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So much for the 'concessions' made by the racetrack

It seems the city of Millville and the New Jersey Motorsports Park have reached an agreement to change the racetrack's general plan and build an additional track closer to residential neighborhoods.

The involved parties would like the community to believe that this agreement involves concessions by the Motorsports Park to curb the imposing noise that invades surrounding residential neighborhoods every weekend. The article reported that these concessions included delaying start times 30 minutes and moving the public address system. These are hardly concessions when the noise is sometimes so loud that it is heard inside houses with windows closed for hours on end, or when the roar of engines is imposing on daily activities, including sleeping, because the city of Millville allows the racetrack to run until midnight for special events.

Mr. Savaro stated to the Daily Journal that the racetrack has been more of a benefit to the community than a negative. We have yet to see these benefits. I have not heard that local businesses have benefited greatly, or that many local residents have good, full-time jobs with benefits because of the racetrack. I would say, for the few local residents who enjoy and benefit from the track, these benefits have been minor compared to the disruptive and disturbing nuisance it has created for people who actually have to pay their fair share of property taxes.

The "committee" that negotiated these conditions had no community representation and there were no reports from the committee that it had even asked the communities affected for input.

The meetings were held behind closed doors, and only after an agreement was reached was the public told that sometimes, on certain events, the New Jersey Motorsports Park couldn't start until 8:30 a.m. Thirty minutes? Thank you so much for these "concessions."

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