

Please accept this public comment in writing to be placed in the minutes of the TB meeting of 12-14-20.

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I have fielded a number of calls from property owners and realtors regarding the buildability of various parcels. In doing so, I have been informed that there is evidently a "rumor" in the Township that our housing density is going to go to 1 house on five acres. I do not know who has been circulating such rumors, but to do so in my opinion is grossly irresponsible.

We have visited this topic with the Met Council repeatedly over the years. And they have repeatedly advised that they see us as Ag, or 1 in 40 (in our case 1 per quarter-quarter), until 2040 at the earliest.

The Met Council representative, Wendy Wulff, has indicated that it was "highly unlikely" that such a change would be approved Township-wide. She put forth the option as a possibility to be explored and vetted by the Council of a smaller area for such a change. Recent conversations during Board meetings with the Planning Commission have resulted in no designation of a particular area and the rationale, including showing the demand for such an increase. She has been advised that the Township currently has roughly 400 undeveloped housing rights: half from undeveloped qtr-qtrs and half from Pre-1982 Lots of record.

I believe the Board has an obligation to send out information to the citizenry correcting this unfortunate rumor with some actual facts. Such a message could include the three ways someone has a building right or can get one, the conversations with the Met Council's three representatives/staff, the history of the Council's comments on this topic at various public meetings in Eureka, and even, perhaps, a caution about putting any faith in these rumors.

These rumors are exactly the raising of "false hopes" through unrealistic efforts that I have raised at various public meetings recently. I remind the Board of the reaction from citizens from the recommendation from the Citizens Advisory Committee a few years back. This proposal was to make the western part of the Township Rural Residential. The reaction was very negative from both sides of the Township and the suggestion was dropped.

Please inform your constituents of the actual facts and stop such rumors.

Thank you.