

To: Georgetown Township Planning Committee

From: Georgetown Shores Residents

Date: August, 2005

Subject: 18th Ave Interconnect

The plan to close the tie into 18th Ave was proposed to the developer by our committee in 2002 because of the speed of traffic on 16th avenue and concern with 16th Ave becoming a traffic throughway for those outside of the development.

Since the time that North Bay Dr has been open to 18th Ave, an increased amount of traffic has been seen on 16th Ave. Much of this traffic is originated from the development just south of VanBuren & 16th, and from up the 16th Ave hill. At the present time, signage is in place stating "Construction Traffic Only". Once this last phase is complete and with many more homes proposed south of VanBuren, we do not want our development to become a traffic throughway for traffic not destined for homes in our development. We are recommending that the traffic routing proposed by the developer be approved as submitted for the following reasons:

1. Safety

- A. Homes along 16th Ave Phase 1 do not have sidewalks and many residents & children walk and bike in the roadway.
- B. This is a lake community therefore cars are frequently parked in the street visiting friends, this reduces the traffic lane which actually slows traffic (a good thing). It is not a good thing if traffic flow increases because pedestrians and children will be walking and riding around the parked cars into the middle of the street.
- C. There are many children in this community and the increase of traffic volume increases opportunity for accidents
- D. The proposal does not impact neighborhood accessibility from Police &/or Fire - ref. Fire Chief's comments.

2. Road Design, Use & Misuse:

- A. 16th Ave was not designed or engineered for increased amounts of traffic volume.
- B. Increased volume will degrade the road faster resulting in avoidable repair costs
- C. As a residential community, 16th Ave should not be a short cut from the housing development south of VanBuren or up the 16th street hill. This is a frequent occurrence today due to the construction gate being open 24/7. Proper routing of traffic should be via 14th Ave which has a much wider roadway and is constructed as a throughway.
- D. 18th Ave does not continue, but at the intersection of Edson and 18th Ave, if continued, it will look like it is a continuation. This will increase traffic in our community.
- E. Prior to Georgetown Shores, there was no continuation thru from 18th Ave to VanBuren.
- F. The intersection of 18th and Edson will have to become a 3 way stop thereby increasing traffic congestion. Also, this will create a confusing intersection - more so than it is today. If 18th is closed, there will be a stop on West Bay Dr. and the flow will be much less confusing because traffic will flow from 18th around the bend to Edson and on, all at the posted 45 mph.

- G. The roads around the Georgetown Shores development, 14th ,Edson, and 22nd are currently posted at 45 mph while NorthBay and 16th are local residential and therefore 25 mph. Why would one want to send traffic into a residential street at a lower rate of speed?

3. Opinions

- A. Residents are opposed to the Planning Boards Recommendation of the 18th Ave tie and support the developers original proposal as presented. (See attached signatures)
- B. Exxel Engineering has researched the impact and supports the developer's plan.
- C. The Fire Chief has no issue with the plan as proposed by the developer.

We are concerned with the safety of the streets in our neighborhood. We have talked to the Ottawa County Sheriff and purchased temporary signage in attempts to slow traffic on the streets. Creating a shortcut (which it is being used for already and the road is not even open yet) will just add to the problem.

Thank you

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