

BEFORE THE DUPAGE COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

In re:)
Ruth Lake Country Club, Petitioner) Zoning Petition Z14-034
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AFFIDAVIT OF DR. GEORGE C. BONERTZ, M.D.

Dr. George C. Bonertz, being on oath first duly sworn, deposes and states:

1. I am a medical doctor licensed to practice medicine in the State of Illinois. I am currently retired after practicing medicine for 35 years as an obstetrician and gynecologist. While I was practicing medicine, I was on staff at various times at Rush Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois, Loyola Medical Center in Maywood, Illinois, Hinsdale Hospital, where I was Chairman of Obstetrics, several other west suburban hospitals, and the U.S. Naval Hospital in Oakland, California, where I was Chairman of Obstetrics and Coordinator Training for residents in obstetrics and gynecology.

2. I have been a resident of Golfview Hills for over 40 years, residing at 813 W. 58th Street in unincorporated DuPage County, Illinois. As such, I am personally familiar with the Ruth Lake Country Club, Golfview Hills, and the streets surrounding and adjacent to the country club.

3. I have hunted and am familiar with firearms, including shot guns. Shot is comprised of either lead, copper covered lead, bismuth, or steel, depending on the type of shot used. Lead, copper, and bismuth are all toxic to humans and animals and can cause kidney failure.

4. Shotguns also give off a great deal of smoke when fired. This smoke contains toxic pollutants, including metal particulate matter and chemicals that are used in the primer, gunpowder, and shot. Even in small quantities, these toxic pollutants can cause pulmonary disease. They can adversely affect the pregnant mother and an in utero growing fetus. Smoke from shooting shotguns easily can blow for miles. Because of this and the highly toxic nature of the smoke, the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has for many years recommended, and it has been standard practice among obstetricians to recommend, that

pregnant women not go outdoors within approximately two miles of a gun shooting range, and certainly in any event not within one mile of a gun shooting range.

5. I am familiar with Madison Street on the east side of the Ruth Lake Country Club, 63rd Street on its south side, and U.S. Highway 83 on its west side. There is a bicycle path on Madison Street that is regularly used by bicyclists. Loud impulse noises such as from gunshot in the range of 85 dB and above emitting from the Ruth Lake Country Club will have a medical impact on bicyclists riding by the Ruth Lake Country Club; it can cause them to become disoriented, loose coordination, and become startled, which in turn can lead to losing control of their bicycles and cause accidents. Similarly, drivers on roads adjacent to the Ruth Lake Country Club can easily become startled by the loud noises of gunshot, in turn leading to accidents. In addition, gunshot whose source, direction, and intent is unknown to the listener can cause anxiety, stress, and fear reaction in those hearing it. This can be especially acute for children and the elderly.

s/ George C Bonertz M.D.
Dr. George C. Bonertz, M.D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public in and for Du Page County, Illinois, this 14th day of August, 2014.

s/ Judith T. Haufe
Print Name of Notary: JUDITH T HAUFE
My Commission Expires: 12/21/15

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