

John Mannillo

From: Jamie S. <jmshacter@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 01, 2016 7:59 PM
To: John Mannillo
Subject: Re: 1335 Beechwood fence

To: City of Saint Paul
From: Jamie and Stewart Shacter
1309 Beechwood Place
Date: December 30, 2015
Subject: raising of fence ht., 1335 Beechwood Place

We are neighbors to 1335 Beechwood Place owned by Lee and John Mannillo, who have received an order by the City of Saint Paul to install a 4 ft. privacy fence along a section of their Beechwood Place front yard. We believe this is not necessary considering the following:

- An existing 3 ft. wire fence, and double row of hedges adequately protect and conceal the back yard swimming pool.
- Other than when the Mannillo's are present in the yard, the pool is covered with an vinyl locked cover.
- The back yard hedge is elevated from the street and not visible.

A privacy fence would detract from the neighborhood without adding safety to what exists.

Thank you,

Jamie and Stewart Shacter

1309 Beechwood Place
St Paul, MN 55116
651-698-0951

1335 Beechwood Place

December 19, 2015

Mr. Steve Wagner
Manager of Code Enforcement
City of St. Paul Department of Safety & Inspection
375 Jackson Street, Suite 220
St. Paul, MN 55110

Dear Mr. Wagner,

It has been brought to our attention that our neighbors John and Lee Mannillo, 1335 Beechwood Place, St. Paul, have received a recent letter from the city notifying them of a complaint about their property. The letter indicates that their pool area is not properly fenced on its Beechwood side.

As their neighbors immediately north of and closest to the pool area, we believe the existing fence on their property to be well constructed, well maintained, attractive and safe. The Beechwood side of the pool is fenced with a tall, thick hedge and a gate. John and Lee have been our neighbors for 37 years, and the area has been landscaped in this way since the pool's construction many years ago.

The Mannillos are excellent neighbors of good character, public service and high integrity. If the area's current landscaping meets the standards required by their insurance carrier, we see no reason why it does not meet the city's standards. A fence on the Beechwood side would deter from the aesthetics of the Mannillos' property and the property of their neighbors. We would support the granting the Mannillos a variance from compliance with the city's statute for this reason.

We want to be perfectly clear that we are friends of the Mannillos and did not file any kind of concern or complaint about their property.

Sincerely,



Gary and Katherine Sirek
1336 Bohland Place
St. Paul, MN 55116