

## Briefing and Statements to Oakland Township Board

Thursday Aug 12th, 2021

My name is Tim Bjornberg, back in 2006, we bought three lots totaling 41.78 acres on Woodland Pass in Oakland Township. My wife Kristen and I have two boys and we literally spend hundreds of hours a year on our land enjoying the outdoors.

On July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, our family was at a different family members cabin in Minnesota, when I received a call that Jon and Tina Keller's land on Woodland pass was on fire. This was extremely concerning to us considering our beloved 41.78 acres is only 550 yards south of where the fire originated. We owe a huge thank you to everyone involved for getting this fire under control and contained as quickly as possible.

Here's where my issues start. The fire on Jon and Tina's property was started by two juveniles using fireworks in one of the worst droughts in the past 20 plus years. (This isn't the first time that has happened in 2021) These two juveniles have a "permanent" campsite at DuFour's Campground. "RULE 6" from [www.dufourscampground.com](http://www.dufourscampground.com), has a ZERO TOLERANCE policy in regards to fireworks. There are no warnings, if a firework is used in the campground itself, the owner of the camper will be asked to vacate the property if a firework is set off. In my opinion, this is a great policy because it makes sure you have a safe/quite area for your paying customers in the campground. This exact policy by the campground is why the fire started on the Keller's property. The owner of the campsite where the two juveniles reside must have know these rules very well because the fireworks they bought didn't get lit at the campground...they were lit at the Keller's property. I don't know what more the Keller's can do in regards to marking their property anymore "PRIVATE". There are countless "NO TRESPASSING" signs and several locked gates that you must pass/go through to enter the property.

Also, per the lease agreement found on [www.dufourscampground.com](http://www.dufourscampground.com), **23. "Immediate Termination.** *Landlord is entitled to terminate this Agreement, without notice, upon Landlord being notified of or witnessing any criminal activity being engaged in by Tenant or Tenant's family, guests or invitees on the Leased Premises or the grounds of Dufours Campground.*" If the actions explained above don't merit "Immediate Termination" for the party involved, then I do what would. The campground says we are in this together, but are we?

It was brought to my attention 08/10/2021, no charges will be filed by the DNR on the juveniles and adult because it is their first-time offence. The offending parties will be entered into a database and if they ever trespass again, they will be fined. As stated above, we own land 550 yards to the south of the Keller's. I know some people just think the land we own is "just land" but to many of us, it is a part of who we are. When someone destroys your property and there is zero recourse, that is setting the wrong example. History will repeat itself!

