

January 13, 2021

Stevensville Planning Board

RE: Burnt Fork Estates

Board Members,

We would like to address our disappointment in the January 6, 2021 planning board meeting. We chose to sit through the entirety of the whole meeting. The cavalier attitudes that were displayed was not only disappointing but were very unprofessional. At the end of the meeting we felt that public voices were not considered and in fact disparaged. The remarks made about Creek Side Meadows were inappropriate and derogatory.

Mr. Ludington, we invite you to sit in the back of our house and observe traffic, your 3 trips weekly does not make you an expert. I will pour coffee for you while you observe the speeding, reckless traffic that has considerably increased since we purchased this home 10 years ago. Also throughout this process no one has mentioned the number of cars that has ended up in the pasture just south of us. As a representative of our ward, your comments were insulting. Creekside Meadows is a very desirable community and of course its residents wish to maintain their values

Mr. Kellogg should not be a part of these conversations. His befuddlement about the school issues were obvious. Creekside Meadows HOA has had actual face to face meetings with the school and they were told there WILL be impacts. I don't think Mr. Kellogg's email gave him the required expertise to say there would not be an impact. Mr. Kellogg's comment about no wildlife on the acreage to be built on was also totally unqualified. He cannot observe the proposed BFE property from his property. Our property adjoins the BFE property and in the 10 years we have lived here we have observed a multitude of various wildlife. What we haven't personally observed has been captured on security cameras. Again he is not the authority that should be commenting on wildlife on said property. Nor is the authority on how the water table affects property owners in Creekside Meadows. So while the citizenry has indeed offered opinions, they are based on the lack of facts.

While it is obvious that each person on the planning board is in favor of BFE that does not deprive the rest of the community of their rights and concerns. Each item on the check list should be addressed and considered seriously. A remark was made about the lack of opposition to the proposed BFE. However, that is not true because the planning board's use of Zoom has effectively silenced the citizenry voice of Stevensville. Because of that the citizens has not been given due process.

This proposed project is larger than a multitude of small Montana towns. Pollution of that many people and cars has not been mentioned. There are so many unaddressed concerns beyond water and traffic. We urge the board to please consider the long term ramifications and not too hastily try to push this project through.

We don't see where the major concerns have been resolved and you are not following your own rules and guidelines. Our property adjoins the proposed BFE and we did not receive notice of the meeting which we find concerning and negligent.

Respectfully submitted,

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