

Subject: Pubusky/Taylor Docket #2021-P-W-0016  
Date: September 8, 2021  
From: Community  
To: DNREC Hearing Officers

Thank you for the opportunity to provide additional comments on the above referenced application.

The August 25, 2021 public hearing was beneficial in our understanding of the proposed project. It was also beneficial to hear directly from the applicants, their agent, and the other participants who graciously spoke on the applicant's behalf.

Our previous comments were submitted individually, but since we share similar views, we have chosen to respond collectively; primarily to dispel the idea that we are opposed to the application, and secondarily, to reiterate our concerns for the scope of this project.

1. *We support the applicant's use of the cove, the waterway, and their enjoyment of the wetlands.*
  - We are pleased that the applicants share our concern for the wetland environment and intend to restore 200 feet of DNREC-regulated wetlands.
  - We have no objection to a variance that would allow the applicants to relocate the proposed docking facility and construct a new 3 x 150-foot wetland walkway.
  - We are not opposed to the location of the new docking facility.
2. *We are opposed to the size of the dock, which seems excessive for a non-commercial docking facility in a regulated wetland environment.*
  - We have no objection to the applicant's ownership and use of a pontoon boat, motorboat, jet-ski, and kayak but feel the size and configuration of the dock as presented is problematic. As presented by the applicant's agent, the 25-foot pontoon boat and 18-foot motorboat, plus 5-feet between would allow for a 48-foot-long dock, but the applicants are only requesting a 40-foot dock. We suggest that a reconfigured layout would accommodate both boats with a smaller footprint.
  - The aggregate size of the proposed walkways, piers, dock, and platform are out of character for the location when compared against adjacent and nearby docking facilities. We are concerned that the project, if permitted as planned, would set a precedent for future proposals, which in the end would have a deleterious effect on the adjacent wetlands.
3. We would also like to respond to some of the comments that were made during the hearing or submitted as written comments, which we feel are immaterial to the application but need to be addressed.
  - There were multiple references to the applicants as being young and nice; that they are doing a lot of good in the neighborhood and they deserve this modification. We are pleased to have nice, young neighbors.
  - That the young family should be able to enjoy boating, fishing, other water-based recreational activities that their neighbors already enjoy. We agree.
  - That they should be able to access the water just like all other waterfront homeowners in the neighborhood. We agree.
  - That since they bought a property on the water, they should be able to utilize the water access. We agree.
4. The following points were introduced by the applicant, which we feel are not justifications for an oversized docking facility:

- They have elderly and handicapped family members wishing access to the dock and boats. We support the proposed wetland walkway which will provide the requisite access.
- Teaching the applicant's daughter boating skills. This is entirely out of scope for this application.
- Having friends and family visit by boat rather than sitting in traffic on Route 24. This is immaterial to the application, while suggesting that even more boat traffic will be introduced to the cove

Again, thank you for the opportunity to express our concerns.

Respectfully,

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