

February 20, 2017

To The Westtown Township Planning Commission:

First of all, I want to thank you all for the tireless work you have all put in regarding the Crebilly Farm fiasco with TOLL brothers. I can only imagine the hours on and off the job and the impact this has made on countless emails, telephone calls, discussions, not to mention your emotional and physical health.

I have lived all of my 76 years in Chester County- first on Oakbourne Road, then in Marshalltown and brought up my family, Christopher and Gibbs Tolsdorf in Westtown Township on the eastern edge. The owners of Crebilly were good friends of my parents. And so I knew the Robinsons.

My boys loved this area so much, both went to EAST, that they have stayed and brought up families here, and had local businesses, TOLSDORF OIL LUBE EXPRESS and RAINBOW CAB. Dick, my husband and I are very happy that they loved this area so much they decided to stay and give back to the community they love so much as are their kids and wife. I have a nephew who also chose to live here- quite near Crebilly as a matter of fact.

My parents were very active in the town as well- on various Boards and my dad was one of the first to start both the BVA and the Red Clay Association.

And now Crebilly Farm is at a critical point in what could be a massive change in this area. I still own in Chester County in Hersheys Mill and so when I was home in December I came to the meetings. I am in Florida for the winter and there is not much I can do from here. But I have read everything that has come in my email box and heard from my kids and the papers.

I can only hope that the Supervisors can see the "light" and have the wisdom to see what they need to envision for generations to come. You have certainly done your homework.

I have seen too many historic areas lost to parking lots, and new buildings. I have travelled Route 202 to Friends School in the 50's and then seen it become 4 lanes. I have seen other townships around secure and keep open space- like Willistown who puts their density near Westtown, or Unionville who has preserved open space.

The planning commission has done a super job in trying to stay within the law, and trying to impassion people to find the right words to put up a united front against a mogul who does not care or have any interest in preserving what we MUST keep.

My heart breaks to think that Crebilly has even come to this. I can tell you that the Robinson Seniors would not have done this to Chester County.

I will continue to follow this with great interest and prayers.

Boots Tolsdorf