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**MEMORANDUM**

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TO: Brown's Creek Watershed District Board  
FROM: Karen Kill  
RE: Public Comments regarding Liberty Classical Academy  
DATE: July 5, 2024

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Attached comments have been received from the public regarding the proposed permit application for Liberty Classical Academy.

**Managers:**

Klayton Eckles, President • Celia Wirth, Vice-President • Chuck LeRoux, Secretary • Gerald Johnson, Treasurer

## Karen Kill

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**From:** Mark Aschenbrener <mark.asch1963@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 2, 2024 10:08 AM  
**To:** Karen Kill  
**Subject:** Liberty Classical Academy

Dear Karen

I am a local resident just north of the proposed school expansion. I have lived here for 30 years. I am opposed to large expansion of the school for a few reasons and my biggest concern is the proposed sewage treatment plan.

Years ago when this area of lakes was flooding I was able to learn a lot as to why and remedies to fix the problem. It all centered around Browns creek! The area across the street from head waters or buffering area was and still is a critical area for the lifeblood of Browns creek. The installation of such a large septic/ water treatment that is the equivalent of 150 to 200 homes on 10-20 acres is absurd. I'm aware that the septic system is engineered under state guidelines. My issue is that a system of this size does not exist anywhere near this area. I wish that this area is not the first of its kind.

In closing please consider that the vast majority of residents are not in favor of the large septic in a very critical area

Thanks Mark

## Karen Kill

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**From:** Sheila Hause <sj.hause@att.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 1, 2024 7:50 PM  
**To:** Karen Kill  
**Subject:** Liberty Classical Academy Expansion

Good evening, Karen,

Chris and I have lived in May Township since October 1991. We moved here because of the quiet, rural lifestyle and this is why we are still here. We have seen many changes over the years (Brown's Creek restructuring when Goggins Lake was lowered and a holding pond were created at the end of our road, and then the closing of Withrow Elementary where our children attended and many community activities were held with wonderful family participation. To say you would know almost every child and teacher is not a reach as we "parented" each other's children because of the closeness of the school). The closing of the school really did change the dynamics of our little community along with the recent multiple turnovers of the ballroom to which activity is almost non-existent nowadays.

We are not opposed to the LCA having an elementary school in our community, though it is not a public school nor are all welcomed. However, with the massive expansion and the existence of the large water treatment facility they have planned for the May portion of the Zahler property this is way out of context for our zoning and density in May. We cannot believe that Brown's Creek or Goggins Lake will not be affected to some degree.

Therefore, we are **opposed** to this project based on the water and septic infrastructure needed. In our opinion this does not belong in a rural setting, but rather in a setting where city water and city sewer are available.

Thank you,

Sheila and Chris Hause  
11120 121st St., N.  
May Township

## Karen Kill

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**From:** Shelly Ovre <mkovre@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 5, 2024 10:29 AM  
**To:** Karen Kill  
**Subject:** Proposed Liberty Academy Expansion

We are writing this to communicate our concerns regarding the proposed Liberty Classical Academy expansion and its potential impact on our community and resources.

We have concerns about the impact that this expansion will have on the water resources, water quality as well as the impact on the buffer areas and surrounding land in the Browns Creek Watershed area. Our major concerns relate to water and land quality.

- Addition of a large commercial septic system
- holding pond
- loss of natural areas and beneficial plants
- additional impervious surfaces
- Additional drawon water tables

Respectfully,

Brian & Michelle Ovre, May Township Residents

## Karen Kill

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**From:** David Truax <davidalan.truax@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 2, 2024 2:35 PM  
**To:** Karen Kill  
**Subject:** July 10th meeting regarding Liberty Classical Academy

Karen-

Please forward these comments and questions to the Board for their consideration at the July 10th meeting.

-What processes, if any, will the Liberty wastewater treatment facility employ to remove phosphorus from the effluent before it is pumped into the 10 mounded drain fields adjacent to Goggins Lake ?

-Until such time that the elevation of Goggins Lake reaches the outlet level of 970.5', it, and the chain of lakes in the upper watershed, is landlocked. What amount, if any, will phosphorus from the Liberty wastewater treatment facility make its way into Goggins ? This phosphorus will remain in Goggins and not spread to South School Section, North School Section and Plaisted until the elevation reaches 968'. When the elevation reaches 970.5' it will then flow into the headwaters of Brown's Creek. The Liberty site plan uses the OHWL elevation of 965.5' to determine the setback from Goggins for the placement of the mounded drain fields. Will the Board use the 970.5' elevation instead to determine the necessary setback ?

-What amount of phosphorus will find its way into the holding pond that will receive runoff from the impervious surfaces of the Liberty development ? What will be an acceptable amount of other contaminants from these surfaces ? The water from the holding pond will be used to irrigate the site. Will there ever be any outflow from this holding pond into Brown's Creek ?

-A turn lane on southbound County Road 57 at the intersection of County Road 7 will be necessary to accommodate increased traffic. This turn lane may require moving the existing culvert that is underneath County Road 7 that funnels runoff from the land to the west of County Road 57. What steps will the Board require Liberty to undertake to maintain this drainage ?

Thanks to you and the Board, David Truax