

## Public Hearing Comments

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Comments on Docket #2021-P-W-0016 -- Pubusky/Taylor

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### Comments:

We attended the virtual public hearing for Docket #2021-P-W-0016-Pubusky/Taylor but neglected to submit the request to publicly comment in time for the 12pm deadline. Provided below is the statement that I wished to make in the live hearing. Please note, the comments provided below represent the views of myself and my wife, Doreen Hartley. We are residents of The Cove and live at 34059 N Heron Drive (a waterfront home) - 3 homes away from Tom and Abby. We were happy to see this nice, young family buy the property referenced in the hearing. The home sat on the market for a long period of time and as most homes that are not inhabited, it was beginning to deteriorate. This includes the pier on the property. When Tom and Abby took up residence, the house very quickly transformed into a property to be proud of. Most of us that live on the water, do so, to have the benefit of using the water. This would certainly be the case with a young family wanting their children, with them, to experience Delaware's waterways. However, the existing pier in question is not in good shape, an eye-sore, and most importantly, a safety hazard. That being said, they quite naturally wanted to improve it and have access to it. Since they have improved their home, this should be no different. If the exterior of their home was falling apart, the neighbors would expect them to make the necessary repairs. Why would anyone question this request to install a new pier and walkway - especially given it is compliant with regulation? Everyone else with waterfront property in The Cove, with the exception of our home, has a pier with a walkway. And, we certainly see no reason why this family should not have the same. Our house is uniquely situated in The Cove that affords us, perhaps, the best view to be had. That said, we see everyone's piers and walkways on both sides of the cove and do not foresee any view obstructions with what is proposed. As far as kayaks being unable to enjoy our cove, the wildlife, and natural habitat, this is simply preposterous. There is ample space for ALL to enjoy this beautiful waterfront area. Therefore, we wholly support this project of Tom and Abby's and request your approval and endorsement. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Sincerely, Diane Cooke and Doreen Hartley 34059 N Heron Drive