

Letter: Mayor didn't raise NIMBY

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By Mark Walsworth from Red Wing on Apr 6, 2016 at 5:51 p.m.

To the Editor:

My wife and I are among those negatively impacted by Public Works proposed new concrete crushing/storage yard and ash mining/metal extraction proposals.

I will have more to say on both topics in a separate letter. The purpose of this letter is to correct a quotation error in Alan Muller's letter (RE-March 30).

In his letter, Mr. Muller writes "Bender said it was probably a good idea but not in his backyard" when he was arguing against the ash mining proposal. I was at the same meeting and I believe that what Mayor Bender said was "not appropriate in a residential area."

Of course anyone who is interested can listen to the recording of the Planning Commission meeting for Mayor Bender's complete statement.

"Not in my backyard" or "NIMBY" carries a negative connotation in some groups. Having the privilege of the Benders' acquaintance, I do not believe it is appropriate to place this label on Mayor Bender or his comments.

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