

Dear Supervisors, Plan Commissioners and Citizens:

I have been a member of the Springfield Town Board for more than 20 years. In that time, I have been involved in all the major decisions which have shaped the Town's growth and development, including the approval of the Springfield Commerce Center. I have been proud of Springfield's record of encouraging broad involvement of our citizens in these decisions. Town government's greatest strength is its closeness to the people.

I am concerned that the Advanced Concrete proposal is not being evaluated appropriately. I share concerns that the proposal is an intensive industrial operation which may not fit well in our commercial park. Most of all, it is important to me that everyone who may be affected by this proposal is aware of it and has the chance to comment on it.

The Plan Commission hearing last week was preceded by notices to all property within 1,500 feet, as provided by the ordinance. That left three residential areas out of the discussion because they lie just outside the notice limit. The people in those areas deserve to hear about the proposal and comment on it. I understand that Advanced Concrete's proposal is for a state-of-the-art plant which will have design features to reduce its impact on the community. I have not decided I am opposed to the plant and want to keep an open mind. I do want the broader public to get information about what seems like a very different kind of business from what has been in the Park so far.

Therefore, as the Town Chairman, I have decided that I will not place the Advanced Concrete proposal on the Town Board for consideration or action unless a second public hearing is held, one which has notice to everyone within one-half mile. The notice needs to be detailed – it needs to identify the name of the applicant and contain a brief description of the proposed zoning change.

I feel so strongly about this matter that if the Town Board decides to proceed without a second public hearing, I intend to resign as Chairman. My commitment to the people of the Town requires nothing less.

Jim Pulvermacher



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