

Correspondence for Kevin Swanson

Part 3 – Correspondence received June 7

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From: [Jennifer Bourbonais](#)
To: [Michelle Claviter-Tveit](#); [Angela Lepak](#)
Cc: [George Knutson](#)
Subject: FW: Convention Center opposition
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 3:13:24 PM

From: A Swenson <ccurd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 6:45 AM
To: Jennifer Bourbonais <BourbonaisJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Subject: Convention Center opposition

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Good Morning, Ms. Bourbonais - I am writing you this morning to express opposition to the potential construction of the Kevin Swanson Convention Center in St. Louis County. It appears that this plan would pose an imminent environmental threat to the immediate area, specifically Beaver Lake and its wetlands. It seems that there would be a better spot for such a development than the identified location, again due to the wetland consequences.

Thank you -
Angela Swenson
Saint Louis County resident

To: The St. Louis County Planning Commission (c/o Solway Township)

From: Diane R. and Charles E. Hartley

Date: June 6, 2021

Subject: Proposed Hwy 194/Beaver Lake Area Convention Center/Wedding Venue

We are 39-year Solway Township property owning residents vehemently opposed to the development of a 20,000 Sq. Ft. Convention Center on Hwy 194. This is our first objection we have ever voiced to a proposal of any kind. Our concerns are too numerous to completely list, but the major ones include:

1. **Water supply and quality:** Residents in the affected area and neighboring townships are dependent on wells. We believe that the development will:
 - a. Deplete the area aquifer, affecting water supply to hundreds of homeowners and residents,
 - b. Contaminate the area aquifer, from excessive peak use for toilets, urinals, cleaning, etc.
 - c. Deteriorate nearby streams, ponds, lakes and critical wetlands through run-off from large scale de-icing, mosquito control and landscaping efforts.
2. **Traffic and related safety and noise:** The development and increased “reveler” traffic will make dangerous situations worse, not limited to but including:
 - a. Increased vehicular accidents at dangerous intersections, including the junctions of Hwy 194 with Hwy 2, N. Jackson, Canosia, Berquist, Rose, Midway, etc.
 - b. Increased vehicular/animal accidents. This wooded/area is home to deer, horses, an occasional moose, turkeys, etc. Encountering any of these could cause a tragedy.
 - c. Increased vehicular/train accidents. Train traffic in area has increased dramatically over the past few decades and climate change can be expected to make the situation even worse.
 - d. Increased vehicular noise. As mentioned directly above, train traffic noise continues to get worse and sirens, loud motorcycles and trucks are also increasing. We moved here nearly 40 years ago for peace and quiet and object to more noise pollution!
3. **We question the need for another convention center/wedding venue:** The area is already home to several large and medium size Restaurants, Churches, Town/City Halls, as well as the Proctor Moose, Post 71 American Legion and numerous commercial establishments, that serve the same purpose(s). The Mont du Lac and the Buffalo House just expanded their convention/wedding venues and Spirit Mt. is also looking to expand.

In conclusion, we are **vigorously** opposed to the proposed convention center and respectfully request that the Planning Commission **reject the project with haste and certainty!**

Diane R Hartley

Charles E. Hartley

From: [Jennifer Bourbonais](#)
To: [Michelle Claviter-Tveit](#); [Angela Lepak](#)
Cc: [George Knutson](#)
Subject: FW: Kevin Swanson Convention Center Permit
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 3:15:43 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Trevor Ratliff <abugforu@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 7:09 AM
To: Jennifer Bourbonais <BourbonaisJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Subject: Kevin Swanson Convention Center Permit

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Jenny Bourbonais,

I wanted to take a moment to express to you my complete opposition to the proposed Kevin Swanson Convention Center permit on Beaver Lake. My family lives full time on this small lake. I spend time each year on this lake and cherish the dark nights and quiet neighborhood atmosphere. While there may be commercial properties within a mile, none of those commercial properties are sandwiched between neighborhood housing. This is the wrong location for this event center. The added noise from various events is not wanted on this small lake where noise travels far, fast, and easy. The added vehicle traffic at an already bad intersection is not wanted. I can only imagine the additional collisions this center would cause. If the permits are granted the potential buyer has already made it known he would purchase the wetland lake access plot. The runoff that would drain into this lake where fish, eagles, beaver, loons, and swans reside and return year after year is not wanted.

Please keep Beaver Lake the quiet neighborhood community it has been for hundreds of years. Keep commercial business out of our neighborhood.

Respectfully,
Trevor Ratliff

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jennifer Bourbonais](#)
To: [Michelle Claviter-Tveit](#); [Angela Lepak](#)
Cc: [George Knutson](#)
Subject: FW: Kevin Swanson Convention Center
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 3:16:12 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Henry <mehffmn@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 7:25 AM
To: Jennifer Bourbonais <BourbonaisJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Subject: Kevin Swanson Convention Center

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I am writing in opposition to the proposed project on Beaver Lake. It does not appear to be the type of project suitable for a natural environment lake. They are zoned that way for a reason. Thank you

Mark Henry
Cloquet

Sent from my iPad

From: [Jennifer Bourbonais](#)
To: [Michelle Claviter-Tveit](#); [Angela Lepak](#)
Cc: [George Knutson](#)
Subject: FW: Oppose Beaver Lake Permit for convention/wedding permit
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 3:16:49 PM

From: Amy Walk <lakewalk@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 7:42 AM
To: Jennifer Bourbonais <BourbonaisJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>; Amy Walk <lakewalk@hotmail.com>
Subject: Oppose Beaver Lake Permit for convention/wedding permit

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Dear Ms. Bourbonais,

I am writing to oppose the permit for an event center in Solway Township. This would increase light and sound pollution on the lake. This lake is very protected and quiet currently, with only residential land around the lake, and the lake has no public access. The event center would make the lake busier with many more boats and snowmobiles, and it would make roads around the area busier.

In summary, I oppose the permit and please don't grant it.

Alex Walk

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Jennifer Bourbonais](#)
To: [Michelle Claviter-Tveit](#); [Angela Lepak](#)
Cc: [George Knutson](#)
Subject: FW: Kevin Swanson Convention Center
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 3:19:10 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: shari sega <shari1129@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 7:47 AM
To: Jennifer Bourbonais <BourbonaisJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Subject: Kevin Swanson Convention Center

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am opposed to the Kevin Swanson Convention Center which threatens Beaver Lake and its wetlands.

Best regards,
Shari Segal

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jennifer Bourbonais](#)
To: [Michelle Claviter-Tveit](#); [Angela Lepak](#)
Cc: [George Knutson](#)
Subject: FW: Convention center
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 3:19:34 PM

From: Sharen Van Den Heuvel <larrysjvdh@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 7:53 AM
To: Jennifer Bourbonais <BourbonaisJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Subject: Convention center

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We are OPPOSED to a convention center near Beaver Lake. We are concerned about the environmental impact of the surrounding area.

From: [Jennifer Bourbonais](#)
To: [Michelle Claviter-Tveit](#); [Angela Lepak](#)
Cc: [George Knutson](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to the Kevin Swanson permit
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 3:24:37 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Kate Campbell <campbell.kate45@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 8:19 AM
To: Jennifer Bourbonais <BourbonaisJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Subject: Opposition to the Kevin Swanson permit

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Please note that my spouse, Charles Campbell, and I are both opposed to the proposed SKevin Swanson Convention center. It will negatively affect the water quality of Beaver Lake and surrounding wetlands due to runoff from the paved parking area.

Thank you,

Kathleen Campbell
3344 Beyer Road
Duluth, MN 55803
218-340-7576.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Jennifer Bourbonais](#)
To: [Michelle Claviter-Tveit](#); [Angela Lepak](#)
Cc: [George Knutson](#)
Subject: FW: Opposed to event center permit
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 3:25:04 PM

From: Lee Anderson <landersonfish025@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 8:21 AM
To: Jennifer Bourbonais <BourbonaisJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Subject: Opposed to event center permit

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I am opposed to granting the permit for an event center which will endanger Beaver Lake and its wetlands. Thank you very much.

From: [Jennifer Bourbonais](#)
To: [Michelle Claviter-Tveit](#); [Angela Lepak](#)
Cc: [George Knutson](#)
Subject: FW: Opposed to event center permit
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 3:26:56 PM

From: S <szebott5@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 8:22 AM
To: Jennifer Bourbonais <BourbonaisJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Subject: Opposed to event center permit

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Hello, I am opposed to the granting the permit for an event center which will endanger Beaver Lake and its wetlands! Thanks

From: [Jennifer Bourbonais](#)
To: [Michelle Claviter-Tveit](#); [Angela Lepak](#)
Cc: [George Knutson](#)
Subject: FW: Oppose event center/wedding venue permit on Beaver Lake-Hwy 194
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 3:41:22 PM

From: Amy Walk <lakewalk@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 8:29 AM
To: Jennifer Bourbonais <BourbonaisJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>; Amy Walk <lakewalk@hotmail.com>
Subject: Oppose event center/wedding venue permit on Beaver Lake-Hwy 194

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Dear Ms. Bourbonais and committee,

I am writing to strongly oppose a permit for Kevin Swanson on Beaver Lake for a event center/wedding venue, and parking lot on Highway 194.

I am an owner on Beaver Lake, and this land has been in the family since 1945, so I am very familiar with what happens on the property and lake.

All current owners on the lake are very respectful of this as a most protected lake and make very careful choices to protect the lake and land in the area. For example, on our own lot, we would love an outhouse, but have not had one as it is not allowed with the protections in place. Also, when doing a simple update, we also were unable to have a "loft" or second story for sleeping. If we are unable to have an outhouse, or second story, how could an event center be considered?

In our own family, we are very peaceful, and use the water for swim workouts, recreation, paddle boards, and canoes, and even rarely use a motor boat for fishing. We are very mindful of peace on the lake, low impact, and this rare gem of a minimally developed lake and our family values are to keep this lake clean, quiet, protected, and environmentally sound. It is not uncommon to have a "family swim" across the lake as the motor boat usage is rare. My relatives are on five lots and we work peacefully as an LLC to protect this lake according to set codes, peace, and in harmony with the Solway Township values of rural, peaceful, residential and country living which has been outlined in a thorough 2011 plan. I have read the Solway Township Comprehensive Plan for 2011 and the mission and values noted include "a quiet, rural lifestyle, family, responsible development, and preserve the lifestyle of its residents, safety, healthy environment, and maintain quality of life." An event center is not in line with my views, my family values, the values or residents on Beaver Lake, the community, environmental laws, and I strongly oppose a business in a residential area.

Additional concerns include highway safety. I used to be able to walk, run, and bike on Highway 194, but due to increased traffic in the last 10 years, I am no longer able to use the highway for exercise due to already increased traffic over time. Highway 194 and Highway 2 is already a very dangerous

intersection and I oppose increased traffic. There have already been too many accidents in the area. I also oppose how adding a business could affect taxes, and further development of businesses in a residential area.

In addition to all the concerns noted above, the most pressing is environmental protection of this "most protected spring fed lake and wetlands." I have concerns about these being violated, as well as noise, lights, traffic, and lake access by a business on a lake that does not even have a public access, and outsiders who may be unaware of the current culture of residents who live there is peace and in harmony with nature.

For these many reasons, I strongly oppose the permit for the business (wedding/event center) in a residentially zoned MOST protected lake with no public access, as this permit is not in line with my values, family values, Beaver Lake landowner values, current residential usage, rules and laws for the environment, and Solway Township values.

Again, I oppose the permit for Kevin Swanson and the event center.

Thank you.

Amy Walk
Current landowner on Beaver Lake

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From: [Jennifer Bourbonais](#)
To: [Michelle Claviter-Tveit](#); [Angela Lepak](#)
Cc: [George Knutson](#)
Subject: FW: Kevin Swanson Convention Center opposition
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 3:48:47 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: todd@relata.co <todd@relata.co>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 8:42 AM
To: Jennifer Bourbonais <BourbonaisJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Subject: Kevin Swanson Convention Center opposition

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I am opposed to the Kevin Swanson Convention Center permit which threatens Beaver lake and its wetlands.

Thank you,
Todd Sieger
5943 S Pike Lake Rd
Duluth, MN 55811

From: [Jennifer Bourbonais](#)
To: [Michelle Claviter-Tveit](#); [Angela Lepak](#)
Cc: [George Knutson](#)
Subject: FW: Convention center
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 4:01:19 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Shannon <s7shannon@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 9:32 AM
To: Jennifer Bourbonais <BourbonaisJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Subject: Convention center

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I am opposed to Kevin Swansons permit to build a convention center that would endanger wet lands and Beaver Lake.

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From: [Jennifer Bourbonais](#)
To: [Michelle Claviter-Tveit](#); [Angela Lepak](#)
Cc: [George Knutson](#)
Subject: FW: Beaver Lake Conv CTR
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 4:02:05 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Dean Benson <dean@northerndoor.net>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 9:41 AM
To: Jennifer Bourbonais <BourbonaisJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Subject: Beaver Lake Conv CTR

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Please note that I am against the proposed Event/Convention center at Beaver Lake as it would be detrimental to the lake and surrounding habitat.

Dean Benson

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From: [Jennifer Bourbonais](#)
To: [Michelle Claviter-Tveit](#); [Angela Lepak](#)
Subject: FW: Proposed Zoning Change - Beaver Lake Solway Township
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 4:05:27 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

From: Jeremy Kolbe <jeremy@ironmarkbuildingco.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 9:49 AM
To: George Knutson <KnutsonG@StLouisCountyMN.gov>; Jennifer Bourbonais <BourbonaisJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Cc: Bret Kolbe <bret.kolbe@beazer.com>; Chris Kolbe (ckolbe390@gmail.com) <ckolbe390@gmail.com>; besselst@d.umn.edu
Subject: Proposed Zoning Change - Beaver Lake Solway Township

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Good morning,

I am a property owner on Beaver Lake at 6864 Hwy 194 in Solway Township. Parcel ID: 530-0020-00020

I am strongly against the proposed zoning change from residential to commercial with the intent of building a wedding/event venue on the below parcel:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NW ¼ of SW ¼ SLY of HIGHWAY, S5, T50N, R16W (Solway)

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN): 530-0010-00900

The zoning change and building is inconsistent with the current residential neighborhood.

I am concerned about the environmental impact this type of change will have on the lake and adjacent wetlands.

This area is home to a variety of wildlife.

I'm also concerned with the increase of noise, lights and traffic in the area.

There is currently no public access to this lake and I would like to keep it that way. I understand that this is not in the current application.

I have been coming to this location for 45+ years and would like to preserve its natural integrity and keep it the way it is for my family and future generations.

Thank you,

Jeremy Kolbe

VP of Operations



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From: [Jennifer Bourbonais](#)
To: [Michelle Claviter-Tveit](#); [Angela Lepak](#)
Cc: [George Knutson](#)
Subject: FW: Proposed Kevin Swanson land purchase
Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 8:14:26 AM

From: Mary Ludwig <ludwigme1128@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 9:57 AM
To: Jennifer Bourbonais <BourbonaisJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Subject: Proposed Kevin Swanson land purchase

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I am in great opposition to Kevin Swanson's special use permit to purchase and build a proposed wedding and event center on parcel 530-0010-00900 on Highway 194.

My husband and I are property owners of a year-round home on Beaver Lake. When we purchased this property five years ago, we did so because of what the neighborhood of this particular lake property had to offer. The small, spring-fed lake had no public access and was undeveloped in areas. A limited number of families enjoy the lake in the summer and since many of these families have had cabins on the lake for several generations, they have a respect for the lake and its habitat. This lake neighborhood offered a beautiful, quiet, serene, and nature-filled lifestyle. We moved to this neighborhood in Saginaw to experience a rural setting full of natural resources, which is what motivates many people to purchase land in Saginaw and make Solway Township their home.

In addition to the beautiful surroundings comes a lifestyle that will greatly be diminished if this event center is to be built. A commercial use building that will pull in hundreds of people year round, seven days a week, is NOT compatible with the lifestyle of our neighborhood, and that is exactly what Beaver Lake is--a neighborhood. It will completely eradicate all the things that the property owners in this neighborhood enjoy.

As I look at the questions used as criteria for your planning commission, it's clear that this event structure is NOT compatible with the existing surrounding neighborhood.

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3. The physical presence of this building is a visual disturbance to the idyllic surroundings of the lake.
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- 6.
7. Noise carries across water. The noise pollution would not only impede, but dominate our life on the lake:
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 - First, comes the added noise of hundreds of people attending the events seven days a week with hours from
 - 9:00 am to 11:00 pm standing outside and talking.
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 - Next, amplified music from a band or DJ for wedding receptions would dominate our neighborhood without
 - our control to turn down the volume or choose what is being played. Again, that music playing until 11:00 pm greatly affects our lifestyle. That noise pollution would even affect our sleep.
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 - We chose to live on this lake so we could hear the call of the loons and enjoy the solitude in the evenings.
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- 3.
- 4.
5. Light pollution from the lighting structures outside the event facility would impede our current experience
6. of night time at the lake. At present, we can enjoy the stars in the nighttime sky.
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- The proposed land purchase states that there is screening of trees but it is not adequate.
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Other concerns that would negatively impact our neighborhood environment:

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- 2.
3. The proposed land purchase does have sloping which will lead to run-off. Run-off generated by such a facility
4. from the parking lot, plus
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 - chemicals used for ice prevention, landscaping and fertilizer-- would not only impact the wetlands but also
 - the lake's water quality and the migratory bird nesting grounds of loons, geese, ducks, and trumpet swans. This is a small lake that cannot sustain overuse.
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- 2.
- 3.
4. Our water table and even our wells could be greatly affected.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
8. Our property's value may be lessened.
- 9.

I beg you to take these concerns into consideration as you look at the proposed land purchase. Please listen to the property owners around Beaver Lake who will be so greatly impacted by your decision. Our way of life will never be the same if this purchase is allowed.

Thank you for your time.

Mary E. Ludwig
6871 Hwy 2
Saginaw, MN 55779

From: [Jennifer Bourbonais](#)
To: [Michelle Claviter-Tveit](#); [Angela Lepak](#)
Cc: [George Knutson](#)
Subject: FW: Kevin Swanson Convention Center Permit
Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 8:17:02 AM

From: shari sega <shari1129@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 10:08 AM
To: Jennifer Bourbonais <BourbonaisJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Kevin Swanson Convention Center Permit

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Tom Segal <tsegal@duluthpack.com>
Date: June 7, 2021 at 9:45:21 AM CDT
To: shari1129@hotmail.com
Subject: FW: Kevin Swanson Convention Center Permit

Please forward to bourbonaisj@stlouiscounty.mn.gov. It has been bounced back to me 2 times.

Thank you

Tom Segal
President/CEO
Duluth Pack
Handcrafted Since 1882

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From: Tom Segal
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 9:37 AM
To: bourbonaisj@stlouiscounty.mn.gov
Subject: Kevin Swanson Convention Center Permit

St. Louis County Board

This note is to ask for your support in voting down the Kevin Swanson 20,000 Sq/Ft Convention Center and parking lot Permits. These permits will threaten Beaver Lake and its wetlands.

Please support the current land and home owners in protecting their properties from this Convention Center.

Thank you.

Tom Sega
President/CEO
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From: [Jennifer Bourbonais](#)
To: [Michelle Claviter-Tveit](#); [Angela Lepak](#)
Cc: [George Knutson](#)
Subject: FW: Convention center/Beaver Lake
Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 8:18:09 AM

From: CenturyLink Customer <naneeishome@q.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 10:19 AM
To: Jennifer Bourbonais <BourbonaisJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Subject: Convention center/Beaver Lake

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Good Morning,

I received information about an application request for a convention center near Beaver Lake.

I am concerned for many reasons and am also wondering why this developer wants to build so far from Duluth.

What is the real reason to build in rural Minnesota and who is going to benefit from this?

Besides the dangerous highway conditions, pollution concerns, rise in crimes, environmental concerns, what other dangers will come to this neighborhood?

What is this zoned for and have the proper studies been completed?

In my view, this is not a good location for a convention center and I pray that the Planning Commission has the BEST interests of our citizens to reject this permit!

Duluth or Hermantown are MUCH better areas for such a facility with MUCH more opportunities for shopping, restaurants, etc plus being closer to the airport.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Yvonne Hughes

From: [Jennifer Bourbonais](#)
To: [Michelle Claviter-Tveit](#); [Angela Lepak](#)
Cc: [George Knutson](#)
Subject: FW: Swanson convention center permit
Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 8:20:35 AM

From: paul z <paulz62@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 10:47 AM
To: Jennifer Bourbonais <BourbonaisJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Subject: Swanson convention center permit

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I am opposed to the Kevin Swanson convention center permit near the wetlands and shoreline of Beaver lake. The lot is zoned residential and the homes and cabins around the lake reflects that. I am also concerned that the water table in that area is to high to support a building and parking lot of that size. Paul and Janet Zieroth

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From: [Jennifer Bourbonais](#)
To: [Michelle Claviter-Tveit](#); [Angela Lepak](#)
Cc: [George Knutson](#)
Subject: FW: Property at Beaver Lake Wedding\Event Center proposal
Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 8:21:45 AM

From: Cara Belisle <carajean14@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 10:50 AM
To: Jennifer Bourbonais <BourbonaisJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Cc: Mark Belisle <msbvoice@yahoo.com>
Subject: Property at Beaver Lake Wedding\Event Center proposal

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- Hello my name is Mark Belisle. I'm the husband of Cara Talsoe who is one of the owners of our lake property on Crescent Lake at mile marker one on Hwy 194 in Saginaw. We wanted to express our deep concerns over this proposed convention center that will undoubtedly destroy the current style of living the residents on this lake enjoy. I have no doubt this will lead to tremendous disruption and damage to this peaceful and fragile area. There is not one person currently on this lake or family of, that approves of such a damaging change. Allowing the general public, people who have no stake or interest in preserving this fragile eco system or respecting the current residents, their property or privacy would undoubtedly adversely affect all who have spent decades to maintain this tranquil environment Not to mention the high risk of forever destroying the fish, wildlife and vegetation with invasive species carried on boats, trailers and equipment that would or could be brought by unsuspecting or careless boaters. This is a very small lake. It is cared for and respected by every current resident here. Peace and quiet, tranquil and calm. It's why the families here purchased lots dating as far back as the 1930's. All lots around this lake are "Residential", not commercial. The lot in question doesn't even have lake access except through a marshy wetland which itself is a protected resource. We all ask that you and anyone considering this proposal understand the irreparable harm this will do to the environment, the lake, fish and wildlife, the families, their safety and security.

Please do not allow this foolish proposal to go forward and protect this lake and style of living for this and many generations to come.

Mark Belisle

507-398-3358

From: [Jennifer Bourbonais](#)
To: [Michelle Claviter-Tveit](#); [Angela Lepak](#)
Cc: [George Knutson](#)
Subject: FW: Opposed to the Kevin Swanson Development
Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 8:22:55 AM

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From: Linnea Swanson <swan1615@d.umn.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 10:55 AM
To: Jennifer Bourbonais <BourbonaisJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Subject: Opposed to the Kevin Swanson Development

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Hello Jennifer,

I'm opposed to the Kevin Swanson development. This will greatly affect our community negatively. We want to protect this land and this community.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jennifer Bourbonais](#)
To: [Michelle Claviter-Tveit](#); [Angela Lepak](#)
Cc: [George Knutson](#)
Subject: FW: Kevin Swanson Convention Center permit
Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 8:27:13 AM

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From: ERIC HILL <ehill.1@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 11:12 AM
To: Jennifer Bourbonais <BourbonaisJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Subject: Kevin Swanson Convention Center permit

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To whom it may concern,

I am opposed to the Kevin Swanson Convention Center permit which threatens Beaver lake and its wetlands. This is major impact to our fragile environment and a concern to the community and the residents who live in the area.

Thank you,
Eric Hill

Sent from my iPad

From: [Jennifer Bourbonais](#)
To: [Michelle Claviter-Tveit](#); [Angela Lepak](#)
Cc: [George Knutson](#)
Subject: FW: Wetlands concern
Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 8:27:40 AM

From: Rosemarie Blaede <rsblaede@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 11:14 AM
To: Jennifer Bourbonais <BourbonaisJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Subject: Wetlands concern

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This message is in support of denying a permit to build an event center near Beaver Lake as to be of detriment to the existing wetlands. The Blaede's - Steve & Rosemary--
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From: [Jennifer Bourbonais](#)
To: [Michelle Claviter-Tveit](#); [Angela Lepak](#)
Cc: [George Knutson](#)
Subject: FW: Beaver Lake
Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 8:34:27 AM

From: Brenda Risdon <bjrisdon@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 11:28 AM
To: Jennifer Bourbonais <BourbonaisJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Subject: Beaver Lake

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Planning Commission:

My husband and I are against this development on Beaver Lake. We've lived in our house on 194 for over 30 years and one of the reasons we purchased our house so long ago is because of the location. Not too much traffic and it's quiet. We do not want a convention center and parking lot on Beaver Lake. It will hurt the wetlands and properties surrounding the lake and those of us who live close by. We appreciate the opportunity to voice our concerns. Thank you.

Brenda Risdon

From: [Jennifer Bourbonais](#)
To: [Michelle Claviter-Tveit](#); [Angela Lepak](#)
Cc: [George Knutson](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to permit application (June 10 public hearing)
Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 8:35:41 AM

From: S Walk <SteveWalkMinnesotaCitizen@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 11:30 AM
To: Jennifer Bourbonais <BourbonaisJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Subject: Opposition to permit application (June 10 public hearing)

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Jenny Bourbonais
St. Louis County Land Use Manager

June 7, 2021

Ms. Bourbonais:

I write to you to oppose the Public/Semi-Public Use permit application submitted by Kevin Swanson for the property described as "NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 SLY of HIGHWAY, S5, T50N, R16W (Solway)."

The lake and the family cabins on it were an essential part of growing up for my wife, for her mother before her, and for their extended family. Family traditions have, for decades, involved the lake as a meeting spot and a retreat.

With such a connection to the lake, family members feel the responsibility to preserve and protect it. For instance, my mother-in-law has monitored lake levels for years to contribute to DNR conservation efforts. And the lake and its cabins maintain a rustic quality: At our cabin, for example, our water vehicles are a rowboat, a canoe, and kayaks.

Kevin Swanson's proposed development on the lake, then, causes us concern. Such an increase in the number of people and vehicles at the lake at a given time, and such a dramatic change in the use of the lake (with the accompanying jump in noise, litter and other pollution, and danger to swimmers and wildlife), would ruin the character of the lake.

Valuing Minnesota's lakes and natural beauty as a whole requires protecting them one at a

time. Please deny the permit.

Respectfully,

Stephen Walk
St. Cloud, Minnesota

From: [Jennifer Bourbonais](#)
To: [Michelle Claviter-Tveit](#); [Angela Lepak](#)
Cc: [George Knutson](#)
Subject: FW: Beaver Lake wetlands
Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 8:36:50 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Kyle A. Menzel <kylemenzel@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 11:39 AM
To: Jennifer Bourbonais <BourbonaisJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Subject: Beaver Lake wetlands

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I am opposed to granting the permit for an event center at Beaver Lake which would endanger the wetlands area on the lake.

Kyle

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From: [Jennifer Bourbonais](#)
To: [Michelle Claviter-Tveit](#); [Angela Lepak](#)
Cc: [George Knutson](#)
Subject: FW: Beaver lake Wetlands
Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 8:50:10 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Paula Menzel <plmenzel4@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 11:46 AM
To: Jennifer Bourbonais <BourbonaisJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Subject: Beaver lake Wetlands

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To whom it may concern

I am opposed to granting the permit for an event center which will endanger beaver lake and it's wetlands.

Thank you
Paula Menzel

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From: [Jennifer Bourbonais](#)
To: [Michelle Claviter-Tveit](#); [Angela Lepak](#)
Cc: [George Knutson](#)
Subject: FW: Kevin Swanson Convention Center Project Permit
Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 8:51:05 AM

From: Nancy Janzig <nancyjanzig@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 11:56 AM
To: Jennifer Bourbonais <BourbonaisJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Cc: Doug Janzig <djanzig@hotmail.com>
Subject: Kevin Swanson Convention Center Project Permit

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Please accept the following comments regarding the Kevin Swanson Convention Center project permit.

Planning Commission Chair and Members,

My husband and I are reaching out to you in regards to the Kevin Swanson Convention Center project permit. This development will significantly affect the chemical, physical land biological integrity of wetlands and its adjacent, Beaver Lake. It is important to know that we are not against commercial development and economic growth however, we cannot support projects that will clearly have a negative long-term ecologic impact such as this one and we are asking you to do the same.

*Kindest regards,
Nancy & Doug Janzig*

From: [Jennifer Bourbonais](#)
To: [Michelle Claviter-Tveit](#); [Angela Lepak](#)
Cc: [George Knutson](#)
Subject: FW: Kevin Swanson convention center
Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 8:55:27 AM

From: Julie Ann Kubat <kubatenterprises@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 11:56 AM
To: Jennifer Bourbonais <BourbonaisJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Subject: Kevin Swanson convention center

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I understand there is application for permit to build the Kevin Swanson convention center. I oppose this permit due to its location for fear it will negatively impact Beaver Lake and the surrounding wetlands. If we aren't protective of our beautiful lakes that help to make MN wonderful, they will slowly disappear one by one. We can't let that happen on our watch.

Regards,
Lois Ward