

Township of Chisago Lake
P.O. Box 649
Lindstrom, MN 55045

TO: Office of Administrative Hearings
Municipal Boundary Adjustment Unit
P. O. Box 64620
St. Paul, MN 55164-0620

OBJECTION

MBA Docket Number A8200 - Proposed Annexation to the City of Lindstrom, Minnesota.

The Town Board of Chisago Lake Township, Chisago County pursuant to a motion duly adopted by the Town Board on December 18, 2018, hereby objects to the proposed annexation of the following described property to the City of Lindstrom:

PID: 02.01603.02

Owners: Joseph and Gail LeClair, 29043 Machmeier Ct, Lindstrom, MN 55045

Description: Lot 2, Block 1, Sandeen Heights, Chisago County, MN

AND

That part of the easterly half of Machmeier Court, as dedicated per Sandeen Heights, according to the plat on file and of records in the office of the County Recorder, Chisago County, Minnesota, which lies northerly of the westerly extension of the south line of Lot 2, Block1, SANDEEN HEIGHTS and southerly of the westerly extension of the north line of said Lot 2, Block 1, SANDEEN HEIGHTS, according to the plat on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder, Chisago County, Minnesota.

Reasons for this objection are as follow:

- The Township has a long standing history of cooperating in orderly annexations when requested and/or approved by the property owner so that the landowners can receive services which the township is unable to provide. That is certainly not the case with this intent to annex by ordinance. This action was not initiated by the landowners.
- The property has fully functioning well and sewer septic systems which are not in need of upgrade or replacement. There is more than sufficient room on the parcel for replacement systems should they ever be needed in the future.
- The City of Lindstrom has not indicated a willingness to reimburse of property taxes pursuant to MS 414.036. This parcel is lakeshore and has a 2018 estimated market value of \$446,800.00. The Township's share of taxes in 2018 was \$893.03. In the case of previous orderly annexation agreements between the Township and the City of

Lindstrom, the Township has usually received four (4) years of full reimbursement.

- There appears to be no compelling reasons to annex this parcel into the city. The city has not declared any infrastructure or other additional services to be provided to this parcel. The Town Board fully understands that it has little recourse in the event of a contentious annexation but feels that this annexation provides no improvements to the area, is not based on need, and does nothing to benefit the landowners.

Date February 20, 2019

Signature *Sherry Stirling*

Chair, Chisago Lake Town Board

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