



TrackRacket sends offer to New Jersey Motorsports Park

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MILLVILLE — Representatives from anti-noise group TrackRacket on Friday announced they have forwarded an offer to the New Jersey Motorsports Park that they say, if accepted, would “settle” all remaining claims in their lawsuit against the track.



New Jersey Motorsports Park

However, details on the offer were scant Friday, as TrackRacket attorney Oliver Griffin did not return a message left at his Philadelphia office. NJMP General Manager Brad Scott stated he has not had a chance to speak with the park’s attorney regarding the offer.

TrackRacket founder Michelle Post agreed to give a summary.

“It’s pretty self explanatory; it’s a list of remedies to bring the level of noise down to what would be acceptable,” said Post. “It mainly deals with excessive noise.”

The NJMP has been making its way through Chapter 11 bankruptcy over the past month. Scott stated a committee of the park’s creditors was assembled two weeks ago, and have been meeting regularly with each other and track officials.

“There have been positive discussions with regard to final payoff numbers,” said Scott. “The goal is to get through this as quickly as possible, as it costs money to keep talking — the more you talk the more money you pay to attorneys.”

NJMP officials on March 7 announced the park had declared bankruptcy.

Among its debts were \$520,000 in unpaid bills to Millville Rescue Squad and \$425,000 to the Cumberland Empowerment Zone from a December 2009 loan. The park made its first payment of \$200,000 to the rescue squad last month. Another payment is due this summer.

NJMP attorney Louis Lipsky has stated both groups will be paid in full.

The anti-noise group's three-count suit against the track accuses NJMP officials of misleading residents regarding noise that would result from races and events. It also alleges the park's economic benefits to the city were overstated by NJMP officials during the project's planning stages.

The suit lists as its aim the curbing of further "noise-generating developments" at the track, as well as forcing limitations on current decibel levels.

The plaintiffs are also seeking compensatory damages against the park for any drop in their property values.

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