

City, racetrack officials must fix the noise problem

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I wonder how the Millville city commissioners and the owners and operators of the New Jersey Motorsports Park can be insensitive to certain complaints than face this hard-to-swallow but too-true fact -- a collective noise problem.

This was what the group Track Racket and citizens concerned with the prevailing track noise were trying to bring to commissioners attention at some of the previous City Commission meetings. Instead of practicing what one TV commercial stated -- "Listening is the beginning of understanding" -- they are treating these concerns with ill feelings that border on boneheadedness.

There is nothing unreal or boneheaded about racetrack noise and that it bothers a lot of people, such as artists who need peace and quiet to concentrate on painting, and people who chose to live here because of the natural beauty and/or the peace and quiet this county offers.

In several sections along Route 695 around Baltimore, Md., there are sound barriers (actually, thick walls) that act as noise buffers.

Maybe Mr. Savaro and the other Motorsports Park principles don't want to build these sound barriers because they are very expensive. That might be understandable, but sometimes you have "to lose money to make money," and this situation is one of those times when this idea would actually apply.

Building noise barriers may soften the blow of the noise that comes from the thunderous roar of the racecars and motorcycles that will race there.

This is no time to bury your head in the sand. It's time to solve the noise complaints for county residents.

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