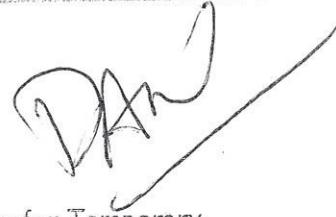


from the desk of Ray Kuzminski

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To the Township Board.

In regard to: Planning Commission recent action(s) of Conditional Use Permits for Temporary Campgrounds.

As you know the Planning Commission to the best of their ability under the extreme time constraints not only visited each of these sites, thoroughly researched background information and evaluated the merits of each request. We believed we had a clear line of communication(s) with each of people asking for these permits. Because there were two other governmental agencies involved (County Health & The State of Michigan) . Clear and concise answers from those agencies were 'foggy' at best.

Furthermore, after site inspections of a few of the campgrounds on the Saturday before the August Race, observed that the previously 'mentioned' lines of communications were taken advantage of by a few of these campground owners.

A few of the violations I observed were :

1. Failure to use campfire 'fire retainers'. The weather at the time was wet and this was a moot point.
2. Camp owners elected to 'reduce' their square footage of Campsites from the approved 1200sf min.
3. A twenty foot wide emergency lane in at least one instance was 'routed' between a large tree in the middle of the lane & a garden, preventing a large fire truck to pass. While also possibly getting stuck on the saturated 'lawn- fire lane'
4. Individual Campsite were not marked as required and were bunched together possibly two site deep.
5. Also contributing with in climate weather, some of these campsites were not 'close' to a fire lane but in the middle of a 'mudfield' where emergency vehicles could not get to if there was a need.
6. In some instances, camp owners may have surpassed their number of campsites requested.

Because of the 'time-constraints' & the failure of a few of the camp owners to follow the guidelines we set, I recommend that during this Fall, we thoroughly re-examine the Permits we issued. We should also consider sitting down with Cambridge Township to possibly set uniform rules & regulations for both adjoining Townships.

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