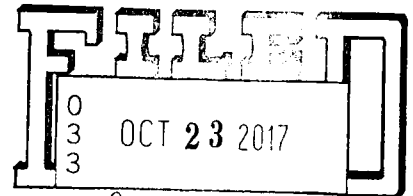


October 19, 2017

Honorable Michael Reed,



RE: Robert (Bob) Stine Court Case Cause No. 43C01-1511-MI-270

*Ann Jopy*  
CLERK KOSCIUSKO CIRCUIT COURT

Because I was in the hospital during the Robert (Bob) Stine case, Stine v. Epworth Forest Administration Committee, Inc. (EFAC), I was unable to hear the testimony and various presentations that may have occurred. I am writing because of my concern about the consequences of your decision to support Stine's contention that he utilize his neighbor's property, which is nine to ten feet outside his riparian lines.

My first concern about your ruling: when the 1994 decision was rendered, the lakefront owners were directed to place there piers on their own land which then became their permanent pier placement. At that time the owners of Bob Stine's property had their pier in compliance per the 1994 Court order. Bob's property is positioned at a slight angle that is less severe than most Epworth Forest properties. Bob moved his pier in 2008 (approximately), forcing two offshore owners to lose their pier spots and then had his neighbors behind his house assigned to his property. (I am quite aware of the pier assignments from 1960 to 1996 as my parents and then myself had a pier assignment near Bob's (two piers west). To this day, I continue to visit my many friends in that area and have observed how Bob consistently kept moving his pier closer and closer to Chapman's pier. Bob Stine is now being rewarded for his past actions!

Second concern: the EFAC Directors walked the shoreline during the summer of 2014 to identify pier compliance issues. We found four onshore piers that were not located within their riparian lines. I called the DNR because I had heard several times that Steve Snyder maintained there were no riparian lines in Epworth Forest. The DNR stated every lake in Indiana under their jurisdiction had riparian lines. Three of the four onshore owners who were affected moved their piers and are now in compliance. NINETY-NINE (99) LAKEFRONT OWNERS ARE WITHIN THEIR RIPARIAN LINES, and ONE (1) IS NOT—BOB STINE. WHY?!! Again, Bob is rewarded. EFAC directors, have spent countless hours investigating information and facts and how they are related to both the 1994 and 2014 Court orders which said piers were to be on the lakefront owners property.

I was on the Epworth Forest Administration Committee (EFAC) from 2014 until my term expired September 30, 2017. As frustrated as I am, if my term was not expired, I would resign. When I coordinated the onshore owners elections for the open directors position, trying to find candidates to run for office was very difficult as shown by their comment: "Why, EFAC is a waste of time because the court orders of 1994 and reaffirmed in 2014 are ignored by the current court."

Sincerely,

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