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Subject: Lake Club Pickleball Concerns..

Dear Mr. Wrinn,

With the potential of our P&Z absence this evening, we're taking the luxury of sharing our thoughts with you.

Bob and I have been next door neighbors of the Lake Club since completion of our home in October of 1985.

We have shared an enjoyable relationship with the club for many years, and as former members can speak highly of the Club. The few issues we addressed were resolved immediately.

Unfortunately, in recent years there has been a noticeable change as follows:

1. Growth in membership mandating extension of playing sessions with night-time lighting.
2. Frequent social events with music reverberating throughout the neighborhood.
3. Removal of trees on the south end of our property opening up the vista and noise level.

We have noted a steady increase in activity level, undoubtedly due to the demands by the increased membership. Between the growth in tennis, swimming and paddle sport, the addition of pickleball is of major concern for the following reasons:

1. It adds to the density of players doubling those of tennis.
2. It promotes more boisterous behavior as a result of the excitement of the game.
3. It may promote the establishment of more pickleball courts due to the popularity.
4. It will substantially increase the noise level in our quiet neighborhood.

There has been a noticeable change in the character of The Lake Club in recent years far removed from the initial neighborhood tennis and swimming club. The addition of Pickleball will further change that character and negatively impact the peace and quiet of our neighborhood, particularly in our case. We built our home with the assumption that we will continue to enjoy the pleasure of an adjoining neighborhood club. Unfortunately, that is no longer the case as the original charter of the Club has dramatically changed.

Under the circumstances, we oppose the Pickleball request, Bob and Karin Benson,  
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