

Town of Lee Ad Hoc Racetrack Committee Meeting Minutes October 21, 2015

Attendees: C Brown, W Lehman, A Lelio, B. Callen, T Dronsfield, T Loureiro, D Cedarholm

1. Group accepted meeting minutes from August 4 2015 meeting.
2. Tom L opened discussion, noting that Eric Reuter of Reuter Associates is comfortable with the sound data he has gathered to date, and that the data supports the well head as a good measurement station. Tom L suggested that the group reach a consensus on the monitoring station, and then provide Eric with a directive to begin re-writing the Racing Ordinance measurement procedure in order to make it enforceable.
3. Tom L noted that we still have monies left in the committee budget, which will hopefully cover any work by Eric to help rewrite the Ordinance.
4. Cary stated that as part of the revised measurement procedure, he expects that Eric will also specify the sound measurement equipment which must be used.
5. Bill stated that the owners of Lee Speedway do not want measurements taken at the well head, but instead at the property line. Bill noted that the track owners were lawyering up over this issue.
6. Andy asked Tom L if Eric felt he was able to properly extrapolate sound measurements at the well head to sound levels at the property line, using specific transfer formulas. Tom L said yes, Eric was confident of his ability to do so.
7. Andy made a motion to instruct Eric to use the well head as a measurement station, and to begin writing up proper measurement procedures for this location. Tom L seconded. Tom L opened discussion on the motion.
8. Dave stated that he did not support measurement at the well head since the track was potentially going to make this an issue. He asked why the well head measurement location was selected. Andy noted that Eric was trying to select a measurement station that a) was not contaminated by route 125 traffic noise and b) was easily accessible and c) yielded values which could be extrapolated to the property line.
9. Bill noted that the well head is on private property and the owners do not want measurements at this location. Andy noted that Section 21B of the Ordinance already specifies that racetrack property owners must allow access to the racetrack property by Town officials for sound measurement purposes.
10. Dave suggested that the committee ask Eric to evaluate another spot on the property line for a measurement station. Dave noted that the closest property line to the racing track surface is actually the property line to the south of the track. The property line on the south side is marked by a stone wall below the grade of the track surface. Dave noted that any measurement device at this location may need to be suspended on a pole in order to secure proper sound measurements.
11. Group voted on motion identified in number 7 above, and the motion failed.
12. Group then decided to direct Eric to look at possible measurement stations along the south property line, and to begin drafting measurement language to suit. Tom L will contact Eric to arrange.
13. Tom D noted that once Eric drafts measurement language, he would like to meet with him to review it. The draft language will also need to be reviewed by the Town of Lee attorney to ensure that it is enforceable.
14. Group discussed whether the Ordinance language could be changed without a Town meeting. Dave's initial thought is that since it is an Ordinance that may be possible. In response to Tom L's question, Andy noted that past changes to the Ordinance were approved by Lee voters prior to inclusion in the Ordinance.
15. Group decided not to set next meeting date pending Tom L's discussion with Eric, but group hopes to reconvene within several weeks to review draft Ordinance language.
16. Meeting adjourned.