



January 22, 2024

Town of Salisbury
Planning & Zoning Commission
Town Hall
PO Box 548
Salisbury, CT 06068

Dear Dr. Klemens and members of the Planning & Zoning Commission,

Thank you again for the opportunity on January 16 for Lime Rock Park to discuss with the Commission and the public the opportunity for a blanket special permit for various social events to be held at Lime Rock Park. We ask that this response from Lime Rock Park be read into the record at the beginning of the scheduled continuation of the public hearing to be held on February 20, 2024.

Lime Rock Park has come before the Planning & Zoning Commission ("PZC") over the years with Special Permits applications and fully respects the importance of commission guidelines and the process.

After a discussion with PZC in the Fall of 2023 about a small wedding event previously held at the Park it was suggested by the Planning & Zoning Commission that Lime Rock Park apply for a "blanket special permit" for a certain number of these social events per year. Because these events were infrequent and were not an accessory use as provided by the regulations, a blanket permit would negate the expense and PZC time necessary for an individual public hearing for each such event. Consequently, Lime Rock Park initiated the application process in October, 2023, leading to the public hearing on January 16, 2024. We underscore that there was no attempt to circumvent the process.

In that hearing on January 16, several members of the public expressed their objection to the blanket permit application through written submissions and verbal input during the meeting, encouraging the Commission to deny the application.

Considering our community's concerns and input, Lime Rock Park hereby withdraws its request for a special permit for up to 25 social events per year, as provided in the application.

In further response to the public comment, it is very important to Lime Rock Park that all members of the community understand the Park's commitment to be a productive member of the Northwest Connecticut community, and a good and respectful neighbor. Over the past three years, the owners have operated Lime Rock Park with a promise of transparency in its operations and planning, including our immediate confirmation that there will not be racing at Lime Rock Park on Sundays.

The Park has invested heavily to make it welcoming and appealing to everyone who visits and it has strived to be a good neighbor in all respects. As evidence, the Park has worked closely with the Lime Rock Citizens Council to address community concerns including traffic, noise, air quality and other issues. We continue an active and productive dialog with the LRCC regarding future use of the track including drifting. This also includes collaboration with the Town of Salisbury for speed monitoring signage, with State Troopers for traffic and crowd control, and with town and regional officials for environmental concerns. A specific example is the decibel-monitoring equipment that the Park has voluntarily installed to gauge noise levels during its muffled track days. Park personnel diligently monitor and log those levels to regularly remove any violators from the track.

We respect and value Lime Rock Park's unique setting and opportunity and we intend to protect it while continuing to develop a successful business within the scope of the regulations under which we operate. We welcome input from the public and the opportunity to discuss any concerns. To that end, I can be reached on my mobile phone at 917-826-7108, and our neighbors are welcome to stop by in person at the Lime Rock Park office at 497 Lime Rock Road to say hello during business hours.

Thank you again for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dicky Riegel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

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