

Roger & Jim,

We are sending you this email because Jim you are on the Township Board representative sitting on the Viola Planning Commission and Roger because you represent the Township Cooperative Planning Association. Please feel free to share this email and its content with other members of the planning Commission as well as the Viola Township Board.

Here are the concerns we as residents of the community/township have for granting the conditional use permit for the Scanlon feedlot. We as residents of the community would like all of you to really consider these concerns before granting this conditional use permit:

1. Why did the Scanlon's not build this type of feedlot in their own township?
2. The Scanlon's do not live on the site.
3. The Scanlon's also stated at the very first meeting when we were notified about the first hog building that they were not building a second building.
4. The Scanlon's did not follow thru with any of the items discussed when they built the first building.
5. We were told that there would be no smell due the design of the building and that was not true.
5. As far as the shelter belt goes yes the Scanlon's can plant these Norway Poplar & Norway Spruce that will take 8 to 20 years to grow up to help with the smell but what are the Scanlon's GOING TO DO NOW ABOUT THE SMELL. The Scanlon's should have started something back in 2017 when the first one went up but that was NO concern to the Scanlon's. Please tell me why this is going to change now. I HAVE LOGGED ON A CALENDAR FOR THE LAST 2 YEARS WHEN IT SMELLS AT MY HOUSE AND IT IS 2 TO 3 TIMES A WEEK FROM 1 TO 4 HOURS A TIME. I THINK THIS PROCESS FOR THE SHELTER BELT NEEDS TO BE PROFESSIONALLY ENGINEERED IN ORDER TO CONTROL IT BETTER. ALSO IN THE PACKET IT STATES THAT THEY SHOULD NOTIFY NEIGHBORS OF MANURE APPLICATION PERIODS AND AVOID HOLIDAYS. THIS YEAR ON THE 4TH OF JULY 2021 THEY DID SOMETHING WITH THE MANURE BECAUSE THE SMELL WAS HORRIBLE AND MADE OUR FRIENDS LEAVE OUR HOME. THE 4TH OF JULY IS A HOLIDAY!!!!!! This must also be stated in the conditional use permit IF GRANTED!!!!
6. Neighbors have moved out of the neighborhood due to the smell
7. The biofilters are definitely must from everything we have read in the Scanlon package.

So are these going to be put in the 1st barn too? What changes are going to be made to the first barn to help control the smell??? That should also be stated in the conditional use permit IF GRANTED!!

8. What are the Scanlon's going to do to properly dispose of dead animals? What process is in place to dispose of them?? This will also produce more smell? Right? This process needs to be outlined also in the conditional use permit IF

GRANTED. This will also cause more traffic on the gravel road in which the road will need to be maintained. Who is going to pay for that?

9. The Road to the feedlot, how is that going to be taken care of????? I don't feel that we as taxpayers should have to pay anything for that!!! This needs to be stated in the conditional use permit IF GRANTED!!!

These are some major concerns that we have living with in the range of this feedlot. We feel that Craig and Kevin Scanlon have demonstrated disregard for previously designed plans of the first barn, What makes you think they are going to follow a conditional use permit for the second barn????? And the biggest question we have is , Who is going to "Police or Enforce" this conditional use permit if granted to make sure that the Scanlon's are following ALL the proper guidelines and procedures are being met???????

We as residents of the community/township strongly suggest that you do not go forward in granting a conditional use permit based on everything stated above. And we as residents of this community/township are not the only residents with concern with this matter as voiced at the July 20th, 2021 Meeting.

Respectfully,

Brad & Jan Tiede

I did try to make comments someplace on the website but was unable to.