

November 6, 2017

Subject: BOZA File 2598

Dear Member of the Board of Zoning Appeals,

Shenanigans of Wisconsin is requesting a variance to the City of La Crosse land use ordinance as it relates to the La Crosse Regional Airport's extraterritorial zoning powers. The variance request is for the construction of a new institutional daycare facility within zone B1 (see attached **Exhibit A**) which is not permitted within this zone (see attached **Exhibit B**). As outlined in the Airport's land use plan study this type of land use within this zone can endanger the health, safety, and welfare of those persons on the ground with special emphasis in this instance on the inability for children to properly care for themselves in the case of an aircraft incident at this location. While the risk is low overall there was a recent case in Ft. Meyers Florida where a daycare in a similar layout had an aircraft crash into it on final approach to the airport. Fortunately in this instance the daycare was closed. Had the current facility been proposed while this ordinance was in effect the same recommendation would have been made at that time.

It is important to maintain the intent of this ordinance and granting a variance for this non-permitted use would negate the intent of the ordinance and erode future enforcement of its provisions. The Airport recommends that the variance be denied and that the location of the proposed daycare be re-situated to a more suitable site.

Thank you for consideration of this request. If you have any further questions please contact me at 608-789-7456.

Respectfully Submitted,



Clinton R. Torp  
Airport Director

