

February 24, 2021

Greetings Neighbors and Friends:

As many of you know, a For Profit business organization called RoseHeart Recovery Centers, LLC, expressed an interest in opening a 120-bed inpatient drug rehabilitation treatment facility in the Village of Olympia Fields and filed a Petition with the Village Plan and Zoning Commission to approve their project. RoseHeart wanted to locate the facility at the old Tolentine monastery site, directly across the street from Rich Central High School and a stone's throw from the Park District playground and basketball court on Governors Highway. Many of you expressed serious concerns and opposition to allowing this facility and made it known through your HOAs and through Sharpwatch. The proposed location, in front of our high school, the unanswered safety issues and the adverse effect the facility would have on our property values were among the main reasons our residents opposed the RoseHeart project and its location. We noticed that every letter, petition and comment from the public that the Plan Commission read in the record overwhelmingly opposed the project.

Our Olympia Fields Planning and Zoning Commission, chaired by Victor Blackwell, with Trustee Liaison Willis Pennington and its five commissioners, held six (6) hearings from September 29, 2020 to February 17, 2021. The Commission took the time to carefully review RoseHeart's request and fully consider all of the facts and circumstances surrounding the project. Most importantly, they listened to our residents and heard their many concerns. And on February 17, 2021, the Plan Commission recommended that the Village Board of Trustees deny RoseHeart's petition.

The Village of Olympia Fields Board of Trustees accepted the Recommendation from the Plan Commission and on February 22, 2021, voted to deny the RoseHeart project.

Our residents are very fortunate to have well-qualified administrators on the Plan Commission and Village Board who are committed to serving the best interest of our residents and most importantly, listen to what the people of Olympia Fields want and don't want in the village. Strong leadership, independence and integrity were shown by the village administration. This kind of vigilance in protecting our village makes our community a special place to live and is greatly appreciated by us as residents of Olympia Fields.