

The Morton Township Planning Commission
Re: RV Park Development

We are writing on behalf of the School Section Lake Property Owners Association. Our association represents 220 property owners and 274 properties with direct or deeded access to our lake.

While the development of your RV Park may not directly affect us, we are aware of the concerns expressed by many of our property owners. We encourage the township to take these concerns seriously as this is no doubt a development with a significant impact on our entire region. Additionally, we do have concerns about the increased traffic congestion and the impact on emergency services that may be a result of this project.

Specifically, access to our lake occurs, in part, along 10-Mile Road, which we believe will be a primary entry point to your proposed RV park. The width of 10-Mile road and the significant curves on it make it ill-suited for RV traffic. Additionally, West School Section Lake Road connects Buchanan Road to 10-Mile. A road even more narrow than 10-Mile, part of WSSL Road is privately funded and maintained. None of WSSL Road was designed for traffic beyond that of our property owners. All the roads surrounding School Section Lake have seen an increase in foot and bicycle traffic over the past several years and we anticipate this trend will continue. Because our lake is a “neighborhood of families,” many of these pedestrians are children.

Regarding the impact to services: Our Neighborhood Watch program is currently inactive due to reduced public safety staffing. The proposed RV Park may add to the public safety burden. Also, the closure of Kelsey Hospital in Lakeview may further reduce our access to nearby emergency medical services. We ask the Planning Commission to consider these concerns — as well as those voiced by our individual property owners — and ensure that they are addressed as you finalize your decisions around the proposed development.

Sincerely,

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