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Village Board
Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals
Residents of Sugar Grove

Re: Special Meetings of the Village Board and Planning Commission

Dear Residents of Sugar Grove,

As Village President, I have always worked to protect the community and uphold transparency, fairness, and integrity. This week, I called a special meeting to advance the plat approval for Area 1 of The Grove. This decision was necessary due to recent actions that disrupted the standard public process, and I want residents to understand why this step is both appropriate and important.

The Planning Commission was scheduled to review the final plat on April 16. This was the next routine step in a months-long process. However, the item was withdrawn from the agenda without my knowledge or consent after the Village Attorney and Village Administrator received a request from the incoming Village President for a 90-day pause. The incoming President does not take office until May 6 and does not currently have the authority to direct Village business or affect meeting agendas. Despite this, the developer was asked to pull their petition. They did not agree to a 90-day pause, and I would not have supported removing the item from the agenda.

Withholding the approval of a plat that meets the PDD and Annexation Agreement, without cause, could expose the Village to legal and financial risk. It could ultimately cost the community time and money, and that is not a risk I am willing to take.

This is not a rushed action. Village staff and consultants have been reviewing the plat since the required pre - application meeting on January 6. Plat approval is separate from the TIF district and unrelated to its validity. The item is ready for public review, and it is my job to make sure the Village continues to follow the law without opening us to costly risks.

It has been an honor to serve the Village of Sugar Grove, and I remain committed to upholding our ordinances, protecting our community, and leading with transparency and accountability.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Konen

President, Village of Sugar Grove