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Resident says wind turbine noises are driving her mad

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What goes thump, buzz and whoosh in the night?

A 150-foot tall wind turbine, according to several Libertyville residents.

“It hums and buzzes. It thumps and screeches when they put the brakes on it. You can’t stop it,” said Laurie Renz of the 800 block of East Rockland Road. “It makes you mad — not angry, mad insane. It drives you insane.”

Renz and several other residents attended Monday’s Village of Libertyville plan commission meeting to complain about the constant sounds coming from a 150-foot tall wind turbine installed near their homes, and to offer input on a proposed change in zoning that would regulate the future use of wind turbines in the village.

It’s been more than a yearlong fight for Renz and members of the Citizens for the Protection of Libertyville since Aldridge Electric Company installed a wind turbine on Rockland Road. In addition to Renz, several residents who live within a couple hundred yards of the wind turbine have said their nerves are being tested.

Lisa Newell, of the 400 block of 7th Avenue, said she never knows what sound to expect, and has become so obsessed with the noises that at times she finds herself constantly checking the weather report for fear of a windy day, knowing the turbine could get louder.

“It makes a whooshing sound. It sounds like my washing machine is always running and sometimes it sounds like a helicopter is waiting to take off. You can’t ignore it,” Newell said. “We used to like to sleep with the windows open, but because of the turbine, we keep them closed. You still hear it. You can’t escape it.”

Another resident, John Foley of the 500 block of Kenwood Avenue, said his concerns are two-fold.

“This thing is noisy. It’s bad for people and it’s bad for nearby wildlife. I hate to think of what it would do to birds,” Foley said.

After hearing similar comments from several residents at the meeting, commissioners agreed to continue the discussion of wind turbines at the March 28 meeting.