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Mayor isn't protecting us from the noise

In the days I have spent poring through old newspaper articles, minutes of City Commission meetings and other documents to learn more about the New Jersey Motorsports Park and how it came to be, it is very interesting the things one can find out.

Case in point is a Sept. 17, 2008, article in an area newspaper, which dealt with the number of complaints generated by the Mazda Formula X open wheel race. Mayor James Quinn said the city was looking at this first year as a gauge to find out what problems are caused by the track and to see what the best solution is when it comes to addressing them.

"The positive economic impact will be great for the region, but it comes down to a quality of life issue," the mayor said. "If open-wheel racing produces so much noise that residents can hear it from miles away, this will have to be addressed. We do need to sit down with the officials of the track and come up with a compromise, something that works for everyone."

So I am going to assume that the meeting between Mayor Quinn and the track officials to work out a compromise took place for there was no mention of it in the newspapers. Imagine the response these residents will have when they learn that the Motorsports Park has scheduled back-to-back -- yes, a double-header -- of the Mazda Formula X series on June 13 and 14. These are the noisiest cars that run at the racetrack!

When a resident comes to you, Mr. Quinn, stating that the noise is so unbearable and has reached a point where they think it might force them from their home, your response, or lack of response, allowed a doubling of the loudest race at the park! How does this protect residents?

We at TrackRacket@me.com want to thank the mayor for his concern and protection. Keep up the good work.

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