

Tom Liskay
457 Tresham Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230
August 5, 2015

Mr. Tom Kneeland
President, Gahanna City Council
123 Serran Drive
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Re: Big Walnut Trail – Section 5

Dear Mr. Kneeland,

I understand that Council may consider rescinding the city ordinance which authorized the construction of Section 5, Big Walnut Trail. I believe that two or more individuals have objected to the fence that is needed to protect the trail users from golf balls.

Under the amended proposal which Council passed on a six to one vote, the lineage of fencing was reduced to about 1,400 feet. Of that lineage, about a third will not be viewable from Ridenour Road. The remaining portion would be seen from the road. However, black chain link fences do blend in and suitable landscaping could be planted to help shield the fence from the road. Flowering shrubs, native grass, and dwarf trees could be planted on the city property to mitigate the view.

Many years ago (perhaps early 1980s), a toddler was killed in a Euclid, Ohio neighborhood park when he was struck in the head by a golf ball. I knew the child's dad since we grew up in the old neighborhood. I can't remember if I was on active duty with the Army or already living in Columbus since I received news of the incident in a newspaper clipping sent to me by my Dad. I see the father on occasion as he still lives near my Dad, but I can't speak to him of the incident due to the pain he still must feel.

We need the fence to complete the project. I know that some will be inconvenienced with views of the fence. Change always bring inconvenience as evident by the road construction going on in Gahanna right now. The construction season is more than halfway done for 2015. We need to begin work.

I am sending this to your home as an advanced read ahead copy. Due to having to visit and assist quite elderly relatives located out of town, my availability to speak at a meeting is not certain.

Sincerely,



Charles T. "Tom" Liskay