

The Press Citizens Editorial Board

Now track noise will go at night?

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All through the planning stages for the New Jersey Motorsports Park, residents were assured that there would be no racing after dark. At both a public meeting and in a private meeting at the municipal building attended by me, several Millville officials and racetrack officials, I asked for clarification and was told that meant there would be no racing after sundown.

Now I see the racetrack is advertising a "Devil after Dark" event over two days in June. How can that be when we were assured there would be no operations after dark?

The city should impose restrictions on this as part of the ongoing negotiations to change the development plan that the racetrack has requested.

Allowing this type of noise at night is a disgrace. Millville's city ordinance forbids noise greater than 80 decibels after sunset - at the noise originator's property line, not one mile away. I call on Millville police to be on hand to monitor this event.

This racetrack should have never been built in such a populated area. Millville officials were blinded by promises of revenues that have failed to materialize and jobs that have turned out to pay on average less than \$7,000 per year before taxes.

I am sure you would all agree that if someone were to come to your neighborhood with this type of noise, you would not only be displeased, but the noisemaker would find themselves ordered to stop by the police. All I am asking for is the same consideration.

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