

**Notes from Residents for an Engaged Community**  
**PADS proposed use of Midlothian Manor**  
**Ela Area Library, 9:30 am**  
**January 24, 2015**

The purpose of this meeting was to:

- to bring our community together
- to align and present a position based on the facts
- to acknowledge the emotional conflict many may face
- to present a recommendation of retaining legal counsel
- to ask for financial and volunteer support for our position

Larry Schaedel presented facts and sources of those facts, primary areas of concern, and actions to date taken by the group.

**Questions and Answers from the Audience**

**Question: Due to lack of due process, what restricts the PADS initiative from expanding?**

- Sewer infrastructure prohibits expansion. Since we were told this by an official, we suspect that this has already been discussed.

**Question: Can Midlothian Manor be forcibly annexed into Lake Zurich?**

- Lake County Housing Authority owns the property, so annexing would require the Village purchasing the property before it could annex.

**Question: Who answers police calls or issues of public security?**

- If the public security concern occurs on the Midlothian Manor property, the Lake County Sheriff would respond; if the concern occurs in Lake Zurich or Hawthorn Woods, those Villages would handle the properties in their jurisdiction.

**Question-Has the school district been contacted?**

- Superintendent Egan was contacted. His email response basically said since it is not a school district issue, the district would not get involved.

**Question: What is the role of Ela Township?**

- We have been told that they have very little role. Their focus is on roads, not zoning. No formal approval needed by Ela Township. It is a frustrating issue given the number of agencies involved and the lack of clear cut responsibility.

**Question: Is facility locked down or open to visitation?**

- The facility is open 24 hours/day. There is a receptionist to sign in and out. They are free to come and go. No curfew. These are not criminals. This is their home, just as we are free to come and go at our homes.

**Question: How long did LCHA known this was going to happen?**

- Since they conducted a lengthy RFP process, this has been in development for at least 6-9 months.

**Question: What has the response from Bartels, Taylor and other elected officials?**

- Village shares our concern. It is on the agenda for the next board meeting.
- Bartels and Taylor are receptive, but have no direct influence.

**Legal Perspective by Dan Shapiro**

Licensed in IL in 1987, Mr. Shapiro has represented municipalities including Hawthorn Woods, developers, and objection groups like this one.

Mr. Shapiro has done many zoning and litigation cases including the Village of Hawthorn Woods on the Dimucci development. There are many issues about this case that bother him. In his opinion, government use is not an accurate term for the proposed program. If it was government use, it would not be used overnight. He has worked with and against Eric Waggoner of the Zoning Department.

Mr. Shapiro advised that we should take several actions immediately.

- If something isn't done before occupancy, it makes legal action difficult.
- Immediate action would be to file a temporary restraining order for an injunction to prohibit occupancy. This action requires immediate relief.
- Questioning the zoning of this property is the most effective, legal route. It doesn't look like the proposed use fits into R1 permitted uses.

#### Questions from the Audience

**Question: Is 2-3 weeks enough time?**

- Yes. The sooner we retain him, the sooner he can file a motion for a temporary restraining order (TRO).

**Question: Do we have a chance in winning this battle?**

- He thinks that for these types of cases, there is a good chance (65-70%) for TRO. If TRO is not granted, they are free to get the occupancy permit. It doesn't mean case is over; it just doesn't stop them from moving in.

**Question: Was there any requirement to change the original zoning from assisted living to government use?**

- This is unclear. We are not aware that they have done this.

**Question: Is there a bigger issue behind PADS at Midlothian Manor?**

- Funding for mental illness has gone down, so groups like PADS are taking it on. A precedent could be sought.

**Financial Support was discussed by Doug Noland.**

[www.gofundme.com/midlothian-manor](http://www.gofundme.com/midlothian-manor) is the funding site for our legal representation. We will post our accounting policies on the website. Any unused funds will go to support a homeless or hunger relief effort. Group promised an item to research programs and address homeless for in Lake Zurich.

CONTRIBUTE as you are able

ASK OTHERS-- friends, family and neighbors

URGENCY—we must act FAST!!!

#### Next Steps

- As a community, we deserve answers to our questions. PADS still has not posted the questions and answers on their website, as promised at the January 12th meeting.
- We need to slow this process down.
- We must quickly secure an injunction.
- This requires professional & highly qualified legal counsel familiar with the specifics of Lake County zoning issues.
- Sign the commitment sheet and provide contact information to keep updated on our developments.
- Volunteer and/or donate .
- Continue to express your concerns to our public officials.
- More information provided via email within 48 hours of this meeting including contact information, volunteer opportunities, methods of communication, and updates on progress.