

Your Letters to the Editor

Readers voice opposition to RV Park

There are huge environmental concerns with a local Milton Township proposed RV park. It would allow 70 RV's (700 daily residents) to sit atop the hillside above Torch River. To support the seasonal visitors, there is an approved permit for TWO wells (each with capacity to take 69 gpm) and in return a different approved permit allows 6450 gallons per day of sewage (per effluent guidelines) to enter the groundwater of Michigan. This obviously flows into the shallow wells of existing residents and to Torch River and all of the connecting lakes and rivers.

The request for a Special Use Permit (SUP) has been filed for a second time. In spite of never having initial SUP approval, the developer has clear cut hundreds of trees many decades old, plateaued the existing steep slopes and created numerous soil and erosion runoff events. One instance resulted in an EGLE violation when silt and soil reached adjacent wetlands and went

into Torch River. On multiple other occasions the site caused significant runoff to neighboring property owners.

The proposed RV park violates many local ordinances and is inconsistent with the Milton Township Master plan – it must be stopped.

*Sharon Hill
Rapid City*

After over a year of thoughtful consideration the Milton Township Planning Commission voted unanimously to deny a special use permit for a Torch bridge area RV park. Public comment on the issue was overwhelmingly opposed to the project. Local officials were against it. An independent consultant concluded

the development to be ill advised.

The same property owners have now submitted an almost identical proposal for a slightly smaller RV park in the same location. This will not solve any of the many issues concerning this development. This project threatens the Torch River watershed and surrounding environment, our local community and our cherished way of life. This RV development must be stopped AGAIN before irreparable harm is done to the area.

We urge concerned local residents and visitors who enjoy the natural wonders of this area to speak out against the madness. Write letters, attend the Milton Township Planning Commission meeting on November 15, join TESA (www.lesa.org) and protest against this project. The time to act is NOW!

*Mark and Anne Hatch
Milton Township residents*