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To members of Council

I would like to express some concerns that I have regarding the proposed Wake board Park. If the Park is to be seriously considered then Council needs to think carefully of the short and potential long term implications such a Park will have on the local area with regards to traffic, environmental issues, and the compatibility with existing neighbours and farming practices.

#### Traffic

The traffic needs to be considered for future flow that will not effect the fire department or police station.

The corner of Hwy. 26 and Grey Rd 2 is already very busy. Perhaps this is the time to consider a traffic circle or stoplights. I would assume that Clarke St would need to be upgraded for extra traffic.

#### Environment

Environmentally the Indian River needs to be ensured protection for future years. This is an important spawning river.

Man made ponds in general are not considered environmentally friendly.

What happens with the water if the ponds need drained? Should this be considered waste water and be trucked to the waste water plant for treatment..

Considering that Town service of water and sewer are nearby will this park be connected. Depending on how many participants or events that may be held here would septic be considered appropriate.

In the event the Wake Board Park is not successful will there be conditions to return the area back to its natural state.

What are the plans for the park in the off seasons?

#### Compatibility

The question of Compatibility with the existing neighborhood is one of the most important concerns. If there are any potential negative considerations they need to be addressed to avoid any future problems.

Although the noise has been presented as not an issue with regards to the electrical pumps and tows, other noises have not been addressed. The hitting of the boards for the jumps, music, will seadoos be used to pick up participants.

It has been noted with past events held on these lands that there is an echo effect. The planting of buffer zones might help to eliminate this effect.

The 2 upper training ponds are extremely close to the neighbours. Is it possible to locate these ponds in another area.

They would not be compatible with an existing apple orchard. This council recognized already the right to farm and the importance of growing food and speciality agricultural lands. I trust that all Council will respect the motion that has already been passed with regards to agriculture.

Thank you for considering these concerns.

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