

Subject: McD's today for Scout Troop 239; Beelow's;

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Greetings, Neighbors

DATELINE DEER PARK, THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011

SUPPORT CUB SCOUT PACK 239

Until 8pm tonight, 20% of your purchase at the Lake Zurich McDonalds will benefit the pack.

PLEASE PRINT OUT THIS FLYER for your purchase.

McDonald's, 653 Rand Road, Lake Zurich

BEELow'S

In an amazing show of community action, Marlene Smetana and the residents she organized gather almost 120 petition signatures objecting to the plans for outdoor music at Beelow's in Lake Zurich, in only a few day. We were unable to attend the meeting, but you can watch it on Lake Zurich's web site. (Wow, by the way, and when will Deer Park residents see next-day meeting videos!) Scroll down to the Plan Commission video; the web site will walk you through any software needed. Do give the video a few moments to load.

<http://volz.org/index.aspx?NID=260>

It may take another day or so for online coverage to be published, but it is only a coincidence that a very flattering review of a Beelow's entrée was published yesterday, the day of the hearing?

In what we see as a mistake, the LZ Plan Commission recommended acceptance of the special use. Their only proviso was to end music at 11pm instead of 1 am. But time and time again in the discussions last night, Marlene pointed out that the special uses requested were contrary to the village code. Of course, that's precisely what a special use can provide. But as far as we know, LZ has not set limits, nor do they (according to their own police office) do anything more than issue a warning when there is a noise violation.

Beelow's has no sound mitigation; if he waits until the construction is done to call someone in, then he can plead his case on the basis of the work he's already done. A local real estate agent estimated a 10% loss in home values; this too is worth further thought. Perhaps the additional sales tax income would be offset by a loss in property tax income. However, consider these facts:

This item may appear on the LZ Board of Trustees agenda on May 2; if you signed the petition or will be signing it next week, commit to attending the board meeting. We hope to see that board ask the specific questions, the level of detail that is required to make a Special Use Permit work in everyone's best interests.

Meanwhile, the village staff and officials could take a second look at matters like these:

- where are the additional bathrooms for the 75-100 additional dinners
- what does Beelow's mean when they say they'd like to have a "Mardi Gras."
- how many weddings does Beelow's expect to book?
- how can the village code be strengthened to deal with outdoor, amplified music, the permitted levels and enforceable fines?
- will the board direct the police and village staff to follow noise guidelines?
- what remedies will be available to neighboring businesses and homes if the impact on their properties is substantial

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<http://triblocal.com/lake-zurich/2011/04/21/plan-commission-likes-restaurant%E2%80%99s-proposal-for-live-music/>

Deer Park Neighbors would like to congratulate the residents in Deer Park and Lake Zurich for organizing so quickly, doing solid homework and retaining their composure in an emotional situation. Keep it up. Do not flag. There is still the Board of Trustees to attend to this matter; perhaps in the next week or so, they will take the time to study the documents, speak to both Beelows and the surrounding businesses in that development, and consider what they would want in their own back yard.

Remember, together we are stronger!

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