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Dear Member's of the City of Madison Zoning Board of Appeals,

Madison is home to 270 amazing parks. Merrill Springs Park is very much a small neighborhood park but I have met many people from outside the neighborhood as-well- as from Germany and France who truly enjoy it. They are all enchanted with the Native American history and historical stone spring, table and benches. I have witnessed picnickers, sun bathers, bird watchers, sunrise and sunset observers and yoga practitioners enjoy this park for the water front solitude, views and privacy. The welcome lack of residential light at night makes it a great place to watch the stars. I have spoken to many who come to enjoy this park and no one has been happy with the changes that have taken place including clear cutting of the woods. While I respect the Harrison's having a view easement to trim trees for lake views I feel they have taken advantage of what the easement allowed and took little consideration for the public who simply want a cool, private space to enjoy nature without private homeowners looking down at them.

In summary I oppose the request for a side yard variance at 5050 Lake Mendota Dr. This narrow 28' lot was intended as a simple access to the waterfront for the homeowners. With so many public concerns I request that the Madison Zoning Board of Appeals limit this non conforming deck to what is legally required without a variance.

Respectfully, Kim McBride

Sent from my iPhone