

Supplemental Packet
For Planning & Zoning
Commission Meeting on 06.11.2020

June 9, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regards to the property off Route 24 in Laurel, Delaware owned by Grace Malone. My understanding is a variance is being sought to change an agricultural storage unit into a rental hall.

I have some concerns and I would like to express them here. First of all, how will someone access this building? The property is landlocked. Where is the planned entrance? Second, the building is very close to existing residential homes. What conditions will be in place for traffic and noise levels? I think it is important for you to understand that the Legion Post 19 provides hall rentals and is less than 3 miles away. More importantly the Legion has also been beneficial to the town of Laurel. For the past several years the Legion has donated in excess of \$50,000 a year to several organizations within the town. Those organizations would hate to see those donations dry up.

My final concern, at this time, is due Covid-19. The meeting is scheduled to be virtual. It is convenient that this hearing has been postponed several times, but now will be held virtually. I say it is convenient because the majority of the people with an interest in this meeting have no idea how to attend virtually. These same people tried to express their concerns at the prior meetings but were never afforded the opportunity. Now, because we have no idea how to attend virtually, our voices will be silenced. For that reason alone, please reject this variance or postpone the meeting until the people's voices can be heard in person.

Please, for the sake of myself, my neighbors, and the organizations in Laurel, make the right decision. Give the people the opportunity to be heard; do not forget about them. If you would like to contact me via telephone with any questions or concerns, my number is 570-449-3049. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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