

## Statement of Deborah Gavlik

I have been a resident of Bexley for nearly 24 years. My family and I originally moved to 696 S. Roosevelt in 1996 because we liked the house and wanted to take advantage of the school system for the children. The backyard had been totally paved over by the previous owner to make space to park an RV.

After living these many years in Bexley, I would like to make an improvement to the property by replacing the old garage. I would also like to add green space to the property, since the backyard is totally paved over. I would like to keep the driveway on the side of the house because the house does not have a back door, and it is convenient to unload groceries through the side door to the kitchen. I spoke to the contractor, Dan from Priestas Brothers, and the best way to achieve these objectives is to install a garage with an entrance from the alley. All of the paved area in the backyard will be removed and replaced with grass as part of the project.

Recently, while taking a walk in the neighborhood, I quickly discovered 10 houses (just on South Roosevelt and Vernon Avenue (south of Main), which have the same design (side driveway and garage with an entry from the alley) I am proposing. Photos of these properties have been attached.

I am simply asking to have the opportunity to improve the property, retain the side driveway, which I will have repaved, greatly increase the amount of green space on the property, and replace the old garage.

Thank you for your consideration.