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VIA EMAIL: breuckmanj@rochesterhills.org  
Historic Districts Study Committee  
c/o Jim Breuckman  
1000 Rochester Hills Drive  
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RE: Public Hearing File No. HDSC 08-002

Dear Study Committee:

I would like to express my support for naming the property on the northeast corner of Rochester and Tienken Roads a Historic District. The building that is there now is a reminder of times past. I run by it every day and think about how much I like it. My wife and I even take walks past this building nearly every day and comment on how nice it is to have this historic reminder of Rochester from time past.

My home is directly behind this property. In the time I have lived in my home (5 years), I have found the current use to be acceptable. It is not loud or overly busy. I am adamantly opposed to having this property "improved" in any way.

The three other corners of that intersection have caused a strain on the roads with increased traffic. It is extremely difficult to exit the neighborhood and head either east or west on Tienken road during rush hour. Also, note that there is plenty of business space for lease in the 3 other centers at this intersection.

I am aware that a copy of the letter that was sent to us by the parcel owners has been forwarded to you. Curiously absent from the letter was the fact that the letter was actually from the owner of the northern parcel. I found that to be a bit underhanded. I do not trust that his idea of "beautification efforts" and mine would match up at all. Let's not forget that when toxic chemicals were discovered on this property that the owner of this property did not spend one red cent to replace all the trees that were taken out of our neighborhood as part of a clean up effort.

Additionally, I am aware that the City of Rochester declined the use of nearby property for the building of a Taco Bell. What's to say this isn't part of the "beautification effort?" A late night drive-thru is not what this area needs. This would cause a tremendous amount of foot traffic coming through the back yards of our homeowners since they are located between that property and the middle and high schools.

I am quite certain I enjoy the appearance of the open field, businesses as they are now and a rusty water tower over any of the above-mentioned real possibilities.

If there is historic significance to the location, I ask you to strongly consider preserving it as is and protecting the space in its current state. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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