

Editor's Mail

Mobile home park objections disgust reader

Dear Sir: I have been thoroughly disappointed with a very large minority of our population who can only think of themselves. Last week I read two reports from "Concerned property owners", in the Gormley and Buttonville areas who opposed residential developments. Let's be more specific! The Gormley residents opposed a plan for a mobile home development. The reasons they offered were, that there was a stigma attached to mobile homes. At one time people who lived in trailers were looked upon as gypsies, who never

stayed in one location for very long. But times have changed, young people and persons on a low or medium income can no longer afford a conventional house, cost of housing is completely out of reach for them. Their only chance therefore is a moderate or low priced house. Mobile homes offer their only hope. The suggestion that such an area would end up as a "slum area" is both absurd and ridiculous. With 3.5 units to the acres and proper subdivision regulations this could be an attractive area indeed. The objections that the residents of Cachet Estates presented were

even more disgusting. Here the property owners, who already live on large parcels of land, demand parkland, complete with tennis court for their own private use. They also object to other people building their home on one-acre lots too close to their homes. Seems to me that those so called "concerned residents" care only about themselves. They have no regard for the desperate shortage of housing they are so selfish and hypocritical that in effect they are saying, "I HAVE MINE, SO TO HECK WITH YOU." C. VAN MARIS R.R. 1, Gormley

Election interest 'dismally small'

Dear Sir, In connection with the recent meeting of the candidates for position of School Board Trustee sponsored by the Tribune at Latcham Hall last Thursday, I would like to offer the following comments.

Firstly I would like to thank the Tribune for its public interest in providing this forum for the candidates to present their views and concerns in various areas, to the electorate. The three candidates briefly stated the reasons for their interest in the position of the Board, caused by the recent resignation of Colin Barrett. It was an opportunity to meet the candidates, and learn something about them and their views on different issues. This con-

frontation provided an interesting insight into the practical concerns and philosophies of the candidates. My concern is the very small number of the electorate interested enough in the education system, to meet the people who shape policies. During the past few weeks, the Tribune has published an article on each of the candidates whom they interviewed, but surely one can learn more at an open meeting of this type where questions can be asked of each involved party, and answered publicly. I am sure many of the electorate will have no knowledge of the person behind the name as they mark their ballots on November 10th. MRS. BETTY CAMPEY Gormley

Lake speed limit labelled 'silly idea'

Editor's note: The letters dealing with the proposal to limit the speed of motorboats on Musselman's Lake are not letters to the editor but were letters sent directly to council.

Dear Sir: I am a property owner at Musselman's Lake. I also am a powerboat operator and water skier on the same lake. I am very disappointed in the story in the Stouffville Tribune of October 9, 1975. To my disbelief, I actually read that you are proposing a 5 MPH speed limit for boats on the lake. I didn't think that people in your position would be that inconsiderate, not to

mention ignorant of the situation that actually exists here. Time and again it has been brought to your attention that the only boats on the lake that cause any problem or safety hazard are those that come from outside the Whitechurch - Stouffville area. I do not know how else to push this into your made-up-minds on this subject. So far I have got in my possession over 200 signed petitions stating this very fact. I can get lots more but my time was quite limited this summer for collecting these petitions. However, I have planned a real drive starting mid May until mid June 1976. I am certain I can come up with well over 500 petitions by both boat operators and non-boat operators.

residents only to operate boats on the lake. So far Council has not asked any questions but they have stated what they want to do. Who are they? Do we not matter? Obviously not. All we do is pay their salary. You may think that because I have a boat is why I'm pushing this matter. WRONG. All of us power boat owners have respect for each other and we obey the laws of the water. We don't bother swimmers or rowboats or fishermen etc. We don't buzz the shorelines or hazard others at all. I really feel its about time you started listening to us with open minds not closed ones. Let's get some action on this and your ideas are not always right. Lake Wilcox closed

in the same position but we won't get into that because if you start worrying about how to get better police protection around here you'll have to limit your time on proposing speed limits on the lake and banning power boats and other silly ideas like that. Good luck on your newest venture. Carl Kirk, Etobicoke.

Lake too small for fast boats

Dear Sir: Thank you for your leadership and interest in regulating the high powered motor boats on Musselman's Lake. This lake is just 118 acres in size and in our opinion, too small for these high powered motors and boats. It is not unusual to see motors of 150 H.P. or greater or as many as three water skiers being towed by one boat. Further, it is not always the non residents who monopolize all of the lake and make the waters dangerous to swimmers and small craft. One Sunday afternoon, in the summer of 1970, we had the case where a resident of the area and the driver of a motor boat, lost control of the craft and fell out of the boat; the boat and motor ended up on the shore of our busy beach, needless to say it was a miracle that someone was not killed.

I would certainly think that you would take a survey of what we, the taxpayers, think. To my knowledge not one of you live within view of the lake nor do you know the actual situation. During a telephone conversation with Becky Wedley, I was asked what I would like done and I said ban the outside boats. Mrs. Wedley stated that it was the first time this suggestion was presented to her and that she liked the idea but was unsure how to approach it or if it could be enforced. I then said to Mrs. Wedley that I would gladly start a petition to this effect if I could get her support. Mrs. Wedley not only said she would support this idea but also said she would gladly present the signed petitions to council. I have several witnesses to this conversation.

Fair to ban all motors

Dear Sir, Congratulations to the Whitechurch - Stouffville Council for augmenting a request for an official bylaw restricting the speed of power boats. As a lakefront owner (of 20 years) I disagree with the petition of Carl Kirk, as reported in The Tribune, Oct. 23. He presumes that cottage owners have a right to use motorboats when others do not. A more sensible and fair solution would be to ban all motorboats and let Musselman's Lake return to the pleasurable past when swimmers did not fear being run down by two or three water-skiers dragging behind a power boat. Canoes, rowboats and sailboats are a delight to watch, but power boats disturb the peace, pollute the water and create dangerous safety situations. G.M. Jobe, P.O. Box 348.

Five mile speed limit ridiculous

Dear Sir, We are very much against the use of power boats on Musselman's Lake for obvious reasons which I am sure you are aware of. Furthermore, a five mile an hour speed limit is ridiculous. How is it going to be enforced? Are they going to have a police boat out on the lake? I doubt it. Mr. and Mrs. L. Karlsson

Then on another occasion on Musselman's Lake, where a woman swimmer was cut so badly by a propeller that she ended up having one leg amputated. There are many large lakes in Ontario, far more suitable for water skiing and high powered motors - let the big fish go to the big ponds. Let us keep tiny Musselman's for swimmers and small craft. May we suggest that this lake be restricted to motors of 10 H.P. or smaller OR no motors at all. A speed limit would help, if it could be enforced. Again, Thank You and we sincerely hope we will have some Motor Boat control for the summer of 1976. CEDAR BEACH PARK LIMITED Vern T. Davies.

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