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I'm sending my objections to the proposed exception for enabling the proposed building on the west side of Lytle Road between Pleasant Beach Drive and Beck (PLN51498). Reasons for objections:

- There was already an exception allowed for building on the wetland against this lot a few years ago (the southwest corner of Beck and Lytle). Why would we allow 2 exceptions on the same wetland right next to each other??? That would suggest we need a change in rules since it is not an exception if it is consistently happening.
- The building of a house is not "critical" to warrant an exception. It is a common, pernicious practice for developers to buy lots that are cheaper because they're not suitable to build on -- for example a WETLAND -- and then go through the steps for a variance of an exception to the rule, in order to increase profits. Exceptions are meant for extenuating circumstances. What are those in this case?!? Is there a family who has owned that lot for decades and is being kicked off their property somewhere else, and this is their only viable option to keep a roof over their head? What are the extenuating circumstances in order for us to waive a rule?
- We should protect our wetlands. Period. That's why we have rules. Wildlife on Bainbridge is getting squeezed, our water table is getting compromised, and biodiversity as a result is diminishing.

I look forward to the open community discussion on this.

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