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Zoning Petition - 4694
Project Name - Northern llinois Recovery LLC
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We OPPOSE the petition

I am not certain if we are going to be able to attend the December 1st meeting, so I wanted to submit my position in writing.

My name is Gene Wilkinson, and I am a resident of unincorporated Dundee. I live less than 2,000 feet from the property that is the subject of tonight's hearing. That's roughly 667 yards from my home and family.
I appreciate the opportunity to speak tonight regarding the proposed sober living and recovery facility.
First, I want to be clear about something. My neighbors and I support people who are seeking recovery and a healthier future. Addiction affects families across every community, and those in recovery deserve support and compassion. Our concerns are not about the individuals who may receive treatment. Our concern is whether this location is appropriate for a facility of this nature and whether the impact on the surrounding community has been fully considered.
Many of us chose to live in this area because of its quiet, rural, family-oriented character. We have children, working families, and elderly residents. We invested in our homes with the expectation that this neighborhood would remain a low density residential and agricultural area where activity is generally consistent with that of a traditional residence.
A residential treatment facility is different. Even when well-managed, it can generate increased traffic, frequent arrivals and departures, ride share activity, deliveries, visitors, staffing changes, and transportation needs at all hours of the day and night. Those operational realities are simply not the same as a typical single-family home and can have a significant impact on neighboring properties and the quiet enjoyment of our community.
We are also concerned about the demand that such a facility could place on local resources. Potential increases in emergency medical responses, ambulance transports, wellness checks, law enforcement calls, and other public safety services should be carefully evaluated before any approval is granted. Residents deserve to understand what additional burden may be placed on local police, fire, EMS, and taxpayers.
This property is surrounded by families, children, and longtime residents who have spent years building their lives here. Many of us believe that a facility of this nature is more appropriately located in an area designed to accommodate institutional, medical, or higher intensity residential uses rather than in the middle of an established rural residential neighborhood.
I am equally concerned about the long-term implications of this request. The property consists of nearly eight acres. While the focus tonight is on the proposed treatment facility, residents deserve to know what this approval could mean for the future use of this land.
If this special use approval creates additional development opportunities, expands permitted uses, or opens the door to future commercial or institutional activity, then this Board is not simply making a decision about a single facility. It is making a decision that could shape the future character of this neighborhood for decades to come.
Many of us purchased our homes with the understanding that this area would remain largely residential and agricultural. We accepted the responsibilities and limitations that come with living in an unincorporated rural community because we valued the peace, open space, and character that make this area unique. We should not lose those qualities through a decision that may ultimately have consequences far beyond what is being presented tonight.

My request is not to prevent people from obtaining treatment or recovery services. My request is that those services be provided in a location that is specifically suited for that purpose and where the operational demands of the facility are more compatible with the surrounding land uses.
I respectfully ask the Board to carefully evaluate not only the immediate proposal but also its long-term impact on neighboring residents, public resources, future development, and the character of this community.
We moved here because it is quiet, rural, and family-oriented. We ask that you help keep it that way.

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