165-307K BEFORE RE: PETITION FOR RECLASSIFICATION : from an R-40 zone to an R-A zone, N/S Old Court Road 225' West of COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF 3rd District SEL. 2.6 ard Lutzky, et al, BALTIMORE COUNTY No. 65-307-R NW SF

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OPINION

This is an appeal from the Deputy Zoning Commissioner's Orce-dated Jun 2, 1965 granting the petitioners' requested reclasification from an R-40 zone to an R-A zone. The subject property consists of approximately sixteen (16) acres of land, is roughly triangular in shape, and is situated at the southeast corner of the Baltimore County Beltway at its proposed interchange with the new Northwestern Expressway.

The zoning and land uses surrounding the property are as follows: The eastern edge of the property adjains an M-L zone for approximately one half of the distance along this side, the balance of this side of the property adjoins the right-of-way of the Western Maryland Railroad; the northern edge of the property adjoins the State Roads Commission's right-of-way for the Baltimore County Beltway; the western side of the triangle, which is irregular in shape, follows the State Roads Commission's right-of-way for the relocation of Gwynns Falls and the proposed ramp of the Northwestern Expressway interchange; the southern portion of the property, with the exception of two lots which are owned by two of the protestants, Mrs. Zell and Mr. Lobe, har frontage along the north side of "old" Old Court Road. The zoning along Old Court Road is presently R-40. The petitioners propose to erect two hundred and forty (240) garden type apartments on the

There have been numerous road and utility changes affecting this property since the adoption of the zoning map by the County Commissioners in January of 1957. The Baltimore County Beltway has been constructed along the northwestern edge of the property, and the State Roads Commission has acquired a large tract of ground west of the property for the proposed interchange of the Baltimore County Beltway and the Northwestern Expressway. In addition, the State Roads Commission relocated Gwynns Falls constructing a concrete channel to move the water course easterly, closer to the property, to allow construction of a future occess ramp in connection with the interchange. Cld Court Road, in 1957, was a major artery for east-west traffic between the Reisterstown Road and Liberty Road. Sometime after 1960 Old Court Road was relocated approximately 300 feet to the south. The portion of Old Court Road along the subject fract now serves only four houses and deadends at Gwynns Folls, the petitioners' west property line.

idication. There was substantial evidence to support these findings of fact.

It was not established that the subject property could not be utilized within its existing class/fication. However, in Robde v. County Board, 235 Md. 259, at 267, it was said that this circumstance alone is not an obsolute bar to reclass-

The majority opinion in Finney v. Halle, 241 Md. 224, disclaims "mistake as bearing upon the appellate decision in that case, although a footnote in the decision states; "There is strong evidence in the case which might well have justified a finding of mistake in original scaing by the failure of the County Council to provide for a recognizable need for approxent zoning in January, 1957."

This Court ragrous that there is continuing doubt about whether this particular "mistake" may be utilized by the Board of appoals as a ground, in part, for its decisions. The Board of Appeals regularly, indeed habitually, uses this "mistake" as one of the reasons for apartment reclassifications. Ital so in Halle, supra (Scint Record Extract, p. 7); it did so in Beth Hillsh v. Rhum, 242 Md. 84 (Coint Record Extract, p. 315), and it did so in the instant case (Board opinion, p. 2). The persistent and continued use by the Board of Appeals of this "mistake" at a factor to which it gives some weight disturbs me because I am left in doubt whether apartment reclassifications are being authorized by the Board because of "changes" only, or whether its action is the product of "change and mistake". If it is a fact that the Board's reclassifications are authorized because of both "change" and "mistake", a doubt necessarily arises whether its decision to reclassify would have been the same if "change" alone must be the

Under the decisions in Figure and Both Titloh, supra, I have no alter but to affire the decision of the Board in spite of a doubt as to what would have been its dectaton if "mistake" was not a ground that lawfully could support its

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Joseph D. Thompson, an engineer testifying on behalf of the petitioners, testified to numerous road changes affecting this property, and further testified that Old Court Road is now being improved to a width of 48 feet from Greenwood Road easterly to Reisterstown Road and that, in his opinion, 240 apartment units situated on the subject trace would not in any way congest traffic on the roods in the vicinity. Another engineer tastifying on behalf of the petitioners, James S. Spamer, stated, without contradiction, that there are public utilities available to the property in sufficient capacity to serve the apartment project.

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An expert realtor and appraiser appearing on behalf of the petitioners testified to four zoning changes in the area since the adoption of the map, and one special exception for a Nursing Home which a prior Board had granted on the Gould property directly across Old Court Road. It was his opinion that the present R-40 zoning is erroneous, and that the highest and best use for the property would be for R-A zoning as he felt that the subject tract could not be feasibly developed economically in R-40. He further stated that the County erred in not providing enough rental housing on the map when adopted, and that this property is "marginal" property which should be rezoned for apartments citing the proximity of the railroad, the manufacturing zone, and the Baltimore County Beltway as factors that would make the tract undesirable for R-40 development. Without going into great detail, he also cited the relocation and widening of Old Court Road, the construction of the Baltimore County Beltway, and the relocation and channelization of Gwynns Falls along the western edge of the tract as material changes affecting the property.

George E. Gavrelis, Director of Planning for Baltimore County, testified that in view of the Old Court koad improvements and improved vehicular access to the property that "it may well be that apartment zoning here could be appropriate". He also stated that the tract meets some, but not all, of Planning's locational criteria for apartments, and that the Planning Staff now recognizes the need for additional apartments in this

Three witnesses testifying in opposition to the proposed reclassification, Mrs. Francis Zell and Mrs. Napoleon B. Lobe whose residences are on the north side of the "old" Old Court Road, objected to the proximity of opertments to their homes. Both Mrs. Zell and Mr. Lobe felt that the proposed apartment project might create a traffic hazard. However the Board does not feel that these fears are justified as Old Court Road, prior to its relocation, was carrying heavy traffic post their homes and, in the opinion of the Board, more traffic than could possibly be generated by 240 apartment ϵ sits here. Also as the subject tract has access directly onto Greenwood Road there is no reason for any cars entering or leaving the apartment complex to pass in front of either the Lobe or Zell

nsive basis for apartment zoning within Baltimore County, that unhapp body politic must continue to have its aparament locations chosen on a basis that is certainly haphasard; probably less than the most desirable and possibly the procursor of a total breakdown of zoning integrity, because the "changes" effected by these reclassifications themselves will be utilized in a general burgeoning of all soning clausifications.

The Board's decision is affirmed.

ATREST MENCHINE, Judge

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home. Mr. Lobe did not agree with the expert realtor and appraiser who of the petitioners that R-A zoning here would not depreciate the surrounding property. The other witness appearing in opposition to the proposed reclassification objected primarily on the basis of a possible traffic hazard at Old Court Road, as relocated, and Greenwood Road However, he secured a special exception for a Nursing Home on his property from the doard on May 14, 1963 (Case No. 5567), and at that time apparently felt that the use of his property as a Nursing Hame would not create any traffic hazard at the intersection of Greenwe and Old Court Roads

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For the reasons given above, the Board feels that the petitioners have sufficiently proven both error with regard to the present zoning on this property and numerous changes in the immediate area that warrant the rezoning of the subject tract to a residential apariment classification.

ORDER

For the reasons set forth in the aforegoing Opinion, it is this day day of May , 1966 by the County Board of Appeals, ORDERED that the reclassification petitioned for, be and the same is hereby GRANTED.

Any appeal from this decision must be in accordance with Chapter 1100, subtitle B of Maryland Rules of Procedure, 1961 edition.

> OF BALTIMORE COUNT William S. Baldwin Chairma W Giles Parke

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COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

. PETITION FOR ZONING RE-CLASSIFICATION

AND/OR SPECIAL EXCEPTION

TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY: I or we... COUNTY and which is described in the description and plat a cached hereto and made a part hereof, # 3 legal owner s of the property situate in Baltimore Map hereby petition (1) that the zoning status of the herein described property be re-classified, pur zone to an ww-7F to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, from an R-40

Error in the original map.
 Change in conditions in the neighborhood.
 Subject property cannot reasonably be used for R-40 purpos

See attached description

and (2) for a Special Exception, under the said Zoning Law and Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to use the herein described property, for ...

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulation

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above re-classification and/or Special Exception advertising. posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning egulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted puritant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore BERNARD LUTZKY Georgetown Manor, Inc. 2. JAMES MOVILLIAMS

3. GOUGH THOMPSON LAND ONDER LAND

1.4302 Old Court Road 2.0skhill and Sherwood Roads 3. Trappe, Naryland

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Address 34 & Chesaponke Ave

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ORDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this. 23rd day ..., 196.5., that the subject matter of this petition be advertued, as required by the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, in two newspapers of general circulation through out Baltimore County, that property be posted, and that the public hearing be had before the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County in Room 106, County Office Building in Towson, Baltimore County, on the 3rd PM ____day of May 196 5 at 2:00 o'clock

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Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

CHACTURE COURT

BALTDIORE COUNTY Miss. No. 3547/0/100

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MEMORANDUM OPINION

This is the latest in the long series of reclassifications from one none to assent zone, justified by the Board of Appeals upon the ground of "earts - change" said to have been produced by the construction of the Baltin Soltway and its associated rumps and subsidiary road realignments, coupled wine the admitted failure of the legislative branch of the County to provide sufficient land masses for construction of necessary residential rental facilities in the comprehensa- soning or lina soon.

The property in question is roughly triangular in shape. Its southernmont boundary borders on Old Court Road. Its westernmost side borders the relocated Gwynns Palls which in turn is bordered by the Saltimore County Beltway and the proposed ramps of the proposed Northwest Expressway. The third or portheasternmost side rans generally along the line of the tracks of the Western Muryland Rail-oad (but reparated therefrom by distances verying between 40° to 225'). It is along that border that a strip of land 63,64" in width affords access to an existing 50' road, known as Greenwood Road, which in turn provides access to Old Court

In the course of its opinion granting the requested reclassification, tha Board referred to construction of the Saltimore County Belt vay; the acquisition of a proposed interchange of that Beltway and the Northwest Expressway; the ralocation of Gwynns Palls; and the relocation of Old Court Road approximately

300° to the south of its former location as changes reasonably justifying raclass-Rec'd 11-10-66

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Feb 25, 1965

Description for Zening Purposes Property Sounded by Old Court Road, Dayrons Falls, Bultimore Heltway and Western Earyland Hallroad,

Sectioning for the same at a point on the northwest at m of Old Court being 225.21 feet southwesterly measured at a right angle from the center line the Western Maryland Sailroad at Valuation Station 406 + 50.43, and running thence binding on the northwest side of Cld Court Roam, (1) South 61° 28' Hast 63.64 feet to the beginning of the parcel of land which by dead dated February 73, 1940 and to the beganning of the parent of the shirts of county in likes 0.4.4.4, 3r. No. 1093 folia 300 was compast by 4131am J. Faley and wife to Bernird Lutiny and wife. thesee Minding reversely on a part of the last line thereof () by 3 line curving to the right with a radius of 2897.93 feet the distance of 773.43 feet and a shord bearing North 45° 02' 35" West 275,49 feet, thence for a line of division now made. (3) South 360 45' West 140,40 feet to the end of the fourth line of the percel of lend which by a deed dated line 18, 1956 and recorded among the aforest land records in Liber G. L. S. No 2504 felio 333 was conveyed by Rennare Lataky and wife to Manoleon E. Lobe, Jr. and wife, thonce reversely with th lines thrown, (4) South 539 32 300 least 115.68 feet and (5) Louth 369 27 300 East 206.18 feet to the northwest side of Old Court Hoad, thence binding thereon (6) South 360 461 dest 125.14 feet to the end of the 3rd line of the sformed conveyance to Hernard Lattky and wife, thence still binding on Old Court Read (?) South 190 No? "Nest 79.5," "est and (?) Jouth 190 No? "est 75.50 Feet to the besidning of the parcel of Late which by a doed Lated pril 23, 193 No: recorried among the aforesals land records in Liber D. L. 9. No. 2500 folto 25 Now as conveyed by Noble Kenneth Arch and wife to Francis A. Zell and wife, thence binding on the first line thereof and with the southwestern outline of a partel of land conveyed thence with the 2nd and 3rd lines of the conveyance to Zell, (10) South 840 13* 10" West 75.00 feet and (11) South 850 86' 50" East 162.17 feet to the northwest side of Old Court Acad thence binding therein (12) South 35° 00' west 74.32' feet, (13) South 39° 15' west 150.00 feet and (14) South 50° 05' west 157.23 feet to the estant side of Dayman Falls Aslocation as sizes on state comes Cordination of Saryland Flats Res. 2997 and 1999, there stants therein (1) borth 16 35 135 mass 567.51, 0.5 by a line couring right with a resiste of 25% 10 feet the classace of 177.86 feet and a chord bearing Month 15 50 25 Cast 176.74 feet (27) North 160 51: 24" East 238.17 feet, (18) by a line curving left with a rac Solids feet the distance of 15011] feet are n charge bounds for the 10 % 35 Mail 440.03 feet to the sattless the of the Alliente Solids, thence binding formula (10) Morth 207 56 58 Mail 10). Morth 207 31 Page 255 Seet to the southwest side of the Western Harri of Ratiroad at a point measured 40.00 Test continent aim of the angles from the center of said value of it Yaluation Station 419 + 31.44, thence chanting on the south west might of way line of risk makinged. (21) boath 56 021 30% has 152,127 feet. (22) 5041 B 03 130 Kest

RE: PETITION FOR RECLASSIFICATION
R-40 to R.A. Zone
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of Western Maryland Railroad
3rd District
Bernard Lutzky et al-Petitioner:

BEFORE THE

DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

OF

No. 65-307-R

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This is a petition to reclassify sixteen acres of ground from an R-h0 Zone to an R-A Zone. This property originally was part of an overall tract which was divided by the Baltimore Beltway. Plans call for the construction of 240 apartment units with 292 offstreet parking places.

There will be one and two bedroom units which will be rented for \$150.00 and \$200.00 per month respectively. The units will be contained in two-story buildings constructed with a colonial design. Recreational facilities will be provided and as much existing greenery will be retained.

Mr. James Sparer, a registered engineer, testified that water and sewer are available. He stated that traffic ingress and egress would be by Old Court Road, now 18 wide, which eventually will be widened to 24. Traffic will reach Reisterstown Road by means of Greenwood Road and the new Old Court Road. This witness could foresee no serious traffic congestion from the proposed apartments.

Mr. Rosenbush, a realtor, described the property as being bounded on the north by the Baltimore Beltway, on the east by an M.L. Zone (improved with a warehouse) and the Western Maryland Railroad, on the south by Old Court Road and two homes, and on the west by Gwynns Falls and the proposed ramp to the Northwest Expressway. The topography was described as being "rolling". This witness also testified there is no market in the immediate area for individual homes. He also was of the opinion that because of the proximity of the subject land to the Baltimore Beltway and the proposed Northwest Expressway and because of the high cost in developing the tract in its present zoning category, the present R-40 zoning is in error.

Both Mr. Spamer, Mr. Rosenbush, and the Director of Planning for Baltimore Jounty were of the opinion the most appropriate and logical zoning of the subject tract would be for apartments. With this opinion, the Deputy Zoning Commissioner agrees. For the foregoing reasons, it is OMDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County this ______ day of June, 1965, that the herein described property or area should be and the same is hereby reclassified, from an R-40 Zone to an R-4 Zone, subject to approval of the site plan by the State Roads Commission, Bureau of Public Services, and the Office of Planning and Zoning.

EDWARD D. HARDESTY Deputy Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County LINES & SPAMER & ASSOCIATES

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(1) C.W.J., Jr. No. 1993 folio 290 - deed to Fernand Lutzky and wife. (2) C.m.B. Jr. No. 1103 felto 399 - deed to liects D. Torqueso.
(3) J.m.B. Ko. 1961 felto 1 - test to James he-tillams and wife.



June 29, 1965



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Ro: Petition for Reclassification R_40 to R.A. Zone R/S of Old Court Road 225' W. of Western Maryland Railroad Bernard Lutsky et al-Petitioner No. 65-307-R

Dear Mr. Rose:

On behalf of Mr. N. Lobe and myself, regarding the above captioned reclarations proceeding, we herealth wish to appeal Mr. Edward D. Mardesty's Oppler dated June 2, 1967 to the County Roard of Appeals of Maltimore County.

Suclosed herewith is our check in the amount of \$30.00 to cover the costs of this appeal and alvertiates.

Very truly yours,

Tra B Zell 716 Old Court Seed

ce: Mr. N. Lobe

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 2120

June 1, 1966

County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County 301 County Office Building Towson, Maryland 2120-

I enclose herewith copy of Order of Appeal, which was filed today in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County.

Very truly yours.

James Ind J. Francis Ford

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORREST ONDENCE

TO Mr. John G. Rose, Zoning Commissioner Pate. April 22, 1965

FROM. George E. Gavrelis, Director

SUBJECT Petition #65-307-R. "R-40 to R.A. North si e of Old Couri Road 225 feet West of Western Maryland Railroad. Being the property of Bernard Lutsky."

3rd District

HEARING: Monday, May 3, 1965 (2:00 P.M.)

The planning staff of the Office of Planning and Zoning has reviewed the subject petition and offers the following comments:

It was the intent of the official zoning map for the Western Plenning Area to affirm
the large-lat character of the area along Old Court Road westerly from Greenwood
Road. At the same tira, industrial zoning alongside the Western Maryland Railroad was affirmed and the realignment of Old Court Road become the stopping point
for more intense esidential destilists occurring to the south.

Access to the subject site is principally by vay of Old Court Road, through or next to residential developments on both sides of the Bethway and the Northwestern Expressway. The northwesterly extension of new Old Court Road is scheduled for completion this year or in 1966. This will provide a good link from the Western Marylond Rollinad to Reliesterstwan Kood.

In view of the projected Old Court Road improvements, and consequent better access from Reisterstown Road, it may well be that apartment zoning here could

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Sever - Deleting 27° and 82° Along Cornes Palls.

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Road - Old Court Road and Greenwood Road to be developed as per Baltimore County Standards in effect at the time of construction.

Storm Drain - It appears that the property as it now exists a contained for a part at least, within the Suprame hills Ploca Palls.

The following members had no conent to offer

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Yours very truly. Ances DYNR Just Petition Processing

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