

# Viewpoints

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Lake Adventure response to articles

The Lake Adventure Recreational Community has been in existence in Dingman Township, Pike County in Commonwealth of PA since 1977. As a recreation campground the Lake Adventure Property Owners do not live full-time in the community; but utilize various types of recreation vehicles like tents, pop-ups, travel trailers and park model trailers to have a vacation getaway. For all owners in the Lake Adventure Community, Lake Adventure is a home away from home and a vacation destination.

Lake Adventure property owners do pay county real estate taxes, township real estate taxes and school taxes. Lake Adventure property owners have paid these real estate taxes since inception; which is definitely an economic benefit to the local region, considering that Lake Adventure has nearly 1,600 active property owners. Lake Adventure is not a full-time community, but a family campground. Lake Adventure property owners neither vote in any local elections nor do their children attend any local schools. In addition, Lake Adventure property owners cannot build a home on their lands but must use and enjoy the facility with various types of recreation vehicles. Accordingly, the Lake Adventure tax base is based on the transient camping nature of the community.

Since 1977 Lake Adventure, like all private communities, has recorded restrictive covenants, by-laws and rules and regulations that every property owner must abide by and follow.

The Board of Directors of Lake Adventure Community Association and the 1,600 active property owners support and contribute to the local community and economy. Lake Adventure Community Association hires local people to work in the office, maintenance, and recreational departments. In the summer many young people are hired throughout the community to work in the recreational departments as lifeguards and support staff.

The Lake Adventure property owners support many of the local businesses; including but not limited to; local restaurants, grocery stores, hardware stores, gas stations and many other local businesses to numerous to mention.

In addition, as a good community neighbor, Lake Adventure hosts the Pocono Mountain swim league and provides annual donations to the Dingman Township's Fire Department, The Dingman Township First Aid Squad and the Hemlock Farms Volunteer Fire Department.

Lake Adventure Community Association and the 1,600 active property owners have been an asset to the local community and economy.

Recently, the Lake Adventure Community Association has been presented to the public as a blithe on the local community and a non law abiding participant; this is not an accurate presentation of the Lake Adventure Community and the property owners. Lake Adventure has always been a law abiding good neighbor with all intentions of remaining the same.

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