

January 20, 2020

To: Zoning Board of Appeals

Re: **CPN-19-094 German Brothers Sign Variance**

Unable to attend the Zoning meeting of January 21, 2020, we would like to air our concerns about the German Brothers' sign.

The fact that the sign in question is 11' above the Zoning Board's height allowance for signs is not our major issue with the sign.

The Marina is the only business in an area that is otherwise purely residential for some miles. While the Marina is generally a good neighbor, the cumulative light pollution from all of the lighting that has been added at the Marina during the 30 plus years we have lived here, has detracted from our enjoyment of evenings at the lakeside as well as that of all of the neighbors'. When we first moved here we could sit in a lounge chair at the lake and clearly see the Milky Way, meteor showers and occasionally the northern lights, however, with the addition of all the lighting, it is now difficult if not impossible to see these phenomena.

The light emitted from this sign glows intensely bright over a far-reaching area particularly from its current height, **all night long**, even though German Brother's business is open 9-7. The increased light pollution attributable to this sign does not really improve the Marina's business or earnings, since potential customers are not looking for the Marina during the hours of darkness, and vehicle traffic is light. Yet while illumination of the sign provides no real benefit to the Marina, it is extremely irksome to those of us in the neighborhood.

In summary, we are not as bothered by the height of the sign as we are by the all the unnecessary bright light. We would not object to the sign remaining at the current height if it were not illuminated during the hours that the Marina is not open. However, if the sign is to remain illuminated all night it, should definitely be lowered to code, to reduce dissemination of the light nuisance.

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