

Hi Mr. Chappelle. My name is Glenn Puit and I'm a policy specialist for the Michigan Land Use Institute in Emmet County. I am working on a news story about Petoskey Investment Group's lawsuit against Bear Creek Township and the Sewer Authority. I'm hoping you'll answer the following questions for me for my story so I can include your positions in the article.

The questions are:

1. When did you first decide to pursue this development project in Bear Creek?
2. Why did you choose this particular property and this particular community?
3. According to court depositions, the individuals who hold interests in Strathmore and Terra Management are one and the same. Would you agree with this statement?
4. Please list all individuals who hold a financial interest in Petoskey Investment Group.
5. There is a reference to an L. Johnson in court depositions as an individual having an interest in Strathmore and Terra. Is this a reference to Allen D. Johnson, the individual listed on Strathmore's website, or someone else? If it is someone else, please specify who this person is.
6. The Lowe's and at least a portion of the apartment complexes got built. Why, then, do you feel the need to continue suing Bear Creek Township and its sewer authority?
7. By continuing to pursue this litigation aren't you, in effect, trying to punish the community for not approving your development project quickly enough?
8. One of the lawyers who filed this litigation is identified in court records as a Timothy Stoecker. Mr. Stoecker, according to news accounts, is the same lawyer who sued individual township members in Acme Township when a proposed Meijer development was resisted there. Do you have any comment on this? Do you agree with such litigation tactics? How does Mr. Stoecker's involvement in the Meijer litigation impact your lawsuit, if at all?
9. When the legal settlement was reached with Emmet County, was there ever any discussion during the negotiations about including Bear Creek Township into the settlement to protect them from future litigation? What was your position on this, and what was the county's?
10. Prior to the Strathmore proposal, there was a long and heated community fight over the Wal-Mart in Bear Creek. Given this, when you were planning your development in Bear Creek, did you budget for the possibility that the process of getting approval for this project might be a long, drawn-out affair? If not, why?
11. If Strathmore or any of your affiliated companies proposes a development in a particular community, and residents of the community oppose it, would you respect their right to choose how their community develops and grows, or would you proceed with your development

anyways?

I appreciate your answers to these questions. You've also asked me to forward you a background article on the Meijer store in Petoskey. Here it is:

<http://mlui.org/growthmanagement/fullarticle.asp?fileid=17216>

Thanks,

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