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## West Cape May

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living on or near Willow Avenue spoke against locating affordable housing in their neighborhood at the May 10 meeting which continued at a May 24 Borough Commission meeting.

Leaming Avenue resident Jennifer Antonicello, who said she and her husband own a lot on Willow Avenue adjacent to the site, asked if the borough had the authority to donate land to whom-ever it wants or was it a matter for a vote of the public.

Borough solicitor Frank Corrado said a state statute provides rules of when a municipality can sell or transfer property. He said some property sales require an auction while others can be handled privately without an auction.

Corrado said the statute allows sale of land at a nominal price to non-profit organizations.

Antonicello asked why af-

fordable housing units were not provided when a local developer built 12 homes on marsh land in the borough 20 years ago. Sabo said the developer made a payment into the COAH fund.

The state requires anyone constructing a home to pay 1.5% of the assessed value into COAH funds. She suggested any decision on affordable housing be tabled until after the next election since two borough commissioners were appointed rather than elected.

Sabo said business cannot be put on hold until the next election.

"Were not against affordable homes or on Willow Avenue even though it would be very crowded and tough to make a "K" turn, no sidewalks, I understand all those things and hopefully they would be cleared up," Antonicello said.

Corrado said the construction of the two affordable houses would need to be

approved by the court that approved the COAH settlement agreement.

Bergen's Lane resident Paul Bichovsky said he was in favor of meeting obligations but did not support constructing affordable housing on Willow Avenue. Thirty years ago, he and his wife had a vision of having a home here and the only way they could afford it was by having a rental property, he said.

Bichovsky said he worked two jobs to be able to afford and keep their West Cape May home "pristine and a nice place to live."

"My first issue is this affordable housing obligation would actually bring down the property value and I'm sure that was mentioned at the last meeting," he said. "The second thing is this is not an affordable area to live in, so if this is done on Willow Avenue, it will fail for the people living there and for the borough."

## Zoning Board rejects pool

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district that omits pools as a permitted accessory use. He said lots are smaller than in any other zone.

Blocking the driveway with an addition triggers the need for variances and changes the garage to an "out building" with more stringent requirements, Hurless said.

During public comment, Ron Tupper, who said he and his wife own 1150 and 1152 Pennsylvania Ave., spoke in favor of the application.

Pennsylvania Avenue

resident Mary Parsons said a swimming pool in a backyard would be a nuisance for those living in the semi-detached homes.

Neighbor William Currie said there were tremendous water issues when the street was repaved because the area is swampy. He asked how swimming pools would affect the water table.

Illinois Avenue resident Thomas Lederer said he feared once a pool was approved, "everybody's going to want a pool."

Gelzunas said the majority of Village Greene lots

are only 40 feet wide which would prevent building a pool, plus lots for quad units are far too small for a pool. He said the block where the applicant's house is located has larger lots.

"There's no potential run-away train because you're only looking at five other houses in the entire Village Greene that are similarly situated that could possibly come in for the same variance," Gelzunas said.

Zoning Board solicitor Richard King said he was not certain how many 50-foot lots exist in Village Greene.



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