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Comments regarding 223 Westfield Way

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I am Peggy Judd. I live at 221 Westfield Way and I have a personal interest in the property and its development since the clearing began in October of 2012. I am the neighbor to the east. It is my opinion that Mr. Hasan will do whatever he can to find relief from the number of trees the Plan Commission decided he had to replace. (see "Findings of the Plan Commission Regarding 223 Westfield Way, December 8, 2015.)

http://www.barringtonhills-il.gov/edocuments/ePackets/BOT/2014/122014/6.2_PC_Appeal_223.pdf

In the months of testimony before the Plan Commission in 2014, Mr. Hasan stated replacing the trees required by the Heritage Tree Ordinance was a financial burden to him "which might not leave him enough money for a swimming pool and a tennis court for his children." The illegal clear cutting of the middle third of his lot has resulted in a tremendous of wind (I lost 10 trees) and water damage (flooded 7 times) to my property which I have never been compensated for. This is secondary in my mind to losing the beautiful 60-70 some 80 year old trees that I enjoyed and which provided a screen for me from his house. The reason I purchased my lot was because of the tress on my property and 223 Westfield Way.

The Plan Commission made a unanimous ruling after hours and hours of testimony on 12/8/14 for Mr. Hasan to plant the 110 trees. The BOT voted unanimously to follow the recommendation of the PC on 12/18/14. I was in favor of withholding their occupancy permit in an effort to force them to plant the trees, nothing more. I am still in favor of this new BOT insisting he do what he agreed to do and what the Tree Preservation Ordinance outlines.

He claims he has no room for 110 trees yet he planted 140 spruce. He submitted the tree replacement plan to the PHEPOA and then within a week installed the spruce clearly taking the spots of heritage trees. It was a defiant move. Spruce are not a replacement tree and many will die because they are in the shade. I would like to see as many of the spruce removed as necessary to install the 110 replacement heritage trees.

This is the first challenge to our Tree Preservation Ordinance and if the Village

government doesn't assist in enforcing their rulings ... why even have the ordinance? I have a 20 year history of advocating for the trees in suburbs. I have assisted in writing such ordinances. I thought the trees that surrounded me were protected ... nothing could be further from the truth. The very least I have to hope for now are the 110 replacements he promised to do.