

Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 12:35 PM
To: zoningboard@townofnewburgh.org
Subject: Comments RE: 61 S Plank Rd 71-5-5 R3 Zone

Hello,

I am writing regarding the application for area variances of maximum lot building coverage, maximum lot surface coverage and maximum allowed square footage of accessory structures to keep a 35' x 16' accessory building and paved courts at 61 S Plank Rd.

I am opposed to this application for the following reasons:

- Activity on paved courts includes parties virtually every weekend during warm weather months in which the property is packed with cars and people-- this disturbs the neighborhood.

-Lights for the paved courts around the perimeter of this property are on approximately 20 foot poles and the light pollutes surrounding property at night-time and is a nuisance.

-Noise from activity on courts-- while loud music from the parties has ceased there are still loud exclamations and noise from the activity on the paved court.

-The activity on paved courts and use of the property for weekly parties results in trespass to neighboring properties.

Concerned Resident

From: gtm6125b

Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 1:20 PM

To: zoningboard@townofnewburgh.org

Subject: February 25 Public Hearing- 61 S. Plank Road 71-5-5 R3 Zone Variance Request-From 16 and 18 Brookside Ave.

Hello,

This email is in reference to the request for variance for 61 South Plank Road.

We live directly behind said property at 16 and 18 Brookside Ave. We would like to make some comments through this email and also on the Zoom meeting tonight.

Comments:

When the occupants of 61 South Plank Road moved in we were very happy to see kids playing outside and adults also playing volleyball and getting exercise and having fun. **Seemed like great neighbors!** Although this is still occurring, many things have been added to the equation causing distress and loss of quality of life for the neighbors.

1. Many tall light poles have been added and are left on until late into the night shining directly into our bedrooms. It is like daytime instead of nighttime and lack of sleep occurs frequently.

2. Some of those poles are attached to our fences in our back yard causing the fences to move and possible fall in the future. Poles have been put on our property with no permission asked. While we understand why they put the poles up (to put netting up to combat the volleyballs going over the fence) they should not be on our property unless requested and should not be touching the fence. Number 18 Brookside owns approximately 3 feet past the fence that is currently erected on property. Pictures attached.

3. Snow is plowed up against fence at 16 Brookside causing fence to have moved. Pictures attached.

4. It seems a sound system has been installed. No one has any problem with a party at times but the music and **large** gatherings happen almost every weekend as soon as the weather gets warmer and lasts for many months. Starting this past Labor Day weekend 2020 though the music started at a very loud level and goes until late at night at times. Again, you can understand a Labor Day party but this is a continual occurrence. My husband and I were just commenting how we were not going to be able to enjoy our backyard this year because of the noise. We were trying to figure out how to handle the situation and this letter of variance request appeared in the mail that same week which answered our question. There is absolutely no regard for the neighbors as far as the music and lights go and our quality of life has been affected.

5. **While no one wants to see anyone have to take the pavilion down** or not have fun and exercise, we do think the lights and music issue must be addressed and neighbors need to be respected.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Bard 16 Brookside Ave.

Linda Flynn 18 Brookside Ave.

George and Terrienne Bowen 18 Brookside Ave.















