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RE: Case # PCB 08-13, Chad Gifford VS. American Metal Fibers

Dear Board,

I would like to respond to the filing on behalf of American Metal Fibers by their attorney.

I would like this case to proceed, as my house hold and my neighborhood is suffering on a daily basis by the noise created by this factory. Regardless of the other noise that is present in the area during daylight hours, my contention is mainly with the operations taking place after 8pm on Sunday nights and all week day nights (there are exceptions where they shut down on Friday's, however, this summer they have often run Friday nights). I ask that you do not dismiss this case on any basis.

I have met with my neighbors, they are willing to give testimony to what we endure and are happy to get involved with this process. I have spear headed this effort by a personal willingness to try to improve our neighborhood, our homes, and well being.

Please note, that even in the 2+ years I have lived in my residence, the noise has increased in volume, the nature of the noise has gotten worse and more invasive, and the frequency that we are subjected to this noise has also increased. There have been attempts in the past, before my residency in the area, where residents have attempted to speak directly with the management of AMFI, and met very rude and dismissive response (please note, I have also encountered the same and have this documented). This is not a new issue, we have simply found the proper channel to deal with it.

In regards to their statement of lack of proof, I was directed by the ILPCB office staff, that upon filing, my proof need not be submitted.

I have the following:

A formal statement from Greg Zak, noise consultant, who had directed myself in taking detailed video evidence and noise readings from a calibrated meter, that strongly suggest that AMFI violates state limits in regards to noise levels. Control measurements were made and recorded on video that show the ambient noise level is below the 50DBA levels prior to the factory beginning its nightly operations. The video also shows the change as the factory starts (10 pm nightly), and progresses to get to a level sustained above 55DBA (which would suggest a strong nuisance from this noise). The video also allows one to observe the nature and quality of the noise. This includes the "pops" and train/plane sounds. The letter from Mr. Zak is part of the evidence, as are the series of videos (several hours worth of recording over a period of two weeks in May). It is also easy to produce more video evidence, as this occurs on a nightly basis, should that be required. There is also day time footage that shows the distance, through the wetlands and tracks, to the back of the facility and illustrates the factory in operation during daytime running (which is also a problem, but not as great), this shows that this noise does indeed come from AMFI's facility on Nagel Ct.

I have begun to journal the noise in a log. This log states any changes or disruptions in my home from the noise. Mainly documenting the quality of the noise, and if it has caused any members of the house to wake from sleep. Please understand, with the doors and windows shut, we clearly hear this noise and can not abate it.

I have a series of police reports that also validate the readings, suggesting again that this is a strong noise nuisance, and also documents the position of the readings. This encompasses nearly a year of calls to the Lake County sheriff, as we in this neighborhood did not know whom could assist in stopping this pollution.

I also have a petition to the village of Green Oaks, asking them to enforce their noise ordinance (which they did not due to unknown reason) from Jan. of 2006. This is signed by 40+ of my neighbors.

I have detailed satellite maps, readily available from Google Earth to show the proximity of the factory, the tracks, the wetlands, and our homes.

I ask that the board consider this case, for the well being of my family and the families that are effected by this noise nuisance. I ask for your intercession either by cease and assist, fines, or some other course of action that the board can take. This case is neither frivolous nor duplicitous in nature. I am looking forward to having the evidence seen by the board. We have suffered through another hot summer, un able to open our windows at night, entertain on our properties as we see fit, and often have a peaceful nights rest disrupted by the noise created by this factory. Again, we have no way to buffer, stop, or abate the noise ourselves and look to you, The Board, to enforce our right to peace, quite, and use of our property as we deem fit.

Kind Regards,

Chad A. Gifford.