is not being completely honest in his attempted endeavor.

Your consideration of the above mentioned concerns would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen R. Gast". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long, sweeping horizontal flourish at the end.

Stephen R. Gast

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submitted 8/11/11 by Leann H
@meekj

To whom it may concern

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The attached copies are petitions submitted to support opposition to the proposed rezoning of the property owned by Phillip and Sarabeth Jones from Conservation/Recreation to Agriculture for the sole purpose of constructing a "heliport/restricted landing area".

X = property owners/residents who are represented on the petition.

These are shown on the petition by a corresponding "X" on the left margin.

O = property owner/residents who are not represented on the petition

= family or other persons with a vested interest, who are not be currently residing within the boundaries of the attached map

() shown on the left margin of the petition are concerned friends

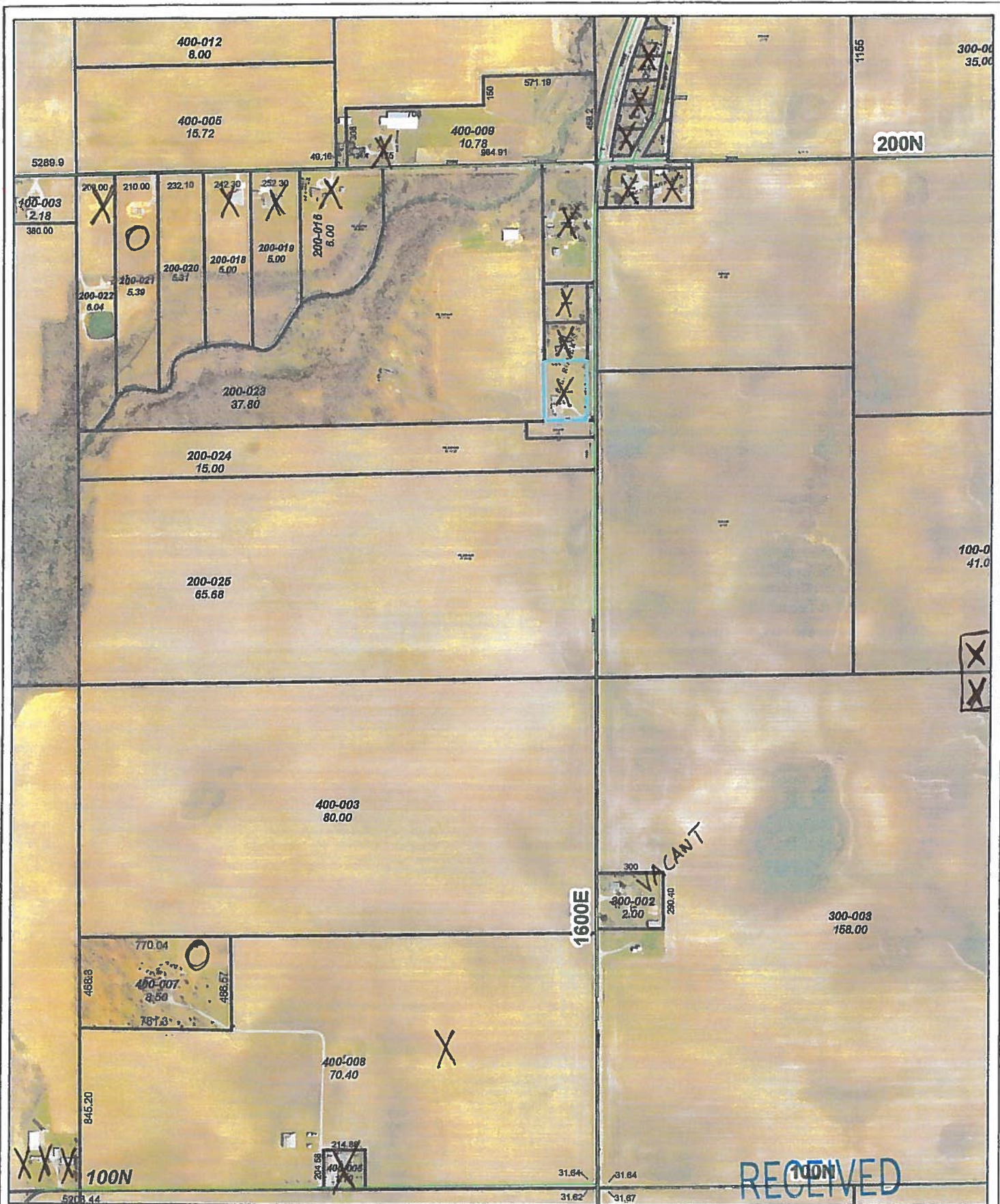
Summary:

X = 32

= 4

() = 2

Total persons signing = 38



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NOTES: Aerial Photography taken April 2008

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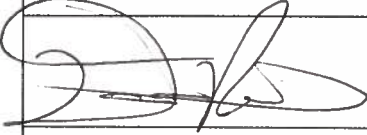
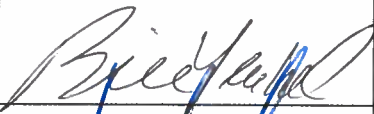
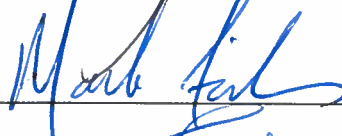


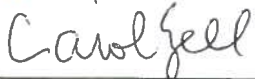
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We, the undersigned OPPOSE the rezoning in order to

1. protect the existing neighborhoods in the area
2. preserve the property values of the homes in the existing residential neighborhoods
3. protect the wildlife, farm and domestic animals in the area
4. preserve the scenic value as stated in the Zoning Code as one of the purposes of the Conservation Recreation classification.
5. protect the safety and welfare of those traveling along Route 130
6. protect the safety and welfare of the home owners in the existing neighborhoods.

	Signature	Name Printed	Address
X		LARRY D. HALL	177 N CR 1600 E Villa Grove IL 61956
X		JULIA K. HALL	177 N CR 1600 E Villa Grove, IL 61956
X		Danielle W. Riken	187 CR 1600 E villa Grove IL 61956
X		Daniel Hood	187 CR 1600 E VILLA GROVE IL. 61956
X		Bill Yeakel	1602 A CR 200N VILLA GROVE IL 61956
X		Mark Fisher	195 CR 1600 E villa Grove IL 61956
X		Jean Fisher	195 CR 1600 E Villa Grove, IL 61956
X		Josh Fisher	195 CR 1600 E Villa Grove, IL 61956
X		CAROL EZELL	1574 CO. RD. 100 N villa Grove, IL 61956

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	Signature	Name Printed	Address
#		Karen L Scott	405 N.P. West VG IL
X		STEPHEN R GAST	1580 CR 200 N, Tolono
X		Letha J. Gast	1580 CR 200 W, Tolono
X		MARTHA A GAST	1562 CR 200 N, Tolono
X		Rhys G Baker	1562 CR 200 N. Tolono
X		J.D. CRAWFORD	1548 CR 100 N. Villa Grove
X		JC CRAWFORD	1545 C.R. 200 N Tolono
X		Kenneth J. Henry Jr.	16026 C.R. 200 N. Villa Grove
X		Trent Miller	1601 C.R. 200 N - Grove

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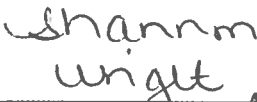


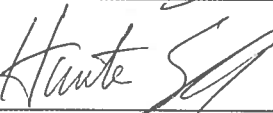


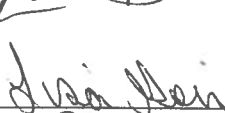
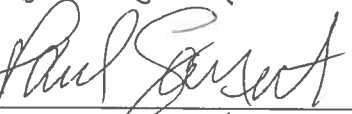

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	Signature	Name Printed	Address
#		Shannon wright	1006 N. Possum TR Villa Grove, IL 61956
#		Darren R Wright	405 N Pine St Villa Grove, IL 61956
X		Walter Edell	1874 CO RD 100N Villa Grove
#		Hunter Ezell	6 N Oak Villa Grove
X		Phyllis Williams	1548 CO. RD 100N VILLA GROVE, IL
X		Kevin Drum	1548 CR 100N Villa Grove.
X		Lisa Corin	1548 CR 100N Villa Grove
X		PAUL GARRETT	1602 C Co Rd 200N Villa Grove, IL
X		Cindy Garrett	1609 C Co Rd 200N Villa Grove, IL

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We, the undersigned OPPOSE the rezoning in order to

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2. preserve the property values of the homes in the existing residential neighborhoods
3. protect the wildlife, farm and domestic animals in the area
4. preserve the scenic value as stated in the Zoning Code as one of the purposes of the Conservation Recreation classification.
5. protect the safety and welfare of those traveling along Route 130
6. protect the safety and welfare of the home owners in the existing neighborhoods.

Signature	Name Printed	Address
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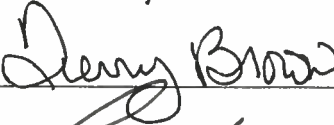





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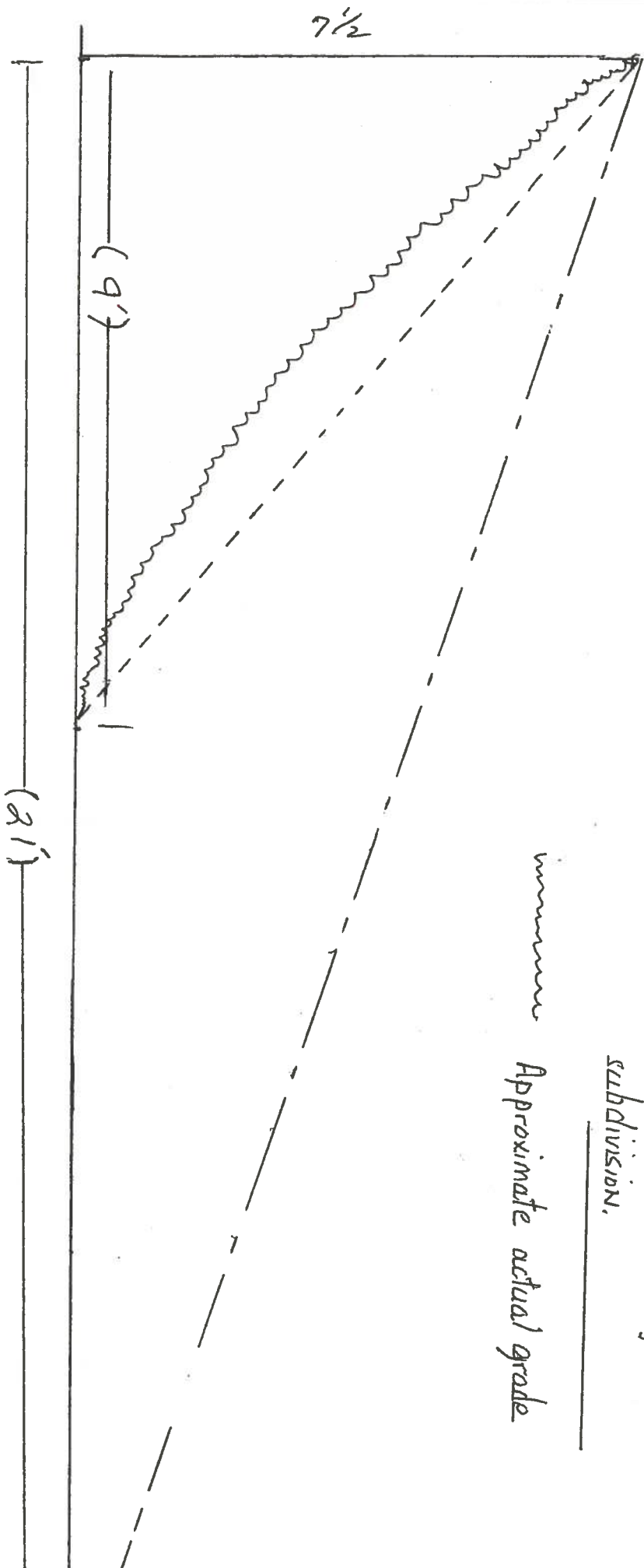
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Approximate actual grade

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1.2 to 1 grade slope of East side of berm constructed by Mr Jones also to west side of neighbors residential subdivision.

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3 to 1 grade slope required by Champaign Co. Stormwater Mgmt to assure that berms can be maintained.





**John Hall**

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**From:** Lori Busboom  
**Sent:** Friday, August 12, 2011 3:48 PM  
**To:** John Hall  
**Subject:** FW: News Gazette article on Mr. Jones

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Mr. John Hall,

I would like to reference the following article in the "News Gazette" where Mr. Jones stated his helicopter was a jet-turbine helicopter. This was referenced in the last hearing on June 16th and no rebuttal or refuting response was provided by Mr. Jones at that time. I have underlined his statement where it refers to the helicopter. I have also provided the link below. I also believe that a permit for a special use RLA- does not place restrictions on the type of aircraft landing, now or in the future. As long as it could take off in the requested length or distance measurements that Mr. Jones is applying for it could essentially mean a harrier jet could land. I am unsure of the type and number of aircraft Mr. Jones has and he doesn't appear to remember much about them either.

Jean and Mark Fisher

<http://www.news-gazette.com/news/people/2010-09-12/dentist-helps-law-enforcement-agencies-his-helicopter-work.html>

## **Dentist helps law enforcement agencies with his helicopter work**

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**Photo by: Amy Rose/For The News-Gazette**

Villa Grove dentist Phillip Jones with his Bell Jet Ranger helicopter.

Patients at Phillip Jones' dental practice in Villa Grove might be surprised to learn that their dentist has an alter ego – as a rescuer and crimefighter when Douglas County and the surrounding area needs help.

Jones owns and pilots a Bell Jet Ranger helicopter and has volunteered his services to several law enforcement agencies over the last few years. He typically helps in finding missing persons, hunting for people running from the law and hidden marijuana fields in the country side.

"We appreciate his service. He's a tremendous asset to the law enforcement agency and the community as well," said Douglas County Sheriff Charlie McGrew. The rotor wing aircraft gives the officers a different surveillance point, rather than using a small airplane, according to McGrew. The use of the helicopter not only reduces the time in the field for crime investigations, but also increases the safety of officers.

The only government resource available to county sheriffs' departments would be from the Illinois State Police department and McGrew said it is not as immediately available as Jones would be. That immediate result is most crucial when a missing person is involved.

Along with Douglas County, Jones has helped law enforcement in Coles, Edgar and Cumberland counties. He says he would be glad to help any other agencies in the area as well.

Jones, whose father is also a pilot, began taking flying lessons when he was 19. After finishing dental school and flying small aircraft for several years, Jones said, he felt ready for the challenge of flying helicopters. He's been a helicopter pilot for about 10 years and bought his current chopper – a former military aircraft with a jet-turbine engine – a couple of years ago. The aircraft can hold five people and is equipped for air-to-ground communication by radio or cell phone. Jones donates his time and all expenses for the use of his helicopter to the law enforcement agencies.

"It's something I can give back to the community and the police. I'm definitely willing to help them in any way they need," said Jones. "It's hard to justify just flying around in circles. It's nice to have a purpose (to fly) and it's kind of exciting."

"I commend him for his volunteerism and his commitment to help the citizens of his community," said McGrew.

Jones also does a lot of flying for the agricultural industry in East Central Illinois. He flies farmers to look at their crops, fertilizer companies to evaluate product performance and field tiling companies hire him to take before and after photos of areas they have tilled. Recently, he flew some visiting agriculture representatives from Argentina to show them the rich farmland of Central Illinois.

He also donates rides to local benefit auctions and charity events.

Jones stores his helicopter in a rural Douglas County area away from his home. He'd like to build a hangar and move the chopper and his private plane to his home in Champaign County for more convenient access, but he's awaiting approval from the Champaign County Zoning Board to move forward with making that possible. If his request goes through, Jones would be able to get in the air even more quickly when that call for help comes in.