

Letter to the Editor

Response to Dockside Article in November Viking

In regards to Tony McGuire's article, I would like to respond thusly:

- 1. When the Lakengren residents voted previously to ban all above pools higher than one foot, the blow up pools higher than one foot were in stock at KMart and the people voted against having any pools higher than one foot in Lakengren.**
- 2. Some reasons cited at the time for no above ground pools were: preventing accidental drowning, mosquito prevention such as the West Nile Virus which was prevalent years ago, and some of the existing pools were unsightly and not stored away. Also cited was that our son, John, when he was two years old, was found floating face down in a neighbor's above ground and luckily survived. A two year old Preble County child drowned this summer in a blow up pool. (Check the internet for pool deaths.)**
- 3. After the people voted against any of the above ground pools more than one foot high, a subsequent board for some unknown reason approved some blow up pools. This current board is trying to resolve this issue. At a previous board meeting months ago, the subject was being discussed since there were complaints of unsightly and not stored blow up pools.**
- 4. Tony did not speak up about the pools at the recent annual meeting when the above ground pools were fully discussed, nor has he attended board meetings to express his opinion.**
- 5. He cited his reluctance to use our pool because Alice Forte, the pool manager, incompetence to run the pool and to whom he never contacted personally to express his concerns.**

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