

Deer Creek Sport & Conservation Club would like to ask for your approval of both the Rezone application & the Conditional Use permit application as written in its entirety. We would like for you to look at the facts & science that we have provided.

First the Rezone of the 20-acre parcel south of the club house parcel. We are asking for the rezone of the entire parcel, as recommended by Roger Lane at Dane County Zoning, this would eliminate dividing the existing parcel into 2 separate parcels under different zoning districts. The neighbors oppose of this rezone because of the valuable farm land, only about ½ of the 20 acres is tillable and that is not the greatest. Besides we are not going to develop these 20 acres, it would be available to farm should the chance occur. We need at least 7 acres and preferably 10 acres to fully utilize our archery range and to regain use of our existing shooting range structures, the most valuable is the regulation trap range that we used to teach our youth trap team of around 20 young athletes each year. We teach them lifelong skills like safe gun handling; team work; respect; self-esteem; and competitiveness. The Township could approve the 20-acre rezone and hashtag the other 10 acres to restrict any future improvements, as they have done in the past for other residents.

Secondly, and more complicated is the CUP application.

The PAH chemical that is the 1<sup>st</sup> complaint is in everybody's everyday life, from the black top roads and blacktop sealer that runs past everybody's property; and more common is the smoke from the wood fires that everyone has in some form (campfires, wood heat, and the problem that the whole country experienced the smoke from the wild fires this summer). PAH from these forms is readily available for human exposure from the rain water runoff to the air they breathe. Unlike the PAH that is in the clay targets that are used at shooting ranges all over the country. This PAH is in a solid form that is embedded in the clay particles that make-up the target, and is only available if you eat the target or the dirt they lay on.

The lead shot that is used at shooting ranges everywhere is not considered a hazardous waste if the Best Management Practices for Lead is followed. The EPA has given the WDNR the regulatory authority on lead at shooting ranges, and the WDNR will determine if lead reclamation is required. The WDNR has dozens of

public shooting ranges through-out the state that has lead deposits many times our level and has not reclaimed the lead as they have managed it where there is no hazards to the public or environment.

Geoffrey Siemering from the UW Department of Soil Science has determined that the lead on our range has minimal downward movement in the soil column, and that it is unlikely that lead contamination at the club will impact the local water supplies. We have produced a written Lead Management plan & a Best Management Practice for Lead at our shooting range. We also have an expert witness from the WDNR, Wendall has a Masters degree in Hydrology, that will testify that our lead will not affect the neighbor's wells, and that with proper PH levels and solid erosion practices (such as the Prairie planting) the lead will not migrate off our shooting range. Lead comes from the ground as a natural mineral, it is not some hazardous chemical developed in a laboratory that we have spread on the ground.

At this point the concern is only been about the families of our neighbors being affected by our existence. What about all the families from our club and those that use our club, both from Primrose and surrounding areas, like the Haag's; Schlimgen's; Judd's; Ways; and many others that come to use our facilities for events like Weddings; Anniversaries; Graduations; Funeral luncheon's & celebrations of life, along with family Christmas, Thanksgiving, and many other family get togethers'? It's not like we are trying to do something new or different. Our website has always advertised these events along with others.

It all comes down to this- we get approved for the Rezone and new CUP as written that comes with new regulations and required management practices, or we keep the existing CUP and keep shooting every Sat. & Sun. at 9am with no new regulations or management other than what we have already implemented, and what the WDNR regulates.

Thank You, Deer Creek Sports & Conservation Club